

**Livingston Parks and Trails Committee Minutes – DRAFT  
June 26, 2019 City-County Building, Community Room**

**Present:** Jeanne-Marie Souvigney, Gavin Clark, Kate McInnerney, Carol Goosey, Greg Oyler, Alison Shannon-Lier, Rachael Jones

**Absent:** None

**Guests:** Sarah Stands (liaison from Livingston Bike Club), Leeta Shands (interested in Rec/Wellness Center)

**Minutes from May 22:** Minutes approved unanimously.

**PTC Applicant Process:** Souvigney opens discussion on the process of filling the opening in the PTC board. There are three applicants from the previous process of filling the last opening and all three applicants would like to be considered. Souvigney asks do we want to consider the original three or open it up to further applicants? We need to make our recommendation on how further openings are handled. It is unanimously agreed to have PTC do the interviews for openings on this committee and to do a combination of the Cities questions and PTC specific questions relevant to PTC bylaws and Strategic Plan. Clark motions that PTC complete the future interviews with a combination of PTC specific questions and City recommended questions. Jones seconds, all other members approved.

Souvigney will move forward reaching out to the current three applicants June 27<sup>th</sup> with Gavin Clark included in the emails. Jones offers to help create the interview questions via email. Recommendations will be completed and given to the City for the August meeting.

**Assign Responsibilities:**

Shannon-Lier has offered to be Secretary

Clark and Jones - Social Media

**Priorities for Strategic Plan of 2020**

Souvigney reviews 2019 priorities:

- Sackett Park is on hold at this time, McInnerney recommends this not be removed but move forward with a feasibility study, Clark agrees we might need to raise the money for a feasibility study but wants to continue working on this project.
- O Street project will be completed in August, DOT has accepted a bid which was \$20,000 above the estimate.
- Mayor's Landing – more in-depth update later

Souvigney asks what are the priorities of 2020?

- Social media is a large priority for outreach
- Jones recommends continuing working on connecting all the trails and creating a loop within Livingston.
- Stands asks about making a connection with Rails to Trails.
- Souvigney responds that PTC will need to have a liaison to both ATC and Park County F&PB meetings for outreach
- Continue working Sackett Park

**UPDATES**

**Park & Trails Map**

Souvigney reports the draft is with the graphic designer now and is expected to be printed in August. The map will cost \$100 more than the bid from January, Souvigney recommends a Katabatic fundraiser or approaching PCEC.

Souvigney reports on changes to map: changes to federal, local and BLM color codes, icons removed for fairground, civic center and pool instead were just placed on the map. Souvigney asks if there are any changes to the map please let her know.

**Parks & Trails Survey**

Souvigney asks, when do we want to put out the survey? Lisa Lowry had recommended late August or September when families are back from vacations and school starts again. McInnerney shares there may be a survey coming up for the growth plan in September. Clark recommends there is value of doing it in the summer when people are out enjoying the parks and trails. Clark and Souvigney recommend another QR code for the survey that can be posted at trails and parks for people to access on their phones. Goosey recommends we try for August to get started as soon as we can. Jones and Shannon-Lier comment on starting in middle of August and keep it up through mid-September. Souvigney will follow up with Lowry later

in the week with the recommendation of the PTC survey timeline, for mid Aug-mid Sept. Clark brings up discussing with Lowry strategies on how to ask the public about support without overwhelming the public and getting turned down.

**Rec/Wellness Center** – There will be a second town hall meeting in August with the feasibility study to present to the public. Souvigney asks, if there is a levy will they move forward in November. Clark says probably not. Clark comments that there is a discussion on fundraising for the center along with going to the voters.

#### **Park County Fairgrounds and Parks Boards**

Souvigney shares they will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at noon and those appointed – Kate Cowart, Lauren Dalzell, Sarah Dittner, Nathaniel Dodge, Judy Folts, Cara McNeely, Christina Nelson, Josh Reynolds, Steven Van Slyke.

ATC continues to meet at Neptunes the first Monday of the month at 6pm.

Souvigney asks the PTC committee think about who would be available to be a liaison to these board meetings as part of the outreach.

#### **Mayors Landing**

Souvigney reviews when the negotiations will move forward with the City and the GS. It did not get moved forward this past meeting because of other agenda commitments. Souvigney meets with City Manager Mike Kardoes on July 8th. City expects to reach out to the GS by the end of July, no confirmation that map and easement will be included in the July 16<sup>th</sup> Commission agenda.

Souvigney shares the standing water behind the roping area was tested for public use, the results came back at 3100 ecoli and the recommendation for public use is 235. It is 10x greater. Kardoes reports that the City will need to move forward on where the ecoli is coming from, is it temporary and how to clean the area. Potentially fill in the space. Jones requests the reports and updates.

Souvigney reports Mark Adams approached Judy regarding signs at Mayors Landing, Souvigney requested final review before the signs are posted. McInnerney has shared examples of signs from Bozeman parks.

#### **UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS -**

##### **Trails, Pizza & Ales**

Stands shares that the Livingston Bike Club with Montana Mountain Mamas and PCEC will be having a cleanup of the Rt 89 bike path. Following cleanup everyone will meet at Rosas for pizza and ales sponsored by PCEC on Friday June 28<sup>th</sup> 4:30-7:30.

##### **Farmer's Market**

RE: Opportunities to share a booth with the Rec Center, Souvigney suggests Fitness Day as a possibility, S. Stands confirms it is on July 31st.

**Give a Hoot** will be launched at the farmers market. Stands and Clark share that it is a month-long fundraiser program for the local nonprofits to have their fundraised dollars matched by donors up to \$10,000.

##### **New Requests from Community**

Island Signs – Lindie Gipson approached Souvigney and recommended placing signs on the history of Livingston's islands or what were islands. Ideas would be 9<sup>th</sup> St Island or where the schools are, which used to be an island.

Adjournment: Souvigney asks for a motion to adjourn. Clarks moved, McInnerney seconded, passed unanimously.