



DRAFT AGENDA

TOWN OF LYONS

***April 8, 2019 6:00 PM***

Parks and Recreation Commission

Lyons Depot

## **I. ATTENDANCE**

Yelena Hughes, Randy Pollard, Chris Cope, Dave Cosgrove, Ian Brighton, Claudia Kean, Veronika Gaia, Connie Sullivan

## **II. AGENDA**

Approval of Minutes    Minutes approved unanimously.

## **III. Audience Business**

- Limited to 15 minutes - All comments will be limited to 4 minutes per person
- Audience –manager of RiverCliff – LaVern Johnson Park – is fence extending to front, or signage to guide people to correct entrance? Many drive into RiverCliff...  
Dave – we cannot extend fence due to utilities on that side, but we can certainly add signage to clarify. There has been in the past. We can add at our entrance, and a “Residents Only” sign at RiverCliff.

## **IV. General Business**

### **• Meeting Protocol**

15 min for public comment/discussion period with 15 min extensions by unanimous vote if necessary? Commission agrees this is necessary, but we can always vote to keep conversation rolling if needed or desired.

Time efficiency important, we will be keeping meetings efficient

### **• Review Municipal Code Sec 2-8-160 (PRC Responsibilities)**

Our Commission does have applicable responsibility to watch maintenance issues in Parks. Ian will be emailing documents.

## **V. IPM policy (Integrated Pest Management)**

- We have documents of the history, from 2018 plan as well as Ecology Board recommendations. Town Code language must integrate with County and State codes. Practices must be implemented now it is spring. Discussion will be ongoing. Sub-group and the Ecology Board itself may have different viewpoints.
- **Staff of Town also need clarification** on what is going to be done, and how citizens are involved.



Compromise has begun, involving some synthetics of lower toxicity, and a company (OrganoLawn) chosen that can help us work through the process.

- Lawn areas where citizens want no chemicals used will have more natural care, ie. Mowing, watering, aerating, and so on for turf health.

Outside contractors are still involved in areas, and we cannot dictate means and methods to them. We can definitely communicate to citizens about what is happening that is controlled by contractors.

- **Connie – Board would like in writing a Staff proposal.**

We will not use any synthetics in any of the lawn areas or riparian areas.

OrganoLawn will guide us in what we will use instead.

- We need proposal from subgroup about what they want to do in their “Pilot” areas, and we will have to approve. We have to know what they are thinking of. Botanic Gardens area is one of these areas, Stacey, LaVern Park Riparian area and potentially Sandstone Park.
- Connie – there IS no “giving land” to this subgroup or anyone else.  
We are still in Flood Recovery, and legally certain mitigation practices will need to be done. We may need to use chemicals as common practice to knock down certain weed problems.
- Ian – possibly an “Adopt A Park” system can work, with formal requirements.  
Connie – this subgroup also needs formal standing.  
We do not have a proposal from them.  
Dave’s goal is to get a working plan for this year.

- Clarify the vote from last month

We may have misunderstanding between what we really are going to be doing, and what the Subgroup was hearing.

Dave- Board did not accept proposals as they were. BOT has further clarity and needs a policy document from Staff with recommendation from PRC on that new policy.

“Application” for use of chemicals by Staff is not desired by BOT.

Policy needs to cite Code, and any citizen group must have strict guidelines on how to comply with Code and Town Policy. We need limits on time and what is done. Thresholds must be clear to be able to change procedures if and when new process is not working.

Next Steps: Dave will meet with Attorney to begin to formulate that draft policy, for PRC and Ecology Board to review.

- **VI Flood Project Updates**

Bohn Phase II – Walsh is starting work around mid- April, and they are working with River Park contractors to bring in needed earth and rock. Fencing, site conditions, soil work – clearing,



grading will be initial work.

Site for Skate Park will be next. Then, east side trail.

- Lyons Valley River Park is now working at access points, and preparing to turn it over to Western States for vegetation restoration, and irrigation. They are going to stop pumping them down, and water will rise. The kayak “gates” will be on poles concreted into ground, not on trees. Wires will not always be on, only when needed.
  - Public Works buildings are moving along, one is framed in, and other steel frame building is coming mid-April. Other will be done end of July.
  - Second Ave. Bridge – Connie – Lyons will get rest of unspent funds through County – about 2 million dollars. Must be spent by end of year. FEMA should be approving this any day.
  - 3rd Ave Pedestrian Bridge abutment has been approved by FEMA, next step is refining funding plan with BOT.  
Safe Routes to School for the 4th Ave bridge – can also happen, but will take a lot longer.  
3rd Ave Bridge and Confluence area at river is getting a lot of activity. Connie says we are working toward a dog river area designated. Third Ave bridge is flood recovery money and we need to use this or lose this.
  - Ian has concerns about effect of 3rd bridge on riparian area, and impact on river and neighbors at that location.
- Timelines and process for applying for GoCo grants and what work can be done by the commission members or other volunteers.
- One set of lights for New Bohn field to get us back to pre-flood amenities
- At least one more sport court. 2008 Parks Master Plan and 2016 Flood Recovery Plan called for 4.
- Dave – we have planning done, and having that completed will help us with these GoCo grants. We have not reached out for more grants for these items, as we need to get through existing projects. Grant requests are posted in June, and very competitive. Max is \$350,000 now. Matching funds are needed. We can write these, but Dave feels we should wait til next year for this third phase of Bohn Park. We also need to prioritize items based on PRC recommendations. (Lights, batting cages...sport court may be down the list.)  
Lights cost \$350-\$500,000.



Chris – apply for grants in 2021 for 2022 project.

- Lights at Bohn Park – what is more of a concern, light pollution or safety of people and property? Ongoing conversation.
- **Botanic Garden**
  - Two trees (Chinese Elms) could be removed at Botanic Garden site. Easier to do it now, rather than wait until plantings are in.  
Dave will be meeting with Garima.
  - ADA pathways- are volunteers aware of requirements for ‘firm and stable’ surface? Need to use plate compactor and the right type of crusher fine and sub base to make this work. Botanic Gardens team will have to resubmit plan every year, they will have to use a tamper.
  - Are there water rights associated with this property? Should the town pursue a head-gate rebuild to avoid use-or-lose situation?
  - For establishment purposes only, Botanic Gardens can use town water. The town and BOT are going to do a full-scale analysis of water rights system so we may have some for this purpose. Demo plan will hopefully show where current tap may be in meantime.

Ian – for next agenda – TRAFFIC – and pedestrian access. The road itself is the pedestrian access to town. Sgt. Crist will come and talk to us about traffic calming. Randy – there is a lot of ped traffic, especially with Library coming along. Where are the priorities for crosswalks, safe pedestrian routes? We had a list created last year, let’s compare and see what we’ve accomplished and what needs doing. Connie – use “Safe Pedestrian/bicycle Pathways” – accessing our parks and so on – how to route people through our parks and green spaces instead of more risky areas.

Connie – we are an advisory board to BOT, so we do need to make sure what we are working on is appropriate – but now we are coming out of just flood recovery, and can have more options as a Commission.

Trail Use in Code – language around multi-use may have to change with increase in population.

Meeting End

Meeting Actual End: <7:50 PM>

Post Meeting Action Items

Action	Assigned To	Deadline



<Action Item>	<Assignee>	<mm/dd/yy>

Decisions Made

[Document any decisions made during the meeting]

Decision 1

Decision 2

Next Meeting

Next Meeting: <Depot> <May 13th > <6:00 PM>