

# GLA Community Property Meeting 9-17-2015

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Chairperson Charlotte Mizzi opened the meeting with review of old business. At the September monthly board meeting the board approved the use of leftover budgeted money to purchase paint to repaint the existing building. The board will use road budget money to apply gravel to the front section of road in front of the soccer field. Paul Ranttalo volunteered to remove weeds with his backhoe and smooth the surface before gravel was put down.

Mizzi, self-described as one who likes to get things rolling, further discussed her efforts to secure non-profit status for her endeavor which precipitated in a lengthy discussion between her and landowners in attendance.

She then proposed that a questionnaire flyer listing possible uses for the 20 acre parcel be distributed at the November annual meeting.

The ideas proposed were:

- \* Community building with swimming pool and sauna facilities, etc.
- \*Walking path around the perimeter of the recreation land with shrubs and trees.
- \*Enlarge the existing building so it can be used for meetings and as a multi-use community building.
- \*Canopy outside the building for shade with picnic tables.
- \*A farmers market
- \*Volleyball court
- \*Other Suggestions.

However, a landowner insisted that a flier would be premature, given that the legal foundation of who is to benefit from the recreational use of this land is not in place, that education to inform GLA members that they each own a part of this land is not in place, and that there are no real ideas of where the money could be found to develop anything at the old soccer field. Meeting attendees called for a much slower, better planned, thoroughly open and organic process of how to proceed.

The legal question of who is to benefit from the use of this 20-acre parcel rests on the fact that this land, which is also designated parkland for Park County, was given to GLA for the recreational use of Glastonbury landowners and the surrounding Emigrant area. If it is determined that a new use at the soccer field needs to benefit the greater community outside Glastonbury, then the question of how a greater community use would impact GLA's overall subdivision privacy and private roads needs to be answered. In the past when the soccer field was used by the larger community, it

was understood that visiting soccer players and fans were guests. But when looking ahead to proposed new uses, the definition of a guest became fuzzy at best.

Ongoing discussion also focused on how it might be hard to sell a new use for the old soccer field because if landowners understood that money is available, they might prefer to see the money used on our deteriorating GLA roads rather than on something new.

Discussion on the immediate need to repair and paint the on-site building followed. With input from landowners about the overall need for a thorough assessment of the condition of the building, it was agreed that Mizzi would find someone to inspect the building inside and out, organize the needed repairs, and prepare a list of materials and costs needed for the project. Casual observation shows that the metal doors are kicked in and paint is peeling off the wooden siding. It is noted that water and electricity serve the building.

Further discussion led to the consensus that someone was needed to draft an overview of the project and a call for volunteers to help with the needed repairs and painting.

Newly appointed board member Charlene Murphy, who attended the meeting to learn what was going on, volunteered to draft the announcement and invitation and include a map of the common area so that landowners could more readily visualize the layout of the 20 acres. It was thought that the news of the project and calls for help might be part of GLA's January newsletter or that it might get posted on the GLA website. It was also suggested that news of this work and the need for volunteers could be spread with local phone trees and community email lists. When a member of the Glastonbury Landowners for Positive Change was asked directly if the committee might use the GLFPC email list to promote the project and calls for volunteer work, the representative declined saying this was work for GLA to do, not GLFPC.

Murphy also voiced her hope that working on a common vision for this land would bring positive change to GLA. Hearing this Mizzi asked Murphy if she would consider serving as co-chair of this committee, given that Robert Wallace, the current co-chair of this committee, lives in Bozeman and finds it a long way to travel for a committee meeting. Murphy asked for time to think it over. Wallace was not present at the committee meeting.

In closing Mizzi claimed that while she feared being perceived as one who was pushing things through, she is, in fact, not tied to any particular use of the common area. The committee plans to hold another meeting after the building inspection report and cost estimates are completed.