



FINAL MINUTES

TOWN OF LYONS

Monday April 11th 2022 6pm-8pm

Parks and Recreation Commission

HYBRID: small/Effie Banta community room Lyons Library

And

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Meeting ID: 872 7648 8232

Attendance:

Yelena Hughes, Dave Cosgrove, Gil Sparks, Claudia Kean, Sandra Haber, Tom Delker, LaVern Johnson, Randy Pollard, Julia Herz, Mark Browning

1.Approval of Minutes

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

RFP for Bohn dirt jump bike park went out on March 29th. One contractor came to the meeting, but several have looked at proposal. Due April 19th. May 23rd proposed beginning project. July 15th projected completion.

This should restore and enhance the park, improving access for more skill levels and age groups, and improving the overall park flow. RFP does include original plans.

Security company plans for parks for this summer - different proposals came in, one of which will work well with town. This company has reasonable fees and proposal for operations. Joint discussion with Sheriff, Security Company, Park Hosts, and staff will be ongoing. A lot of documentation from Park Host and Sheriff have helped us know what works and what doesn't.



LaVern Johnson park host has arrived, and is beginning training. The existing park host is going to Bohn and a second host for LVP is coming around Memorial Day.

Parks Maintenance will ramp up a great deal from now to Memorial Day, and communication will go out to town. Grading access roads, repairing parking lots, landscape rehab, trail maintenance and more will be happening. This year there will be weed products that are all organic, per new agreements on policy. Basically this is just fertilizer, no weed control. Right now we do not have a budget for multiple applications of organics for all the turf and staff is looking at choices for all organic on ball parks and turf areas.

Staff is doing as much of the work on mowing, aeration, and so on to save money. If we do see noxious weeds, fungus, or other serious problems, we may then be able to suggest some non-organic solutions to be used safely. Until then, we are trying an all organic program. Budgeting for this will be an ongoing challenge.

Black Bear Hole project is moving forward, albeit a little slowly. Banks and retaining walls are being worked on, hopefully will be done by Memorial Day. Supply chain for materials is delayed.. Work on Bohn ball fields is almost complete, a matter of days. Games will begin April 22-23rd.

Pedestrian Bridge is moving along. The placement of the bridge is shifting due to existing retaining wall and abutments.

The lot across from the fire station is a Longmont project, creating a pump station vault.

b. Board of Trustees, Mark Browning

Budget decisions: In line with last months' discussion. Accessing streets fund (600,000) or the money budgeted for claw-back reserves (Federal) - Town will use \$150,000 of the Federal reserves. This was from a \$200,000 per year savings fund. It is the plan to refurbish this fund with any unused grants or other project money.

New 4th Ave bridge will be dedicated to Dave and Janet Orback, as they have given so much to the town. They have also taken care of the cemetery for years.

Crystal Way will be the name of the adjacent pathway, in honor of Crystal White for her dedication to the town.

Mark is hoping that LAHC can come up with a way to make this artistic.

This is Mark's last meeting as Liason from the Town Board.



The L hill is now finally deeded to the Town of Lyons - it will be part of our jurisdiction. We may need to look at uses for this property. Our commission now has the term Open Space as part of our code.

The South 10 acres west of high school land is deeded to town, but still has restrictions on use. There is a trail easement off of Carter Drive on plat, per Mark, that does allow access to ledge ditch. We do need to formalize some way to access the L hill legally. We need to stay on top of plat and amendments!

c. PRC Chair/ Vice, Yelena Hughes Tom Delker

Yelena will talk to Hollie Rogin our new Mayor about who our new liaison will be.

Mark - new rules in Town - all volunteer boards and commissions will receive reports on referrals for applications that come to town Board. To prevent inadvertent omission, it was decided that all boards and commissions will get everything and they can decide whether to address it or not.

For the 423 Reese Street variance, we do not need to address this as Parks and Recreation Commission. We give no comment, by vote.

i. iLyons Thrive Plan Framework: Discuss the 3 goals listed for parks and recreation and get feedback. TUESDAY at the library 6-8 pm

Tomorrow is an open house for entire community 6:30 PM at Library for Lyons Thrive plan. This is a preliminary framework, to be evolving after more input. We should continue to pay attention to details as they are added.

Our comments will be incorporated into Comprehensive Plan team work on this plan.

■ Lyons_PlanFramework_staff_draft01.31.22.pdf

- Trash pick up/ tree planting/ trial work day update (Dave ?)

No dates yet, Dave will check with Kim.

- No Grill use in parks until we get moisture. There is not a county fire ban, but our local fire department is concerned. Town of Lyons can implement a rule on this. Dave is going to get more clarification tomorrow.

Randy is asking about residential private property fires - that's where county bans come in.

Gil - June 4th BBQ during Artisan fair - Town would need to evaluate what kinds of grilling equipment is ok to use. Fire situations can change week to week depending on weather, so it is tough to call now.

Even in times of fire danger, GAS stoves and grills are usually allowed. Charcoal is more



dangerous for sure, due to sparks and embers. The authority would be the Town (Dave and Kim Mitchell) and the Fire Dept.

d. Other PRC Member business

1. Fire Task Force PRC Liaison volunteer

Considering the open space around town, and the fire issues regarding parks, we definitely need a place at that table. We will keep our ear to the ground on this and see who might be interested.

4. New Business

- New Board: Sworn-in April 18
- May BOT meeting reading of the Story Walk recommendation
This will happen May 2nd, Yelena will present with Claudia as backup.

5 Old Business

- Budget updates

PRC Events:

Dark Sky Event- Aug 5th (alt Aug 19th)

Special events permit is being submitted, and High school is contacted by Julia Herz, who is heading up this event.

Is there a number for camping at Bohn for this event? Dave can guide on location, he is picturing Multi-Use areas east of the ball fields, Bohn or Vasquez. One multi-use space can be viewing and one for camping (up to 50 max).

Special Event permit will go to Dave first, then Kim in final form. Our commission will also get this.

6.Adjournment

7:45 PM

Next meeting: May 9th 6:00 PM