

Flathead County Weed/Parks/Recreation
MINUTES
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Meeting Date: August 2, 2021

Members of the Board in attendance:

James Buechle, Clyde Fisher, Pete Woll, Lori Moran, Jessica Treweek

Members of the Board not in attendance:

All Board members were in attendance.

Also in attendance:

Chris Maestas, Director; Gordon Jewett, Assistant Supervisor; Haily Hoff, Clerk

Others Present:

Amanda Davey, Brad Abell, Linda Tutvedt, Bonnie Streeter

Call to Order

A meeting of the Board of Directors for Flathead County Weed, Parks & Recreation was held in the conference room at 311 FFA Drive, Kalispell, Montana, on August 2, 2021. The meeting convened at 8:30 AM, President Woll presiding.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the July 12, 2021, meeting of the Flathead County Weed, Parks & Recreation Board of Directors were distributed to the members of the Board.

Jessica Treweek moved to approve the July 12, 2021 Board minutes.

Jim Buechle seconded the motion.

There being no discussion and all in favor, the motion was carried.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Parks & Recreation Report

A five-year lease extension with PacifiCorp for Sliter Park was renewed at \$250 per year. An annual maintenance MOU agreement with the Community Foundation for a Better Bigfork was also signed in the amount of \$3,500, the same as it has been since 2014. It appears that the pavement preservation trail maintenance project grants will be funded. Information regarding the grant awards to the capital projects should be available in October.

Recreational summer softball, t-ball and volleyball are winding down and fall softball and flag football programs will begin soon.

The Parks maintenance staff has been shorthanded for the majority of the season but are managing the high park use countywide. Irrigated parks have mowing priority before moving to the outlying dry parks and trail sections. Roadside mowers handled much of the trailside mowing jobs as they moved through the area due to staffing shortages. Vandalism continues to be an issue at Sliter Park. A temporary employee has been hired to cover the trash and bathroom maintenance needs in Somers and Lakeside area parks four days per week, four hours per day. Jessica Treweek informed the Board of a Facebook post regarding an encounter at Herron Park involving unleashed dogs and a horse. Bonnie

Streeter suggested volunteer ambassadors to educate people. Gordie will dedicate more time to enforcement issues at Herron Park as time allows. Brad Abell added that he has addressed the County Attorneys on utilizing volunteers as well as liability concerns specific to Herron Park.

Weed Department Report

Contract work has been completed. Crew has been focused on applying short term residual treatments along County rights-of-way. Equipment is staying out of the ditches to avoid fire risk and roadside mowers start early to finish their daily work by noon.

Other Business

There was no other business

Matters of the Board

There were no matters of the Board.

Adjourn

Jim Buechle moved to adjourn the meeting at 09:04 AM.

Jessica Treweek seconded the motion.

There being no discussion and all in favor, the motion was carried.

Approved:



Pete Woll, Board President

9/13/21
Date