

Description	Board of Park Commission April 16, 2008		
Date	04/16/2008	Location	Board of Park Commission
Time	Speaker	Note	
5:03:56 PM	Chairman Finnegan	Called to Order. Present were Chairman Patrick Finnegan, Carol Collins, Jack Clarkson, Rick Fink and Jill Hodges-Wilkinson.	
5:04:08 PM	Public comment	Dan Runyan, lives adjacent to Regional Park in Baxter Meadows. Requested that the Board consider a donation of trees and shrubery from the Condominium Homeowner's Association to landscape strip on the north end of the park.	
5:05:36 PM	Chairman Finnegan	Approval of Minutes of March 19, 2008 meeting	
5:05:45 PM	Jack Clarkson	I received the minutes in electronic form. My perusal of them revealed no discrepancies so I would move to accept them as presented.	
5:06:03 PM	Carol Collins	Second	
5:06:08 PM		Motion passed unanimously.	
5:06:29 PM	Chairman Finnegan	Action Item #1 Approval of Letter to Editor Regarding Regional Park Issue	
5:06:43 PM		Patrick distributed a draft. Asked that board members review it and provide him comments. Carol asked if he had spoken with the Commission yet and he replied that he understood that the Commission wanted the BOPC to respond. Legal counsel agrees with that request.	
5:08:03 PM	Jack Clarkson	I would move to approve the draft letter [to the Chronicle].	
5:08:05 PM	Rick Fink	Second	
5:08:09 PM		Board discussion.	
5:08:46 PM		Motion passed unanimously.	
5:08:57 PM	Chairman Finnegan	Action Item #2 Adoption of the Bridge Design and Permission to Install	
5:09:06 PM	Mike Harris, Open Lands Coordinator	Gallatin Valley Land Trust (GVLT) submitted a grant on behalf of the County for a bridge across the connecting stream of the two ponds at the Regional Park. Mike asked the Board to approve the design and approve a resolution authorizing them to enter into a	

		license with the County, which is similar to a contract, but would be authorizing an outside entity to construct something in the Park. These are not County funds, so that is why we wouldn't be using a contract. The resolution is for the construction of the bridge and design. We'll work with GVLT to sign the license agreement.
5:10:53 PM	Gary Vodehnal, Trails Coordinator for GVLT	Presentation. He wrote the grant to get the money to build this bridge.
5:12:18 PM	Dan Harding, Intrinsic Architecture	Background on Intrinsic Architecture. Presentation of previous projects done by Intrinsic.
5:18:13 PM		Questions and discussion with board members, Gary Vodehnal, Dan Harding and Mike Harris regarding hand railing material, building materials, wetlands, attaching decking material, and maintenance of wood. Questions regarding the proposed license agreement and when it goes into effect, based on the language in the resolution.
5:27:01 PM	Jack Clarkson	I would move that we adopt the resolution regarding the real property license and the lease construction improvement transfer agreement with Gallatin Valley Land Trust.
5:27:15 PM	Rick Fink	Second
5:27:36 PM		Motion passed unanimously.
5:27:54 PM	Chairman Finnegan	Action Item #3: Adoption of Hours of Use for the Regional Park
5:28:18 PM	Mike Harris, Open Lands Coordinator	Presentation. This won't solve vandalism, but may help by setting the open hours from dawn to dusk.
5:29:55 PM		Discussion with board members. City park's hours are set to "Closed during dark hours." Carol Collins pointed out a typo on second page, "...unauthorized entry into the park maybe ..." should be may be .
5:30:56 PM	Jack Clarkson	With that correction on the paragraph on the second page, changing "maybe" to "may be," I would move that the Parks Board adopt this resolution.
5:31:19 PM	Carol Collins	Second
5:31:25 PM		Motion passed unanimously.

