

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting of the Big Sky Park District Board of Directors

Thursday March 15, 2018

Water & Sewer District #363 Meeting Room

9:00 AM

Present: Mary Wheeler, Steve Johnson, Ciara Wolfe and Jon Olsen. Via phone:
Madeline Feher

Members of the Public: none

1. **Call to Order:** Mary Wheeler called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM.
2. **Approval of December 7, 2017 Minutes:** Steve Johnson moved to approve the minutes; Jon Olsen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
3. **Old Business:**
 - a) Status Report from TPL/BSRAD/BSTRPD feasibility ad hoc committee
 - i.) Ciara Wolfe shared that the committee consisted of herself, Steve Johnson, Kevin Germain from BSRAD Board, Whitney Brunner from BSRAD, David Weinstein and Wendy Mussy from TPL. The committee met via conference call and asked that TPL do research on the following two scenarios for long-term public funding of parks, trails and recreation. 1) What legal multi-year contract could the BSTRPD have with BSRAD and what contracts would have to take place for the BSTRPD to receive the funds and have a contract with BSCO to conduct the work 2) What is the property tax base for the Parks District and what would have to occur for a property tax to be implemented for this reason.
 - ii.) Ciara Wolfe updated the Board that Gallatin County will be putting a \$15 million Open Space bond on the ballot this Spring. If this passes, Big Sky will have access to apply for funding for capital improvements within their parks, conservation easements for Open Space and potential annual maintenance within their parks.
 - b) BSCO Update:
 - i) Big Sky received the TIGER grant that includes the construction cost of the tunnel under Hwy 64 at Little Coyote, an asphalt trail along Little Coyote inclusive of a pedestrian bridge to the Community Park. Ciara Wolfe shared that the various partners and engineers are scheduled to meet with Gallatin County representatives on March 29th

to start to work through who will be administering what portions of the project, timelines and grant restrictions.

- ii) Ciara shared that the BSCO plans to submit funding requests for the FY18-19 to BSRAD of the following projects 1) Maintenance and Operations of parks and trails, Beehive Basin and Ousel Falls trailhead expansion projects, Mountain to Meadow Connector Trail, Winter Grooming of Community Trail System and 20% of the vehicular bridge replacement on Little Coyote to coincide with pedestrian bridge and cover the percentage of vehicles that utilize that bridge to access the Community park.
- c) Subdivision Review Process for BSTRPD Input: Ciara Wolfe made the motion for the proposed draft be given to both Tim Skop in Gallatin County and Charity Fetcher in Madison County for review prior to adoption. Jon Olsen 2nd, and the motion carried unanimously.
- d) BSRAD Funding Request: Ciara brought up that she felt the Parks District should apply for legal counsel to support the work of the Feasibility study. Once the report is shared with the BSTRPD Board in June, there would be a next step that could include polling and/or contracts between the BSTRPD and BSCO. BSCO has a hired attorney and can draft contracts, but the BSTRPD will need a different attorney to represent their interest during this process and work with County attorneys. Steve Johnson offered to write the proposal for review. Ciara Wolfe will contact Chris Grey for a quote on approximately how much his cost would be to serve the BSTRPD as legal counsel and Steve Johnson will contact David Weinstein on potential polling costs. Steve Johnson will share the draft with all board members via e-mail before submission.

4. Election of Officers for One-Year Terms: Jon Olsen made the motion to nominate Mary Wheeler as Chair, Steve Johnson as Vice Chair/Treasurer and Madeline Feher as Secretary. Ciara Wolfe 2nd, the motion passed unanimously.

5. Announcements

- Date of next meeting: TBD

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 AM