

**Town of Lyons, Colorado  
Board of Trustees  
BOT Agenda Cover Sheet  
Agenda Item No: VII. 1.  
Meeting Date: 7/05/2023**

**TO:** Mayor Rogin and Members of the Board of Trustees

**FROM:** David Cosgrove, Director of Parks and Public Works

**DATE:** June 13, 2023

**ITEM:** **Ordinance 1148-An Ordinance of the Town of Lyons, Colorado, Amending Chapter 11, Article 4, Section 20 of the Lyons Municipal Code concerning the Hours of Operation for Town Parks, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

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ORDINANCE  
 MOTION / RESOLUTION  
 INFORMATION

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- I. REQUEST OR ISSUE:** At the April 3, 2023, regular BOT meeting, staff presented the 2023 Parks Operations Plan and explained how previous BOT direction to change the park hours from dawn to dusk was being implemented. This proposed ordinance would officially change the park hours from dawn to dusk per Lyons Municipal Code (LMC) per BOT direction-February 22, 2022, minutes attached.
- II. RECOMMENDED ACTION / NEXT STEP:** Town Staff recommends the BOT host a public hearing and second reading and consider approval.
- III. FISCAL IMPACT:** Decisions made regarding park operations can have a fiscal impact on the budget. None are foreseen with this proposed change.
- IV. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** In 2022 the Board of Trustees (February 22, 2022, regular meeting) and Parks and Recreation Commission (Feb. 2023 regular meeting, Minutes Attached) discussed changing Lyons Park's hours of operation from Dawn to Dusk. Again, at the April 3, 2023, regular BOT meeting staff presented the 2023 Parks Operations Plan (Attached) and explained how previous BOT direction to change park hours from dawn to dusk was being implemented. The current LMC Section 11.4.20-Park Hours (attached), states "The parks within the Town shall be opened daily to the public from 5:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m."

During COVID, the Town implemented several iterations of restrictions and guidelines regarding parks, one of those was changing park hours from 8 am to 8 pm. Park Hosts continued to implement these changes to hours during the 2021 and 2022 seasons

along with other park staff. This did cause some confusion among guests, park hosts, sheriff and others as it conflicted with what was posted in parks on existing signage and current code.

Park Hosts, staff, and even residents believed there was value in discussing a possible change in park hours of operation per the existing code as the altering of hours during COVID did offer many positive outcomes. These included allowing for park hosts and staff to help clear visitors from park areas and facilities prior to dark, completing required cleaning and other day-end duties prior to dark, clearing/emptying of trash and other maintenance for the next day operation more efficiently, and simply making for fewer potential incidents or altercations with after-dark users.

Sheriff and emergency services also seem to support this change. Sgt. Sears has requested that we get the code updated and signs changed so that officers can better support enforcement efforts and has even inquired if an added gate to the entrance of Bohn Park (similar to that at the entrance of LMJ) might assist in curbing unwanted activities and help with safety after hours. A memo from Sgt. Sears is attached for your review.

Based on previous conversations and directions, staff has ordered and installed several new park signs and will be changing existing signage to reflect park hours of operation from Dawn to Dusk. New labels have been received for existing signage and are planned to be installed soon if the Ordinance moves forward.

**V. LEGAL ISSUES:** None known at this time.

**VI. CONFLICTS OR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:** Unknown.

**VII. SUMMARY AND ALTERNATIVES:** The Proposed ordinance would change Town Park hours from 5am to 10 pm (current code) to new operational hours of Dawn to Dusk daily.

The Board of Trustees may:

- 1) Approve Ordinance 1148
- 2) Request Changes be made to Ordinance 1148 and have it brought back at a future meeting date for another First Reading
- 3) Set a future date for further review of Ordinance 1148
- 4) Decline Ordinance 1148

**PROPOSED MOTION:** "I move to approve Ordinance 1148-An Ordinance of the Town of Lyons, CO, Amending Chapter 11, Article 4, Section 20 of the Lyons Municipal Code Concerning the Hours of Operation for Town Parks"

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1) February 22, 2022, Regular BOT Meeting Minutes
- 2) PRC Minutes-February 2022 Regular Meeting
- 3) Staff Cover and Memo-2023 Parks Operations-4/3/2023 BOT Regular Meeting
- 4) Lyons Town Code-Section 11.4.20-Park Hours (Current Code)
- 5) Sgt. Sears Memo-Boulder County Sheriff