5:31:37 PM		Discussion regarding ponds.
5:32:40 PM	Chairman Finnegan	Action Item #4: Hearing - River Rock Fence Permit
5:32:49 PM	Mike Harris, Open Lands Coordinator	Background regarding River Rock's chain link fence surrounding their water & sewer utility area.
5:34:44 PM	Steve Rude, President of River Rock Water & Sewer District	Requests to retain the fence that is currently around the pump house and a remote well. They have eliminated the fence from the storage tank, because a heavier lid was installed to eliminate the need of that fence.
5:35:32 PM		Board questions and discussion with Steve Rude.
5:39:36 PM	Public Comment	Shannon Lester (opposed, suggested security system in place of fence), who also submitted a letter from Zach and Cara Grosfield; Betsy Morris (opposed).
6:01:16 PM		Board question and discussion with Steve Rude regarding safety issues, graffiti and vandalism.
6:04:17 PM	Mike Harris, Open Lands Coordinator	Water & Sewer District voluntarily removed fence around water tank and is not requesting to replace that. Clarified that we're only discussing keeping the fence around the building.
6:04:28 PM		Board questions and discussion continued with Steve Rude and Shannon Lester.
6:08:12 PM	Public Comment Continued	John Patterson (opposed); Todd Lester (opposed). Questions from Board regarding election/appointment process and meeting notice requirements with Steve Rude [Rebuttal]; questions and discussion with John Patterson.
6:38:11 PM	Mike Harris, Open Lands Coordinator	Comments regarding Ordinance #2006-004.
6:42:10 PM	Ada Montague, County Planning	Read River Rock Zoning District - Section PLI (Public Lands & Institution) into the record. Commented that a Land Use Permit (LUP) may have been needed for construction of the fence.
6:43:32 PM		Board discussion. Carol Collins has issue with the lack of public notice and the fact that an LUP may have been needed. Suggests the Water & Sewer District go through the zoning process as if the

		fence was not already built. Comments by Ada Montague regarding the Homeowner's Association's covenants vs. Zoning Regulations. Comments by Mike Harris. Board discussion with Steve Rude. Mike Harris suggests the Board not make a decision tonight until some of the notice and zoning questions are answered.
6:54:00 PM	Chairman Finnegan	Comments regarding Water & Sewer District's process, then this Board could make a decision. No action taken.
6:55:13 PM	Carol Collins	I would move that we table the River Rock fence permit issue until questions, that have arisen tonight at this meeting, are answered and that the River Rock Water & Sewer District proceed with a proper notification to the members of the district and hold their public meeting.
6:55:44 PM	Rick Fink	Second
6:55:57 PM		Motion passed unanimously.
6:56:06 PM		Recess.
7:03:56 PM	Chairman Finnegan	Reconvened the meeting. Discussion Item #1: Developing a Review Process Outline
7:04:11 PM	Mike Harris, Open Lands Coordinator	Suggested a subcommittee with Planning Board members to review trails and park plans. Group would be able to provide comments on subdivision applications and then Planning Board would use those in their recommendation to the County Commission.
7:07:03 PM		Board questions and discussion with Ada Montague and Mike Harris regarding number of members to this subcommittee and amount of time needed by members. Rick Fink is very interested but would really like to know how much time will need to be dedicated. Carol Collins agrees. Patrick Finnegan suggests forming a "pool" of people, with Park Commission members, Planning Board members, along with the planner doing the trail reviews, who could review and provide comments. 15 days would be given to let the planner know if the reviewers have enough information, and 20 days to provide comments back to the planner. Ada asked Mike if non-members could help to provide comments, such as Laurita Green or Ted Lange. Mike thought, since this is a non-voting committee, that non-members would be okay to help review and provide comments. Meetings will be held at the courthouse. Patrick asked that Mike send an email out to the members not present tonight to inform them that Park Commission members have accepted this suggestion to form the subcommittee. Ada will be attending the Trails Conference in Missoula next week and will brief the Park Commission when she returns.
7:24:48 PM	Chairman	Discussion Item #2: Begin Documentation for County Master

	Finnegan	Plan Patrick asked to continue the beginning documents to the Master Plan tonight since it's late.
7:25:09 PM	Chairman Finnegan	Agenda Item V: Financial Report - Item continued.
7:25:19 PM		There are no other topics for discussion (Agenda Item VI). Executive Committee will be setting the next month's agenda at their upcoming meeting in two weeks. Next regular meeting will be on May 21, 2008.
7:25:43 PM	Carol Collins	Suggested the Board of Park Commission hold meetings in other locations again. Let's look into this at the Executive Committee.
7:26:39 PM	Carol Collins	I move we adjourn.
7:26:44 PM	Chairman Finnegan	(So moved and done, thank you.) Meeting adjourned.

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