
*Park & Recreation Commission
Lyons Town Hall, Lyons, CO
Meeting Minutes: April 11, 2016*

*Attendance: Mary Chase, Doug Stahl, Pam Barnes, Veronika Gaia, Chris CopeCosgrove, Fay Marshall, Dave Orback, Ian Brighton
Not in Attendance: none
Secretary: Claudia Kean*

Approved: Previous Minutes (March 14, 2016)

Public Participation: Pam Stone

Agenda items for discussion:

Open Audience- Pam observing.

1) Meadow Park Phase II Update

Moving forward. River work completion by third week of April, with structures. Landscapers in for last couple of weeks. Concern on timing with "softscape" – river restoration before run-off. Fabric down, Stream work working on staging for the rest of park.

Getting open for camping is important – revenue generation. Trying for July 1st date by contract. Planet Bluegrass leases. Things need grow time so that we don't damage work completed. Wise decisions need to be made.

Need to be realistic with contractors concerning seeded areas and river riparian areas, which could get heavily impacted.

Sod needs 3 weeks minimum, seed needs 8-12 ideally.

Weekly meetings occur, this one important. We have caused delays, due to utilities and work with adjacent prop owners.

Should be no problem to facilitate festivals, it's public opening that needs correct timing. Do not want to reseed.

Campers on front portion, RV, pull-in, by Memorial Day. We have been taking reservations since January with this disclosed.

Pump house and piping is being put in, current work.

Button Rock has started to release. They cannot slow down for our construction, but should not affect us...except possibly landscaping. We may delay til fall, or late summer. Contracted, so can't use vols.

Ice Skate park and water stream feature will take a lot of work, but should make it by July 1.

Mary – Public – what can we tell them? Dave- meetings will be held with contractors, and we will keep public informed. GOD Lyons locals opening.

Signage and construction fencing will inform tubers and kayakers.

2) Bohn Park Flood Recovery Final Design and Bid Project-Timeline and Update

Recently approved contract, have already had 2 meetings with DHM – (did parks recovery plan process). Scheduled with staff to meet about 30% design and details. Architectural needs, storage, mechanical, structural, survey, utility hookup locations. All day workshop with staff. East of WWTP design is a priority.

We need to pin down trail alignment because planting is beginning very soon.

Need to facilitate more public process about Skate Park.

April 28th – 6:00 to 7:30 PM at Town Hall 1st Public meeting to work on skate park design. Website, email blast, etc.

Size, budget, types, funding mechanisms, timeline will be discussed. Some of original ideas are very expensive. Could be difficult to achieve. We were thinking 350,000 buck skate park, not 750,000 to a million.

Current skate park is open, but not replacing half-pipe.

Canned Aid might want to fund a half pipe for a couple years? Something we could move to Bohn Park... haven't heard back yet.

April to July – they will bring it to TOL Board at 30%, 90%, 100%. Comments can happen on Website. Lyons Parks Master Plan – any Flood Recovery Plan available. Utility Bill announcement flyer about Bohn Park current and coming work.

3) Parks Flood Recovery Plan-Approval/Plan to be available to PRC. Discussion regarding sharing with public.

Board has just passed this, edited – passed with removal of acquisition parcel concepts – did not want this to be a guide for upcoming planning. Felt this should be a separate process. Conceptuals might be leading the public. Some flood plain/flood way and grammatical changes. The new version will be available in hard copy at Town Hall, and online, by the end of the week. Lyons Parks MP site, and TOL site.

Again, timely reimbursement must happen for our schedules to be met. So far, we have met our projections...but a state-caused slow down would create a possible stop. Bridges, stream projects, etc. still need to be done.

Ian – Construction Manager for Bohn park? DOLA may be helping with this, and DHM has their own manager – Sloan is our Town Construction Manager for these projects.

Bohn Park restroom coming out this week also, salvaged a lot of hardware.

They had mold, asbestos, problems.

Old lights of Baseball fields also need to come down – can't be reused – can't warranty. Play structure staying

4) Good Old Days/River Run Update

Making good progress on all events. Since survey, we've communicated to Board that we will work on incorporating as much as possible, but constrained by budget. Only \$6,000 for GOD, so will look like last year. Sandstone Park, Sat. June 25th, one day. 5K course after Pancake Bkfst - course will be different, start on Railroad, to Bohn Park, etc. More like Old Man Winter Course. Kidspace, Avid for Adventure, Kayak tank and climbing wall, new inflatable obstacle course, hamster balls. Chamber, music, food, pancake breakfast, Mayama, LaVern with History programming.

5) Sandstone Summer Concerts Update

10 full dates, June through August, with Farmer's Markets. Coordinates with more events. Thursday Nights.

6) Other Discussion

Outdoor Games: Going onward! Lyons Outdoor Games date is June 4th, 1 day.

Clarifier area is getting cleared, so parking should be available to help Black Bear Hole area.

Bohn Park piles – we need to keep folks off them, but we will need to stockpile materials somewhere to access them. Town has not found a site for Public Works yet – have requested input from FEMA for a couple of sites, including the Vasquez temporary

site. No good solutions yet. September is cut-off for beginning. Putting it back where was is not going to occur. Eastern Corridor is probably second choice, after Vasquez.

Recycling area – that will go into the area where new WWTP plant is...access road directly across from Bohn Park entrance. Parking lot from trail to access road, which leads to Eco-Cycle loop just south of new building. This will not be paved area, except access road itself.

Storage areas for Parks – part of this week's discussion with DHM. Can we get prefab building for Baseball, softball, tractor/mower?

Joint Use agreement with School fields... is LVP property going right to edge? Markel came to TOL and said they are cutting that off, but have designated a path previously. From L to Loukonen property will be deeded to Town, above and below ditch road, so access is changing. See Plan.

Ditch road itself is NOT controlled by town, and access could be cut off by South Ledge Ditch or Loukonens.

PRC Liason will be decided by Mayor and Board – we do not know – but swearing in is April 18th.

Parks Brochure will be posted on line, and we will advertise that through utility bill.

Acknowledgement! Dave Cosgrove's administration of plans for recovery has been outstanding! Seconded by all.

Lining up another tour of Meadow for us and other commissions.

Ian – can we move meeting location? Too cramped.

Depot is going to become available, so that will help. We may be there. Front room of Depot will be meeting room

Next PRC meeting: Monday, May 9th @ 6 p.m.

Meeting start time: 6:00 p.m.; Adjourned 7:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Claudia Kean