

**MINUTES
BOARD OF MANAGERS
MERIDIAN LAKE PARK CORPORATION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2018
3:00 P.M.**

Present:

- Sherron Green
- Beth Hise (by phone)
- Roger Woodward
- Fred Rock (by phone)
- David Light (by phone)
- DJ Brown (by phone)
- Rob Harper, Toad Property Management
- Jim Ruthven, Toad Property Management
- Sam Nay
- Bill Ronai
- Ron Baker
- Chuck McGinnis (by phone)
- Noel Durant, Crested Butte Land Trust

Rob called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm and confirmed there was a quorum.

Rob explained Sam Nay had joined the meeting to discuss stocking the lake with fish. Sam suggested stocking the lake in mid-June and feeding the fish until mid-November and continuing to feed for a couple of years. Sam explained Silver Spring Trout Farm in Montrose would add 300 fish for approximately \$2,500 and fish food would cost approximately \$432 per year plus the cost of a fish feeder and solar power. Sam said some restrictions would need to be in place either to make the lake catch and release or to limit the number of fish taken out of the lake and discussion followed regarding ways to enforce the regulations and how to restrict access to just owners or their guests. The Board thanked Sam for his research and Sam left the meeting.

Fred made a motion to table discussion about fish stocking until the next meeting when additional research had been completed. Roger seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Bill Ronai, Ron Baker and Chuck McGinnis joined the meeting to explain the history of the MLPC stand-alone water and sewer system, water storage in Long Lake for future use by Mt. Crested Butte Water & Sanitation and water rights and augmentation rights. After a long, very detailed presentation, Chuck agreed to prepare a short document providing historical information with dates, facts and costs about the water and sewer system so current and future Boards would have the information in an easily accessible format.

Chuck said MLPC had a very valuable water system and in the future Mt. Crested Butte Water & Sanitation would approach MLPC for permission to tie into the pump station and to tie into a second 12 inch water line to route water up valley to serve as backup water for Mt. Crested Butte. Bill said approaches would also be made to MLPC prior to the Crested Butte Land Trust purchase of the land around Long Lake.

Ron said there had been several MLPC owners on the Board of Mt. Crested Butte Water & Sanitation District in the past and it was essential in his opinion for MLPC representation to continue as the MLPC water and sewer agreements were very valuable to all MLPC owners. Ron said Mark Hamilton, water attorney, had been a significant help in the past guiding the MLPC Board and Ron encouraged a small group of MLPC owners to work closely with Mark to manage the water rights as there would be significant activity in the near future.

Chuck suggested a committee be formed to continue independently of the Board with the same individuals involved for multiple years. Bill, Chuck and Ron left the meeting.

It was agreed the next meeting would be Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 4 pm and Rob agreed to send out an invite.

Noel Durant of the Crested Butte Land Trust joined the meeting and distributed some handouts regarding the 120 acre Forest Service property the Land Trust would be acquiring. Noel explained the Land Trust was in the federally required public comment period until September 7, 2018 and the Land Trust was reaching out to adjacent land owners and key interest groups for support as well as focusing on the fund raising. Noel explained the proposed Land Trust management plan and said the Land Trust wanted to respect private property rights with Land Trust signage and education and the Land Trust, as part of the fund raising, proposed budget of \$75,000 for the land management plan.

Noel explained the north side of the lake would be available for recreational use and the south side of the lake would be restricted for wildlife habit and seasonal grazing. Noel said the Land Trust would be looking at trail connectivity to the lake and restroom facilities would need to be added and Noel agreed to email a map depicting the proposed trail. Noel said the Land Trust would be working with the Adaptive Sports Center regarding ADA access to the lake. Noel said the Land Trust would like to explore the reconfiguration of the parking lot and possibly acquiring adjacent land to expand the parking spaces and to add a bus stop and turning area sufficient for a bus to turn around. Noel said he would be speaking with Mountain Express to understand their requirements.

Noel said a steady stream of contributions had been received since the fund raising started in July and Noel said the Land Trust would like a letter of support from the MLPC Board. Noel said the Gunnison National Forest Service intended to dispose of the land and if the Land Trust did not purchase the parcel the land would be sold on the open market. Roger asked the Land Trust to involve the MLPC Board in any discussions with the Mt. Crested Butte Water & Sanitation District and Noel agreed to provide a copy of the Memorandum of Agreement with the District once it was available. Roger agreed to prepare a draft letter to the Crested Butte Land Trust.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Prepared by Rob Harper, Toad Property Management