



Final Minutes

TOWN OF LYONS

Monday March 14th 2022 6pm-8pm

Parks and Recreation Commission

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Meeting ID: 872 7648 8232

Attendance:

Julia Herz, Gil Sparks, Yelena Hughes, Mark Browning, Dave Cosgrove, Chris Cope, Sandra Haber, LaVern Johnson, Randy Pollard

1.Approval of Minutes

Feb 23rd minutes unanimously approved

2.Audience Business - Limited to 15 minutes - All comments will be limited to 4 minutes per person

3.Updates

a. Staff, Director of Parks and Public Works, Dave Cosgrove
Boulder County - Martin Parcel access off Rd 69 and survey they completed - we had hoped to set up a meeting with Jeff Moline, he has been away. We hope to set it up at end of March.

Corona Hill assessment for trail - County has not gotten report from their trail department yet, and we do not have clear timeline for that yet. Dave will keep checking with them.

Mark Browning - the new director of County Parks and Open Space has been said to remark that this Corona trail will never happen as it's too steep. A site visit may never happen as it would contradict that untruth.

Mark is not going to stop the pursuit of truth on this matter, and keep up the effort to create a trail along with a citizen committee.



GoCo project - utilities for restroom at 2nd Ave and Black Bear Hole clearing is happening. The retaining walls of north and south side of river upstream of BBH bridge and abutments are the next targets. Plans for a stick-built, not prefab, restroom are being submitted. This will enable two stalls instead of one.

4th Ave Bridge - June target for completion.

Bohn Park minor work on drainage areas will be completed, including cosmetic work on Pavilion. Warranty work on skate park will also be done, including crack sealing.

Yelena - wondering if the road is going to be graded, as it's rutted up during this mud season. Dave says yes, this will be done by Blade Works to solidify roadbase and keep dust under control.

Sandra is wondering about grading alleys that are unnamed - between Reese and road to south. Dave says yes, they will all get done, but staffing is a huge problem- we are at 3 employees when we should have eight. There is a new HR person looking at this issue.

Gil - would like mapping of Martin Parcel ROW and area.

Black Bear parking should be done close to Memorial Day. There should be 18 spaces at BBH, and 2nd Ave will have 115. Locals can get a parking pass for all our parks. 2nd Ave parking will probably have a kiosk for payment, with ongoing discussions on fees and times.

Town Website has info on the parking passes.

Kim Mitchell - was instrumental in getting the Lucky Lyons run going and the Bohn Park venue for Winter Wonderland.

June 4th is the Artisan Market in Bohn Park along the river and the Pavilion. Lisa Ramsey - events coordinator - has filled many spaces for this. LCF is also doing a Cook-Off BBQ in conjunction. Music, BBQ, Artisan Fair all in one event. Bands can reach out to Lisa or Kim.

b. Board of Trustees, Mark Browning

Annexation of Martin Parcel needs to happen during this BOT - the survey is complete, and this should be formalized. The Board would like to see this happen sooner rather than later.

c. PRC Chair/ Vice, Yelena Hughes Tom Delker

1. Lyons Thrive Plan Framework: Discuss the 3 goals listed for parks and recreation and get feedback.

Guiding principals that would help Lyons Thrive - and some directly concern Parks and Rec. We will push this back to accommodate Tom Delker who is not able to be



here at this time.

Dave - Sustainable Futures and Ecology Board were also at the meeting with PRC leaders, as these are co-mingled. All should be looking at these guidelines, as they affect all of us in town. These are broad goals; narrowing and specificity will come over time as the Comprehensive Plan solidifies.

April 12th is the next meeting for Comp Plan Community input.

■ Lyons_PlanFramework_staff_draft01.31.22.pdf

2. Discuss Town funding shortfall (see addendum) and recommendations (or not) with proposed funding summary.

4. New Business

3. Budget updates

Mark Browning - over a million dollar shortfall -on GoCo (Black Bear Hole, 2nd Ave lot), SRTS, Broadway project, and St. Vrain Trail project. so the extension of the St Vrain trail is moving to next year. The town still may not have the matching funds for the grant next year either - \$152,00 was the projected match this year, from private individuals and Parks fund. That was transferred to Safe Routes to School project.

25,000 was taken from small dog park addition, and Parks fund budget donation \$75,000 are also being used to cover these projects.

Conservation trust fund \$105,000 also is going toward offsets.

