

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

Thursday December 7, 2017

Water & Sewer District #363 Lower Meeting Room

9:00 AM

Present: Mary Wheeler, Steve Johnson, Ciara Wolfe and Jon Olsen

Members of the Public: David Weinstein (Trust for Public Lands), Al Malinowski (Meadowview II LLC)

### 1. **Public Comment & Presentation.**

**Feasibility Study Follow Up:** David Weinstein, Trust for Public Lands.

David thanked the Board for signing a letter of agreement to work on this project with TPL. He also received one from the Big Sky Resort Area Tax District Board. The next steps he outlined was to identify who from each board wanted to work on the feasibility study with himself and the rest fo the team from TPL. Once we have identified those representatives then he will schedule a phone call with the researcher. David also asked for the District Board to get in touch with both County attorneys if we had an legal questions on the capacity of taxing through the Parks District for long term funding of Parks, Trails and Open Space in Big Sky.

2. **Call to Order:** Mary Wheeler called the meeting to order at 9:18 AM.

3. **Approval of September 21, 2017 Quarterly Meeting Minutes:** Steve Johnson moved to approve the minutes; Jon Olsen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mary Wheeler requested we move to two subdivision reviews to the top of the agenda so that our members of the public could leave if they so wished for the other meeting topics.

### 5. **New Business:**

The Parks District Board reviewed the documents that both Gaston Engineering mailed to them on behalf of their clients Meadowview II LLC and Tim Skop mailed to Ciara at BSCO for feedback from BSCO and the Parks District. Al Malinowski, representing Meadowview II LLC, was in attendance to answer any questions the Board had and to gather feedback on Parks and Trails for their final application. The board discussed the plans and did not see any concerns with the plans as drawn. The board requested that the trails be dedicated to the public.

Jon Olsen made the motion to issue a letter of support for the project with the trails having dedicated public access easement with two access points to the existing trails system. Steve Johnson seconded the motion. Mary Wheeler abstained due to conflict of interest and the motion carried unanimously. Steve Johnson will write the letter as the Vice Chair.

The Parks District Board reviewed the documents that were sent to them on behalf of the Bough Subdivision preliminary application. Jon Olsen from Lone Mountain Land Company was in attendance to answer questions and gather feedback on proposed park, parking area and trails within the subdivision. Jon Olsen will abstain from voting on this project due to the conflict of interest. The board discussed the plans and did not see any concerns with the plans as drawn. The board requested that the trails be dedicated to the public and connect into the existing trail system if able or complement the existing sledding hill park adjacent to their parcel.

Steve Johnson made the motion to issue a letter of support for the project with a requirement of dedicated public access with connection to existing trails in the area. Mary Wheeler seconded the motion. Jon Olsen abstained due to conflict of interest and the motion carried unanimously. Steve Johnson will write the letter as the Vice Chair.

The Board discussed an ad-hoc committee to work with TPL and the BSRAD Board on the feasibility study. Mary Wheeler appointed Steve Johnson and Ciara Wolfe to serve in this capacity and asked that they keep the entire board up to date on everything as it proceeds.

## **5. Old Business**

BSCO Update: Ciara Wolfe shared that the project priorities for BSCO this coming year are:

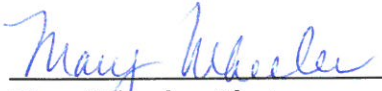
- 1) the tunnel under Hwy 64 at Little Coyote with a connecting trail to the Community Park along Little Coyote.
- 2) Winter programming and trail maintenance to increase accessible winter trails and pathways.
- 3) Mountain to Meadow Connector from the existing trail into Town Center.
- 4) Finalizing the Master Trails Plan and developing a plan and strategy to build out the desired plan.

The Board discussed a formal process for receiving and reviewing all preliminary subdivision applications submitted within Big Sky to ensure the plans coincide with the goals of the recently adopted Master Parks Plan and soon to be completed Master Trails Plan. Mary Wheeler offered to draft up a process and send to the rest of the board for approval. She will then have Tim Skop from Gallatin County review for input before we adopt the defined process.

**6. Announcements**

- Date of next meeting: TBD

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM

  
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Mary Wheeler, Chair

  
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Ciara Wolfe, Secretary

