

## Burland Homeowners Association, Inc. Meeting

May 10, 2014

### Board Members

Carrie Hurich  
Jim Aitkenhead  
Mary Ellen Sawyer  
Pat White  
Jim Glenn  
Roger Sawyer  
Melissa Hurich

### Members

Sue Glenn  
David Sitko  
Alan Kappel

### Non-Members

Deputy Sears (PCSO)  
Mike Brown, Candidate for Sheriff  
Dawson Swanson, DOW  
Pat Weddig (Trails West)  
Ryan Lucas (Double S. Ranchettes)

*The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Carrie Hurich who determined there was a quorum.*

*Minutes of the April 12, 2014 meeting were approved as read.*

### President's Report

*Carrie welcomed guests Deputy Sears from Park County Sheriff's Office, Mike Brown, and Dawson Swanson, Division of Wildlife.*

*Mike Brown introduced himself as a candidate for Park County Sheriff, and expanded on his 22 year background in law enforcement both in Minnesota and with the Park County Sheriff's Office. He is now running for Park County Sheriff, believing there are important changes that could be made to improve management and leadership of the agency i.e., Animal Control personnel wearing the same uniform, and driving vehicles marked the same as law enforcement deputies, in addition to carrying firearms that are standard issue for trained law enforcement officers. Candidate Brown says he would not arm civilian employees, Animal Control personnel, or put them into the uniform of POST Certified patrol deputies. This would reduce liability to Park County, the Sheriff's Office, etc., as well as reduce the risk of violent confrontations for the Animal control division. Currently, Mike said, there are two law suits pending in Federal Court which originated from actions of the PC Animal Control Division.*

*Mike said he can also improve the management by being more fiscally responsible e.g., sheriff's vehicles being driven to and from work from their respective homes in Westminster, Divide, etc., and also deputies are currently assigned to work in areas opposite of where they reside. These practices can be changed, reducing time and money. Further, Mike said he will lead by example, not asking another to do what he would not do; instill a sense of honor in deputies; keep best interest of deputies in mind, encouraging advanced training and higher education; have an "open door" policy for everyone; and demand professionalism in the conduct and interaction with the citizens of Park County.*

*Mike also stated he strongly supports the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment and the rights of an individual to bear arms, encouraging the right to carry and support concealed carry permits.*

*Dawson Swanson, Division of Wildlife opened with asking for questions from the group. He spoke extensively about the various aspects of living with wildlife, and many problems created by residents by not understanding the habits of wildlife. People feeding mule deer are only creating health problems for the deer because their digestive systems are not designed to break down corn, or for that matter, hay. Dawson explained that the State can contract the proper blend of food for animals in distress and they have done that where animals were starving because of a weather related situation; however, this is extremely rare and very expensive. Salt blocks are illegal as well, but mineral blocks are okay in Park County. These are not so much a concern as*

corn and hay. Also, mountain lions follow the deer, so wherever there is a high population of deer, you are likely to find mountain lions.

Officer Swanson said that the bears are out. He spoke of how intelligent and very powerful they are. They have learned to open car doors and if they enter a vehicle and can't get out, they will totally demolish the inside. He mentioned there are great bear proof trash cans available that are user-friendly that are not accessible to bears. He expanded on their food habits; how they always "prefer" high calorie foods and tend to pick and choose those foods as dig and dive for food. They have great memories and will return where they have found food, and not return where they maybe have been met with trouble like an electric fence. If you have some "smelly" garbage, even in an enclosed building, spraying ammonia in a trash can is a deterrent.

Officer Swanson talked about contacting the DOW for disposing of a carcass on personal property as this is an attraction for mountain lions. He stated that it is against the law to kill a lion attacking wildlife, and he expanded on many questions/answers explaining laws about shooting lions.

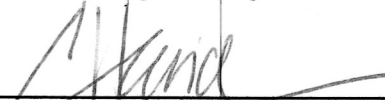
He talked further about fawns being born on or around Father's Day and the habits of does with their new borns, leaving them for long periods of time as a distraction to predators, and the fawns have no odor. They will sometimes leave them for hours and people should understand they have not been abandoned and they should not pick them up or intervene in any way. The mother will always be near and come back to care for the fawn(s).

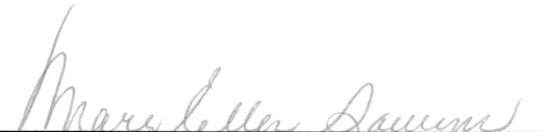
There was a discussion about hunting on private property. There is no minimum on the amount of land/acreage and hunting on private property is legal; however, the shooter must have a hunting tag, and be wearing proper hunting attire (orange vest). Anyone simply shooting on private property must have a proper backstop. He also mentioned rules for shooting ground squirrels, rodents, birds, etc. He also suggested feeding birds only in the middle of winter. Officer Swanson further discussed good/bad fishing, public land, or permit on private land, fishing clubs, etc.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report was approved as read.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

  
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Carrie Hurich, President

  
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Mary Ellen Sawyer, Secretary

# BURLAND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

May 10, 2014 9:00am

## MONTHLY MEMBER MEETING (Open to All Burland Residents)

- I. Call To Order
  - II. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
  - III. Presidents Report
    - a. Spring Trail Work – volunteers? ✓
    - b. Spring Fling It – today! ✓
  - IV. Welcome Guests (10 minutes) ✓ *Mike Brown Sheri Card*
    - a. Colorado Division of Wildlife
  - V. Treasurers Report
  - I. Close of Burland Residents Meeting
- 10:15 adjourned*
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## Board of Directors Executive Session (Open to Board of Directors)