This keeps the 3 month operation reserve intact.

Proposal of \$300,000 from streets fund to go to Broadway project. This idea was not well accepted by BOT. The purpose of this fund was to build it over time, and use for very much needed storm drainage, etc.

Mark suggested borrowing the funds for now and repaying at later date. Grants funds in future could be used for this. Also, if the hotel passes, the Use Tax projections could cover about 70% of the needed funds.

This idea did not win universal acceptance. But possibly, 100,000 could be used. Other compromises could come through, but these resolutions are tentative and will be formalized March 21st theoretically.

Audience business at the March 21st will matter.

Parks has elements in the three ongoing projects, so the Parks Dept. does need to help cover costs. Dave - the Conservation Trust fund does not replenish itself quickly - this should possibly be protected. Parks also does have additional future projects in concept and planning stages. Our



revenue projections are good, but new projects will cost in maintenance.

The Streets Fund does affect our sidewalk projects for the future also, although the Streets fund has not been analyzed for particular uses at this point. There are a great deal of projects that could use this money.

Gil - our list of priorities can guide the BOT on how we feel as a commission. The St. Vrain Trail was top of our list, of 7 priorities, Martin Parcel fire and Dirt Jump park as well as street light dimmers have been funded.

[HERE](#) is the list of our previous priorities. We may examine and change them. The best thing our commission can do is stay tuned in BOT meetings, and be supportive. March 21st, or first week in April this will be decided.

Kim says that fire mitigation in the light of the Marshall Fire may help us with future funds from the state for our Martin Parcel fire mitigation issue. Also, any letter of support that we can do to help with support in writing would be great.

4. Trash pick up Day

SFC and Canned Aid will coordinate - Don and Kara at SFC have responded but we need more information. Dave says town staff will support us in large or small group efforts.

1) Trash Pick Up and River Clean Up (PRC/SFC/Can'd Aid and Public)-Lyons Valley River Park Pond Area/Black Bear Hole to Bohn Park Pedestrian Bridge Hwy 7

2) Tree Planting-(PRC and EAB-Public)-LMJ and Bohn Park , possibly some on Main Street Around Arbor Day time would be good for this one. Town gets the trees and preps etc.

3) Trail Maintenance-PRC and Can'd Aid-Public)-LMJ Canned Aid will coordinate and also Town will choose dates and lead. Town supplies the materials and locations.

d. Other PRC Member business

5 Old Business

Alt. Date for Dark Skies event

Julia - last meeting, we landed on Aug 5th for this event. Perseid dates July 14th -Aug 24th. Peak is during Folks Fest on Aug 14th. Alternate could be Friday Aug 19th. (Rain Date). We need to know about High School events. Dave is double checking but these dates should be solid.



[Recommendation](#) for Story Walk (Wait until next BOT is seated).

Vote to approve is unanimous. Victoria will be informed that PRC has this ready, needs to be sent by the Thursday before the Monday meetings. Kara and Yelena can present at BOT

6.Adjournment 8:12 PM

Next meeting April 11th

***** Addendum:**

Link to the 2022 Parks Plan documents that Dave presented to the board of trustees: [2022 Parks Plan](#)

Town Projects Funding: 2022 Town Projects & Funding.xlsx

Town funding shortfalls presentation from March 7th BOT meeting: (subject to change)

<https://www.townoflyons.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Item/9916?fileID=20480>



Proposed Funding Summary

Currently Available Funding Options:	Available	Proposed Utilization	Remaining
General Fund - 2021 Leftover	\$ 93,000	\$ 93,000	\$ -
Parks Fund - 2021 Leftover	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -
Streets Capital Fund - 2021 Leftover	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ 300,000
Parks Fund - 2022 Fund Balance	\$ 161,000	\$ 52,292	\$ 108,708
Conservation Trust Fund - 2022 Fund Balance	\$ 160,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 105,000
General Fund - 2022 Fund Balance	\$ 39,000	\$ -	\$ 39,000
Recovery Set Aside - 2021	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 200,000
<u>2022 Options to Delay:</u>			
Depot Landscaping	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -
Small Dog Park	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -
General Fund Transfer to Streets Capital	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ -
Trail Extension Project (Parks Fund Portion)	\$ 152,000	\$ 152,000	\$ -

*Additional funding sources will continue to be pursued. Any funding awarded can be utilized in lieu of funding options listed above.