

WHITEFISH LAKESHORE PROTECTION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF April 13, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by Chairman Herb Peschel.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Laidlaw

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA: none

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES:

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

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT: none

Old Business: none

NEW BUSINESS

WLP-16-W02 – Covey Family Trust – Stairs, Gravel Beach, Swale

[Present: Bruce Boody, Applicant's Representative]

Discussion:

Staff began with a presentation of the proposed project and draft lakeshore permit report. Discussion was held regarding a discrepancy between the applicant's constructed area amount and staff's constructed area amount. Staff indicated that the square footage the applicant used also included the area outside of the lakeshore protection zone, while Staff's calculation is only the amount located within the lakeshore protection zone. Further discussion followed regarding how the non-native vegetation would be removed from the lakeshore protection zone.

Motion:

- Brian moved to approve with one additional condition regarding a maximum of 30 square feet permitted for the stairs within the lakeshore protection zone. Herb seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carried.

WLP-16-W03 – Curtis Thew – Landscaping/Revegetation, Slide, Log Removal

[Present: Jodi Thew, Applicant]

Discussion:

Staff began with a presentation of the proposed project and draft lakeshore permit report. Discussion was held regarding if a permit was even required for pulling a log from the lake since it is not dredging or filling, is within the lake but not the lakeshore protection zone, and they will

not be using any machinery. Further discussion followed regarding the existing concrete steps. While not part of this permit, the Committee would encourage the applicant to look at replacing with dry-set stone stairs in the future.

Motion:

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

STAFF NOTICE

Staff discussed the proposed amendments to the Flathead County Lakeshore Regulations which will be presented during a public hearing to the Flathead County Planning Board on May 11th. Staff had attended a previous work session with the County Planning Board in March, presenting comments on behalf of the City of Whitefish. A number of those comments have been addressed in the revised version of the proposed regulations, however, staff will be present at the public hearing to voice concerns over the remaining items. Staff encouraged the Committee members to review the proposed regulations and offer any additional comments or concerns to the Flathead County Planning Board, or attend the meeting in-person with City staff. Additionally, since the public hearing is on May 11th, it coincides with the regular Lakeshore Protection Committee meeting. Staff requested the meeting be moved to May 10th if any applications are submitted.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

NEXT MEETING

May 10th, 2016 * 6:00pm
Whitefish Planning & Building Office
510 Railway Street – Whitefish, MT