

WHITEFISH LAKESHORE PROTECTION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF November 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairman Herb Peschel.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Herb Peschel, Donna Emerson, Jim Laidlaw, Koel Abell, and Joe Malletta via phone. Bailey Minnich of the Whitefish Planning Office was also present.

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA: none

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MINUTES:

- Donna moved to approve the October minutes as presented. Jim seconded the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT: none

Old Business:

WLP-15-W30 – Whitefish Lakefront Estates HOA – After the Fact Permit

[Present: none]

Discussion:

Staff began with a presentation of the proposed project and draft lakeshore permit report. This item had been tabled from the October meeting pending notifications from the additional property owners since the project will occur within Common Area. Emails were received from all owners or representatives regarding the proposed application. Discussion was held regarding the proposed revegetation, gravel proposed for the walkway, and the definition of constructed area within the lakeshore protection zone. Further discussion occurred on the shared dock that was permitted in 2013 between the subject property and the adjacent lot. If the shared dock were to be removed and individual docks installed for each property, a new dock permit would need to be issued for each property. However, as the subject property is only 32 feet wide, an individual dock would not be permitted, as the dock could not comply with the required setbacks.

Motion:

- Herb moved to approve the application with an additional condition that the gravel walkway is not installed below the high water elevation. Koel seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

WLP-15-W36 – Launching Eagle LLC – Repair Boat Ramp

[Present: none]

Discussion:

Staff began with a presentation of the proposed project and draft lakeshore permit report. Discussion was held regarding the potential for the repaired structure to be damaged again in the following years or be able to last another 20 years. Further discussion followed regarding previous lakeshore permits and if any other structures on the subject property were non-conforming.

Motion:

- Koel moved to approve with the staff recommended comments. Donna seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.

STAFF NOTICE

Staff indicated they had talked with the City Attorney regarding the Committee's past bylaws. Since the Committee is listed in the City Code under Title 2, Chapter 16, separate bylaws are not required. Staff also reviewed administrative permits which have been approved since the last committee meeting. Koel asked if there was a way to see the administrative permit applications, even though the committee is not reviewing them. The files are available as they are public records. Staff will work with the Committee members who are interested in viewing those files, to determine a way to send them electronically.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm.

NEXT MEETING

**December 9, 2015 * 6:00pm
Whitefish Planning & Building Office
510 Railway Street – Whitefish, MT**