

**City of Hailey  
Parks & Lands Board**

**Meeting Minutes  
December 13, 2017**

Attending Board Members: Lamar Waters, Sara Gress, Dean Hernandez, Mark Spencer, Nancy Linscott, Henno Heitur

Attending City Staff: Stephanie Cook, Lisa Horowitz

Council Liaison: n/a

Absent: Pat Cooley, Darin Sales

Attending Public: John Gaeddert, Eric Rector, Dave Hennessy, Jim Keating

**Call to Order:**

Call to order by Waters at 6:00 p.m.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve minutes for the November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting by Spencer; second by Gress; passed unanimously.

**New Business:**

*Quigley Farms' park and trails presentation by Blaine County Recreation District. The board will give a recommendation regarding park dedication.* Horowitz gave a brief overview of the annexation, explaining the board had previously looked at preliminary drawings. She explains the board will be looking at public paths and open space. The board previously gave a recommendation to Planning and Zoning (P&Z), and are asked to give another. Hennessy tells the board that 230 acres have been annexed, and of that, 148 acres are zoned recreational green belt, with 11 acres dedicated to Blaine County School District (BCSD) and 112 acres dedicated to the Blaine County Recreation District (BCRD), which includes flat land and hillsides. Hennessy explains there are also 7 acres of open space within phase one. Hennessy explains there is a conservation easement with the Wood River Land Trust and the management plan can be presented at a later date, once it is developed. Keating speaks towards the parcel dedicated to residential green belt. The parcel is significant due to connectivity. Keating explains the BCRD has a conditional use permit (CUP) through Blaine County for cross-country skiing to go through the conservation easement. The conservation easement ensures public access in perpetuity, which increases the value of that land. Linscott asks whether closures will happen out Quigley Road for wildlife and elk migration. Keating says that will be a county commissioner decision. Rector explains Hennessy will build the bike path, BCRD will build parking and groom Fox Acres through to Quigley and some hillside and, soon, put up a building with restrooms near the new parking. There will also be dog terrain nearby and possibly snowshoeing. Rector goes on to explain summer uses, including the import role the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is playing during this process, are a pump track, connection for Toe of the Hill trail and to reach the

pond out Quigley, trails for hand cycling, and eventually a trail to Bellevue. Keating explains the programmatic connections for all users and neighbors and the trails encourage physical education in school, after school programs, Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation, BCRD groups, outdoor education, and more potential uses. Hennessy says the plan is to have a constructed wetland that will allow a small amount of snow making. Gaeddert, with BCSD, discusses the 11 acres of land deeded to the school, the current access issues and the access opportunities that will happen with the construction of a road to the west of the school property. Gaeddert says the property will be open fields with parking and maybe restrooms in the future and the berms are worth having a discussion whether to leave or take out. He adds that there is a trail proposed from Antler Dr. across the property for access. Gress asks about trail maintenance. Rector says the BCRD is prepared to take on some maintenance, including the paved bike path, but a well-constructed path needs little maintenance. Keating adds the management plan will determine conservation easement management. Horowitz says there is proposed parking at Hailey Elementary school behind Werthheimer Park, only one row of head in parking along the edge of the property. Linscott adds ideas about including trees and nature areas. Keating's response is that the goal is to capture all recreational needs. Horowitz concludes, stating 5 acres are required to meet the park requirement, and much more is being proposed, though the area is not developed park space, but open space. Spencer states this project being a good alternative to maintaining and watering a developed park, given the budget constraints. Spencer says there are good parties and partnerships involved. Spencer moves to recommend, to P&X and City Council, the boards support of this project and dedication of open space, with the conditions of adding a bike path from Quigley Rd to Fox Acres Rd, a public process to occur to determine future of berm on west side of school district property, and wayfinding signage and a dog pot station at the end of Antler Dr. at the connection of the new bike path. Second by Gress; passed unanimously.

*Discussion of keeping or moving meeting dates for 2018; currently the board meets the second Wednesday of the month.* Gress is unable to meet on Wednesdays in the new year due to added obligations. Waters moves to change the regular meeting date from the second Wednesday of the month to the first Tuesday of the month Second by Gress; passed unanimously.

*Discussion of expectations, accomplishments and goals of the Parks and Lands Board; discussion will include most recent Strategic Plan.* Cook explained that the board had not had discussion about accomplishments and goals in at least two years, and it would be a good idea to identify accomplishments and goals. Spencer says this sounds like a big topic to discuss and asks if it can be moved to January; the board agrees. Cook agrees to compile and email a list of accomplishments and goals as a starting point for the January discussion.

**Old Business:**

*None*

**Commissioner/Staff Reports:**

*None*

**Discussion of Topics for Next Agenda:**

Next meeting: January 2<sup>nd</sup>

Elect officers

Goals and accomplishments discussion

Park planning discussion, create a metric and set of questions to ask for information; a plan of attack.

**Adjourn:**

Motion by Waters to adjourn the meeting; second by Linscott; adjourned at 8:00 p.m.