

WHITEFISH LAKESHORE PROTECTION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF June 8, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 5:59pm by Chairman Herb Peschel.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Herb Peschel, Donna Emerson, Brian Sullivan, Koel Abell, Theodore Roosendahl, Jim Laidlaw, 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 NOVEMBER MINUTES:

- Jim moved to approve the May 10, 2016 minutes as presented. Ted seconded the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT: none

Old Business:

Discussion of placing administrative permit applications in staff's dropbox folder for the Committee to review. Staff discussed the issue with the City Attorney and it was determined that staff is not able to do that at this time. However, staff will look at other options and discuss with the City Attorney and the Planning Director. Staff handed out the current log for lakeshore permit applications, and also the log for 2015. Staff also presented the dates when the old committee was disbanded and the new committee formed. Further discussion occurred about the committee acting as a 'check and balance' and possibly changing the regulations back to the way they were prior to the 2015 amendments. Staff will contact the City Attorney and the Planning Director to see if they could attend a future meeting on June 22nd at 6PM.

NEW BUSINESS

WLP-16-W07 – Suncrest HOA – Gravel Placement

[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 how well the gravel will stay on the beach. Bruce mentioned it depends on the storms and weather but ultimately who knows where they will end up. Koel asked about the high water elevation shown on plans. Bruce explained that it is an old survey but will be in the same location on the ground which is the existing high water elevation. Further discussion followed about why the applicants are requesting gravel placement. Bruce stated from what he understands is that people using the beach area are stirring up more silts. Also, the applicants understand it is only for a one time permit.

Motion:

- Brian Sullivan moved to approve the permit as presented. Donna Emerson seconded the motion. Motion approved on a 5 -1 vote (Koel opposed).

WLP-16-W08 – Schumacher Living Trust – Gravel Placement

[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 sharing access, as the only way to the lakeshore is through the adjoining property which is Suncrest. Further discussion occurred regarding a pipe going into the beach area; Bruce stated is it for groundwater and not stormwater.

Motion:

- Donna Emerson moved to approve the permit as presented. Brian Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion approved on a 5-1 vote (Koel opposed).

WLP-16-W09 – Mountain Harbor Condos HOA – Deck Repair

[Present: Edwin Fields, Applicant’s Representative]

Discussion:

Staff began with a presentation of the proposed project and draft lakeshore permit report. Discussion was held regarding the placement of columns behind the others. No further discussion was held.

Motion:

- Jim Laidlaw moved to approve the permit as presented. Ted Roosendahl seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously, 6-0.

WLP-16-W10 – Thew – Stone Stairs

[Present: Jodi Thew, Applicant’s Representative]

Discussion:

Staff began with a presentation of the proposed project and draft lakeshore permit report. Discussion was held regarding the previous permit application and that the Committee had recommended the removal on the stairs during that meeting. The applicant should have waited to complete the project until the new permit was approved, however, they continued with the project in order to get the equipment out of the lakeshore protection zone. Unfortunately, they missed the last Committee deadline. Staff noted that the new stairs will still have to comply with the standards, and if they are too big the applicant will have to modify them.

Motion:

- Koel Abell moved to approve the permit as presented. Donna Emerson seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously, 6-0

STAFF COMMENTS

Staff will email the Committee members about scheduling a special work session on June 22nd.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27pm.

NEXT MEETING

**July 13, 2016 * 6:00pm
Whitefish Planning & Building Office
510 Railway Street – Whitefish, MT**