- I. Review and Approval of Prior Executive Meeting Minutes ✓ *mk*
- II. Treasures Report
  - a. Investment Update
- III. Covenant Violations Report and Update ✓ *mk*
- IV. AT&T Tower Discussion ✓ *Matthew*
- V. New BOD Topics/Issues *Matthew*
  - a. Scholarships
- VI. Officer Work
  - a. Resumes



## **Elect Mike Brown Park County Sheriff**

I am 22-year law enforcement professional. I began my career in Minnesota in 1992 and earned an associate's degree in Law Enforcement in 1995. My family and I moved to Colorado in February 1998. I was hired by the Park County Sheriff's Office where I have served the citizens of Park County until January 2014. I have been involved with many aspects of the Sheriff's Office, including Patrol Deputy and supervision as a Master Sergeant. While I have worked with many dedicated and professional deputies at the Park County Sheriff's Office, I believe there are important changes that could be made to improve the management and leadership of the agency.

One of the important divisions of the Park County Sheriff's Office is Animal Control. While I fully support their mission, Currently the men and women of the Animal Control division wear the same uniform and drive vehicles which are marked the same as law enforcement deputies. **These civilian animal control officers carry firearms and equipment which is standard issue for trained law enforcement officers.** This situation is likely to lead to tragedy when an untrained civilian encounters a serious criminal who mistakes them for a deputy sheriff. I will restructure the animal control division. **I will not arm civilian employees, Animal Control personnel, or put them into the uniform of POST Certified patrol deputies.** Changing this practice will drastically reduce the amount of negligent liability to Park County, the Park County Sheriff's Office, Citizens of Park County, and the animal control officers, as well as reduce the risk of violent confrontations for the Animal Control Division. **Currently, there are two law suits pending in Federal Court which originated from the actions of the Park County Animal Control Division.** These Federal Court cases have an enormous cost to Park County. I will reduce the chance of another case filed against Park County from the Animal Control Division with proper management and supervision.

I can improve the management of the Park County Sheriff's Office by being more fiscally responsible. As an example, sheriff's vehicles are being driven home to Westminster, Divide, Florissant, Breckenridge, and, for a time, Buena Vista. Another practice of the current administration is assigning deputies living in one area of Park County to work in the opposite area to patrol. I will assign deputies to patrol the area in which they live in order to reduce the costs, both in time and money, incurred with the current practice.

I strongly support the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment and the rights of an individual to bear arms. I encourage the right to carry and support the issuance of concealed carry permits. I will work closely with the County Sheriffs of Colorado, and the National Sheriffs' Association to protect your rights, and return some degree of sensibility to our state legislature.

Finally, I will lead by example. A true leader will not ask another to do something he would not do. I will instill a sense of honor in my deputies, by conducting myself with honor. I will keep the best interest of deputies in mind and encourage advanced training and higher education. I will have a true "Open Door" policy for all Sheriff's Office employees and the citizens of Park County. I have the utmost respect for the deputies working at the Park County Sheriff's Office, and believe they deserve the support and respect of their leader. I will ensure that those men and women will be treated fairly and consistently, and I will demand professionalism in their conduct and interactions with the citizens of Park County.

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**May 10, 2014**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Board Members**

*Carrie Hurich  
Jim Aitkenhead  
Mary Ellen Sawyer  
Roger Sawyer  
Pat White  
Jim Glenn  
Debbie Kappel*

*The meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m.*

**President's Report**

*Minutes of the April 12, 2014 meeting were approved as read.*

**Treasurer's Report** – *Approved as read*

**AT&T Cell Tower Lease**

*Roger stated we had received another letter from Unison, a third party company who is interested in assuming the management (control) of the cell towers. It was unanimous in that the Board is not interested in such a proposal.*

*Roger reviewed the latest proposal from MD7 (representing AT&T). There was extensive discussion on their proposal and what our counter proposal might be and it was unanimously decided that we would counter with \$1500 per month; a 3% increase per year, and a 10-year guarantee. Roger will outline this to MD7 via email, and if approved, we will ask our cell tower attorney (Chris O'Dell) to write the contract accordingly, with emphasis on the 10-year guarantee.*

**Officer Salaries**

*Carrie reviewed the hours and rate of pay for the Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. Secretary's hours were conservatively estimated at 10 hours per week at \$25.00 (\$1,000 per month); Treasurer's hours, 5 hours per week at \$25.00 (\$625). Carrie noted that with reference to the Treasurer's duties, Evergreen Bookkeepers charges \$55.00 per hour. Jim Aitkenhead moved to approve the compensation as stated; Pat White seconded, and it was carried.*

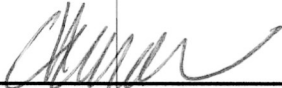
**Donations**

*Carrie said we had received a donation request from Friends of the Pool. Jim will finalize the donation application and Mary Ellen will forward that to the Friends of the Pool for completion.*

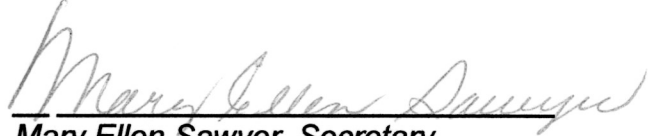
**Scholarship**

*Carrie stated that she will attend the Awards Assembly at Platte Canyon High School to present the two scholarships that were approved. (There were eleven applicants; five interviewed and two selected.) Mary Ellen will prepare letters, as appropriate, to all.*

*The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.*



Carrie Hurich, President



Mary Ellen Sawyer, Secretary