

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

Thursday, March 12th, 2015

Water & Sewer District #363 Meeting Room

1:00 p.m.

Present: Steve Johnson, Mary Wheeler, Steve Young, Kevin Germain, Jessica Wiese

No members of the public

1. Call to Order: Steve Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:02
2. Approval of March 12th, 2015 Minutes. Steve Johnson made a motion to approve the December 2014 meeting minutes, Steve Young seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
3. 3. Old Business:
 - a.) Status Report from BSCC; master trails plan, strategic plan, 2 suggestions for grant funding

Jessie Wiese reported and shared a letter from BSCC that showed two project options for the PD to move forward. She then showed the Peaks to Plains information and explained the first meeting on Park Master Planning will be April 7th and that this is part of BSCC's strategic plan. Steve Young commented that he wondered if a plan vs a concrete project is a better place to start? Steve Johnson explained the park project is complicated because of all the moving parts and pieces. Kevin Germain made a motion to move forward with pursuing projects in collaboration with BSCC. Steve Johnson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

b.) Grant update

Steve Young reported on several options for grants and then explained he reached out to two grant writers. Mary Wheeler suggested we reach out to the National Parks Project Coordinator in Bozeman. Motion made by Kevin Germain to authorize Steve Young to reach out to grant writers and get estimates from them to determine grants available to BSCC and PD based on BSCC's letter and costs associated to fill out grants, as well as authorize \$500 for Steve Young to spend on this as needed. Steve Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

c.) Gallatin County Attorney Q & A re: holding of property & assets; Madison County?

Steve Johnson reported that through his Q and A with Gallatin County he found out there are no liability differences between the two entities holding assets. The tax just needs a commissioners vote and no public vote to pass the resolution to do it. Tax consequences of asset transfer were unknown. PD would not need to own assets to pay for them (maybe a lease). Steve Johnson also is working with Jim Dohr to determine the value of 1 mil.

Kevin Germain reported that if the assets are acquired by public tax dollars the money cannot be used on private land, and what implication would that have on BSCC held properties? The Madison commission would also need to vote on a tax. Next steps are to meet with both sets of county commissioners and BSCC and PD. Mary Wheeler made a motion to have Kevin Germain and Steve

Johnson coordinate an attorney meeting with BSCC present too. Steve Young seconded.

d.) By-Law Amendment: sent to counties

Mary Wheeler explained Madison County wants us to notice this and allow public comment. It must be posted for 2 weeks prior to the June 11th meeting.

e.) Signing of all minutes, official set of books, uploading all and agendas to county websites
Kevin Germain thought will be very time consuming to do this. Is this necessary? Can the county do this for us?

f.) Procedure for handling new subdivision notices from Counties

Kevin Germain stated the PD should send county criteria via email for county to notify PD or BSCC on subdivisions.

4. New Business

a.) Resort Tax application

Steve Johnson will complete this application prior to the deadline and circulate the grant for approval.

b.) Terms and duties

The board tabled the terms and duties vote until the June meeting.

5. Announcements

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Mary Wheeler, Chair Mary Wheeler

Jessie Wiese, Secretary JWiese