

Lake County Park Board Meeting
December 05, 2019 @ 1:30
Commissioners Chambers

Roll Call-Dave Stipe, Bill Baron, Gale Decker, Janet Sucha, Grant Holle, Jennifer Rolfsness, Mike Roberts, Connie Plaissyay

Approve November Meeting Notes – Connie made motion to accept as written, Jennifer 2nd, all approved.

1. Land gift, Hwy 93 Bike Path parcels– Earl Hanneman from Western Montana Land Services, office@carstensusurveying.com. Earl represents family who would like to exchange land parcels on bike path for some compensations. Parcels are between Hwy 93 and bike path at top of Polson Hill. They are separated by a parcel owned by the state. North parcel is 0.57 acres and has an overlook with bench. South parcel is 0.83 acres and holds the animal underpass. Neither parcels have access and cannot have a conservation easement on them. Family and Park board agree that they would be beneficial to keep as a buffer to highway and in the interest of parkland along the bike path. Park Board had approved adding them to the County parks during the November meeting. Wally shared ways to compensate family for the “No Value” land through a tax credit and as a family named park. Wally will send letter detailing compensation to Earl Hanneman and to park board.
2. Online map of County owned parks and parcels -Review map from County GSI, shows County owned land, needs to have an overlay for useable park pieces that are open to public before sharing on website. Earl Hanneman shared that his company would like to donate a project to the County. They are willing to survey trails and map them for our use. They will work with local student and enthusiast groups for initial plotting. Suggestions for groups included, Boy Scouts, \$H, SKC, STEM classes, MMAPP. Park Board members will send contacts to Earl if they find interested groups to participate in the plan. Earl feels they can get survey plots over summer. The map will take 40-80 hours of donated time (equivalent to \$8-10K donation) and should be available in fall 2020. Map will be electronic and can be separated into sections to post in various sign boards. Park Board is excited about prospect.
3. Recreational Access Partnership – Janet reminded commissioners to look over memoranda and that park Board is in favor to work with other entities to find access to Lake and waterways.
4. Rainbow Drive – Grant is still working at getting restoration signs made for Rainbow Drive. He visited park and felt there was little erosion so far under walkway. However, was able to talk with Denny who is in favor of protecting walkway and erosion by placing rocks and a lower step. Grant asked Denny to contact wally for more details. Grant also met with JP about the bus load of visitors and the commercial business of shuttling people to park. Wally has been looking into the situation. Park Board wants to find a solution that controls safety, parking, water quality, environmental impact, neighbor satisfaction, and river access. Wally suggested researching a permit system that regulates # of drop off, size of party, and frequency. He suggested contacting Amy from FWP for templates and permit language. Discussion continued about enforcement and also having a on-site host to regulate usership of park. Grant made motion for County to look into regulation and permit process for Rainbow Drive, Mike 2nd motion, all approved. Grant will connect with Amy over winter.

5. Dayton Dock – Gale said that the permit to replace Fireman’s Dock is well underway. Randy Walton will do the job as a donation. The dock will be 32’ long and same width as before.
6. Hwy 35 Bench Placement – Mike is closing in on completing bench. He will ask Connie and grant for assistance as needed. Discussed placement of bench, at this time board feels the easiest placement is at Mission Bay entrance. Dennis Doodey has agreed to have it placed near his sign. He will continue maintaining grounds. Park Board can name bench and advertise the trails and parks in the area. This is ½ mile from town and good for walkers. It will be shaded and complete our obligation to the Greater Polson grant. Mike mentioned that another spot 1 mile from town has a better view and would be ideal. Board agreed and felt this could be a future bench placement. However, at this time placing the covered Bench on private land eliminates the need to work with MDT for permit and will get the bench placed by Earth Day April 22, 2020. Board hopes Jay Garrick can help with digging and transporting completed bench.
7. Looking ahead, the winter hiatus will allow time for project research and completion. Janet will review the website over that time. Katie mentioned that the County employees can help with future park clean up days.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:35 – Happy Holidays

Winter Hiatus January and February

Next Meeting: March 5, 2020 @ 1:30PM