

Lake County Park Board Meeting

March 05, 2020 @ 1:30, Commissioners Chambers

Roll Call- Bill Baron, Dave Stipe, Gale Decker (late) Janet, Tom, Grant, Jennifer, Mike (late) and Connie

Approve December Meeting Notes; Connie made motion to accept, Grant 2nd, all approved.

Comments from Public; Pam O'Mara present, no comments on Dayton, Denny Kellogg, JP Pettigrew, Chris Moore present from Rainbow Drive. Discussed their concerns during Rainbow Drive discussion.

Minutes:

1. Recreational Access Partnership – Commissioners have not had a chance to review. Bill will look at it before next meeting. Janet mentioned that the Park Board recommended this partnership and the request to support Land Water Conservation Fund perpetuity law as they both followed the approved Park Board strategic plan. AS a board we look for partnerships and funding that may increase, public access to, and improvement of, County park land.
2. Carstens Surveying Project – Earl Hanneman has not been in touch with commissioners about client's decision on County compensation proposal of land adjacent to Hwy 93 and Bike path. Kate will invite Earl to next meeting to talk about surveying project. Janet supplied names of survey instructors at SKC for Kate to pass on to Earl.
3. Rainbow Drive – Grant has new restoration signs to add to Rainbow Drive, Denny reinforced steps to water to mitigate erosion, Grant spoke to FWP about Smith River permits; this would not be a route we could take for Rainbow Drive. Residents are very concerned about the commercial use of Rainbow Drive by local resorts dropping off bus loads of customers during summer months to float. Parking remains an issue. Many floaters are parking on the bridge and road creating unsafe driving conditions. Access is published in local Flathead county papers as top 100 things to do in summer. Local enforcement continues to be discussed. Lengthy "solution-based" discussion between residents, board members and commissioners ensued. Residents feel there have been improvements at site. Future solutions will be researched, such as a vault toilet to allow for a campground host, getting State Park list of volunteer hosts, building guard station, courtesy shuttles, day use fees, park closure, walk in only. Current solution for overuse concern is high priority for all - Grant made motion to address this concern, Jennifer seconded, all agreed. Motion:
 - The board recommends that the Commissioners place an advertisement/PSA in local Flathead County publications stating the following – At Rainbow Drive Swan River Access, in accordance to subdivision bylaws: there is NO commercial use allowed at Park; there is NO commercial vehicle parking allowed; access to river for Individual Floating Devices, one-person capacity, only; there are 16 parking spots available; there is NO parking allowed on Rainbow Drive; preferred river access is at State Park ¾ mile downstream.
4. Hwy 35 Bench Placement and cleanup workdays– Tom provided dates when CSK summer trail crew are available to help with local projects. July 9-10 are scheduled to clean up trails at Mellett Point. Mike will connect with leader, Tim Ryan, to make plan. August 10 scheduled for crew to place covered bench on Hwy 35. Mike will contact septic company to open portable toilet at Mellett Point from Memorial Day to Labor Day.
5. Website – Janet has not reviewed the site; Jennifer agreed to help with project.

Meeting adjourned. Due to scheduling conflicts by three if board members, April meeting postponed to second week of April. Next Meeting: April 2, 2020 @ 1:30PM