

Glastonbury Landowners Association
Community Property Committee

Meeting Minutes March 29, 2016

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The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

Present: Committee Chair – Charlotte Mizzi

GLA Board Member – Charlene Murphy

Property Owners – Timothy Murphy, Leo Keeler, Claudette Dirkers, Regina Wunsch and Ia Williams

Discussion of Parkland Summary-

Charlene summarized the acquisition of the parkland in 2001 when GLA Board member, Eric Newhouse, approached Church Universal and Triumphant to donate land for a Soccer Field. The church donated 20.261 acres to the GLA. The original parcel was lot 21. There was an exchange of lots from 21 to lot 16A. Lot 21 did not have enough parking for the soccer games. The change was executed on June 11, 2002.

Leo Keeler's Parkland Research was sent to the Board prior to the meeting and all who attended the meeting were given an opportunity to review the report. Leo submitted documents and maps related to the report to the Chair.

The Parkland Agreement was entered on June 11, 2002 between Park County, Church Universal and Triumphant, Inc. and the Glastonbury Landowners Association, Inc.

Leo stated that the land can only be used for recreation and any building unrelated to recreational facilities as defined in the Park County Park Plan, could cause the land to revert back to the church.

Charlotte Mizzi stated that a letter was sent in 2001 from the GLA to the Church Board asking for a donation of land for the recreation area. She stated there were two parcels donated in 2001, one parcel donated to the GLA, the 20.261 acres for recreation, and a 30 acre parcel donated to North Glastonbury Teaching Center. She also stated that at the time there was no consideration that the church benefited from the recreational land donation as it applies to sub-divisions. The

information from the Park County Planning Office regarding subdivisions dated back to October 2006 as amended. Leo stated there was a recent amendment to the subdivision regulations. The clear intent for the donation of the 20 acres to the GLA was for the benefit of the Community of Glastonbury. However the Church may benefit if they later develop a subdivision on the reserved land with lots smaller than 5 acres each and Park County requires Dedicated Parkland.

Charlotte read from the Park County Park Plan (draft updated May 30, 2007)

Park and recreation facilities are basic components that build the foundation of a community. They provide areas for group activities, intergenerational activities, personal reflection and exercise. They provide a means to maintain natural and historic features. Park and recreation facilities provide a way to preserve cultural heritage and the quality of life in a community. Parks and recreation areas improve the standard of living and increase property values.....

“Park and recreation service use continues throughout the life cycle. Recreational participation declines with age, but park use does not. In fact, people between the ages of 65 and 74 use local parks more frequently than any other age group from those 15 and older”.

The committee’s goal is to have as much landowner input as possible regarding the Parkland and to have all members of the GLA involved in determining if they want to develop the park, how to fund it, and what is their vision. Standard questions will be addressed at each meeting. A plan will be developed by the Community Property Committee to set up three neighborhood meetings in South Glastonbury and three in North. Each host will invite their neighbors. A newsletter will ask for ideas from landowners who do not live in the area. All the information gathered from the neighborhood meetings and landowner communications will be compiled and discussed at a special meeting of all the landowners.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

