

Timeline and Information Regarding East Gallatin Recreation Area, Bozeman, DATE 2.9.2015

1983 Legislative Session	Glen Lake Park proposed by Gallatin County Recreation Board as part of the Coal Tax Park Proposals program. At the time, the proposed park area was outside Bozeman City limits and located in Gallatin County. The proposal's key feature was a 29 acre parcel containing Glen Lake (former Bozeman Sand and Gravel gravel pit) to be partially donated to FWP by the owners, and the other portion involving a \$420,000 purchase price to be purchased through the Coal Tax Park Proposal program. The proposal also involved possible donations of adjoining land to provide frontage on both sides of the East Gallatin River. Mandated by 1983 Legislature (HB 833) the FWP Commission approved the proposal August 1983.
Dec 1984	Glen Lake Parcel (GL-2) purchased for \$420,000 with Coal Tax funds, 26% of appraised value. Two individual payments were made. Remaining appraised value of parcel donated to FWP by owners. No LWCF encumbrances involved.
Dec 1984	A Roadway Easement entered into to provide gravel public road access into Glen Lake Park.
Feb 1985	FWP entered in a 10-year lease with the City of Bozeman for an adjoining 47 acre parcel of City property (GL-1). The lease called for FWP to manage the area as parkland; the parcel is a former City landfill. The lease is renewable in 10 years terms, with expiration of its second 10-year term Feb 2015. The City is currently managing this area as parkland and the lease with FWP should be terminated since FWP is not involved in management of the parcel.
Aug 1985	Adjoining 6 acre "Cook" parcel (GL-3) donated to FWP by the City of Bozeman to include in Glen Lake Park. The owners had previously donated the land to Bozeman for future parkland, as part of the overall Glen Lake proposal. This deed contains a reverter clause stating that the parcel is to revert to the City of Bozeman if "the State of Montana fails to use the property for park and recreational purposes".
June 1989	Memorandum of Agreement entered into between FWP and East Gallatin Recreation Area Task Force stated "that the park is a community park and not a state park." Further "The intent of the parties that this agreement be a temporary means of developing and maintaining of the EGRA until a permanent local entity is willing and able to assume the long term responsibility for the site."
1988-91	Construction of recreation facilities begins at Glen Lake in cooperation with the East Gallatin Recreation Task Force. Gallatin County Conservation District covers the former landfill in GL-1 on City land. Monitoring wells installed for annual monitoring. FWP manages the 3 parcels as East Gallatin State Recreation Area in cooperation with the East Gallatin Recreation Task Force.
November 1991	City of Bozeman enters into a lease with FWP so that the City of Bozeman can provide for community public recreation on FWP's GL-2 parcel, apparently achieving the desire stated in 1989 for a local entity to take over responsibility. During this time, Gallatin County ceased involvement in the park and deferred to the City of Bozeman. Effectively, FWP relinquished daily management of the area at that time and the park became a city park. The lease on the City's GL-1 parcel that obligates FWP to manage the City's property was not acted upon at the time (terminated), but questioned in an internal email from the Lands Dept. No resolution, the lease continued, but is irrelevant.
1992	Beach development project occurred through community matching program. The City of Bozeman purchased and installed a picnic pavilion.
2000	Sunrise Rotary Club complete major improvement project at the beach area, and continue to improve the area in working with City Park & Recreation Dept.
2006	Discussions were held between FWP and the City in the hopes of transferring ownership of GL-2. Legislative action needed. No action taken.
2006 – 2008	Annexation process initiated to annex 81.95 acres (GL-2 & GL-3 listed, but not GL-1). Annexation completed January 22, 2008. The park is now located within City limits.
2007	City of Bozeman proposed a \$1,000,000 site-improvement project, including water & sewer for a restroom facility, a new picnic pavilion, paved entrance road (within GL-2), trail development and other components. Sunrise Rotary Club was the primary partner with the City.
2011	FWP ceases annual \$5,000 payments to the City of Bozeman due to FWP not being involved in the management of the area.