

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MOUNTRAIL COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

August 4, 2016

The Board met in special session on Thursday at 8:00 A.M. with Commissioners Greg Boschee, Eric Jaeger, Arden Eide, and Garry Jacobson present. Commissioner Colleen Reese appeared via phone.

Also in attendance were Arlyn Rosendahl, Vickie Clausen, Candice Asmundson, Ken Roark, Jake Maxson, Danny Lafontaine, Mary Ann Lafontaine, Margaret and Gordy Ritts, Darrel Lafontaine, and Curt Latendresse all of Van Hook/Traynor Park; Barbara Knudson, Parshall Bay Manager; Kim Knudson of Parshall Bay; Ron and Yvonne Gunderson, Bob Anderson, and Verna Fretheim of White Earth Bay; and Dawn Ritts, Manager of Van Hook/Traynor Park.

Chairman Boschee called the meeting to order.

Chairman Boschee opened the public hearing to receive comments on the vacation of a portion of 2nd Street East located in Van Hook/Traynor Park. Wade Enget, States Attorney, stated the street has not been used for some time and if a portion of the street is vacated an access point is needed on Lot 2, Block 10. States Attorney Enget informed the Board that the rearrangement of several blocks at Van Hook/Traynor Park needs to be advertised. Chairman Boschee asked for testimony and recommendations to or for the closing of a portion of 2nd Street East. Chairman Boschee closed the public hearing with no testimony. The plat and abandonment of 2nd Street East will be approved at the October 13, 2016 Park Board Meeting. Vickie Clausen and Margaret Ritts, Lot holders from Lots 3 and 4, Block 10, voiced concerns on if the lot sizes along 2nd Street East would be affected. Chairman Boschee stated John Sauber from Sauber Engineering will contact the lot holders to explain the rearrangement of lots and the survey results.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Jaeger, to close the public hearing to receive comments on the vacation of a portion of 2nd Street East. Upon roll call, all present voted yes.

Mary Ann, Darrel, and Danny Lafontaine along with their attorney Jake Maxson met with the Board to discuss the eviction from Lot 1, Block 20, Van Hook/Traynor Park. Attorney Maxson stated the eviction should be reversed because the second living structure was removed from the lot. Comm. Reese stated the Lafontaine's waited too long to fix the problem and everything was done at the last minute. Comm. Reese further stated the treatment of Park Manager Ritts was not acceptable and there was a lot of misinformation on the Lafontaine's part. Comm. Jacobson stated Park Manager Ritts deserved an apology from the Lafontaine's.

Moved by Comm. Jacobson, seconded by Comm. Eide, to rescind the eviction of Mary Ann Lafontaine on Lot 1, Block 18. Upon roll call, all present voted yes, except for Comm. Reese voted no. Motion carried.

Comm. Jaeger stated that if the Lafontaine's are discussed for any reason in a Park Board Meeting the Lafontaine's lease will not be renewed for Lot 1, Block 18.

Curt Latendresse requested a clearer definition of second living quarters.

Discussion was held on the Rural Water Agreement for Van Hook/Traynor Park. The water will go up to the fish cleaning station and Park Manager Ritts stated that there is possibility for a kiosk.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Jaeger, to approve signing the Rural Water Agreement pending States Attorney Enget's and the Corps' approval. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the park budgets for 2017. Stephanie Pappa, Auditor, stated that the park budgets increased from 2016 and the County Commissioners questioned the budget at the August 2, 2016 Commissioner Meeting.

Bob Anderson of White Earth Bay questioned why the budget for White Earth Bay wasn't higher. Auditor Pappa explained that the County does not receive any revenue from White Earth Bay. Bob Anderson stated that the White Earth Bay Association is being reorganized and would like to do more for the park. Discussion was held on the management issues at White Earth Bay. Ron Gunderson stated Park Manager, Lenny Eubanks, is not keeping the park up. The fish cleaning station overflows, the bathroom are not cleaned, the grass is not being mowed, and Manager Eubanks is not at the park on a regular basis. The Board agreed that the park managers need to be in the parks for them to run. Chairman Boschee stated that the success of Parshall Bay and Van Hook/Traynor Park are successful due to the park managers. Comm. Boschee stated that Park Manager Eubank's contract will be discussed at the October 13, 2016 Park Board Meeting.

Discussion was held on the Game and Fish Garage at White Earth Bay that is still for sale. The board started with a \$5,000 offer.

Verna Fretheim, a lot owner at White Earth Bay, stated that the Road & Bridge Department dug a trench and there is no access to Lot 39, White Earth Cottage Site. Chairman Boschee stated that this issue will be brought to the attention of Road Engineer, Jana Heberlie, at the August 19, 2016 Commissioner Meeting.

Curt Latendresse met with the board to discuss his building permit on Lot 7, Block 18. Curt Latendresse wanted to obtain permission before ordering a new trailer house. The building permit was approved at the June 23, 2016 Park Board Meeting but Curt Latendresse changed the size of the trailer house. Discussion was held on the neighbor who is encroaching on Curt Latendresse's property and the possibility that this trailer may need to move in the future.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Jaeger, to approve the new permit on Lot 7, Block 18. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on who was in charge of building permits at White Earth Bay. Bob Anderson stated that he had spoken to Don Longmuir, Planning and Zoning Administrator, and building permits are not required for White Earth Bay. The Board requested that Auditor Pappa ask States Attorney Enget and Lori Hanson, Tax Director.

Discussion was held on an issue that occurred at the fish cleaning station at Parshall Bay with Park Manager Knudson. It was stated that the Park Board stands behind the park managers.

The Board adjourned at 10:45 P.M. to meet in regular session on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. at the Community Room at the South Complex.

Accepted and approved this 13th day of October, 2016.

Greg Boschee, Chairman
Mountrail County Park Commission

ATTEST:

Stephanie A. Pappa
Mountrail County Auditor