
*Park & Recreation Commission
Lyons Town Hall, Lyons, CO
Meeting Minutes: May 9th, 2016*

*Attendance: Mary Chase, Pam Barnes, Veronika Gaia, Chris Cope, Dave Cosgrove, Fay Marshall, Dave Orback, Ian Brighton
BOT Liason: Jim Kerr
Not in Attendance: Doug Stahl, Jeff Christy
Secretary: Claudia Kean*

Approved: Previous Minutes (April 11)

Public Participation: None

Introductions for Jim.

Agenda items for discussion:

1) Bohn Park Final Design and Bid Process Update

Dave- contract approved, meeting weekly with DHM consultant and subs. Discussing Architectural preferences on shelters, RR structures, and whether all are needed – trade offs? We need storage, and the public works facility is still in flux. Consultants are looking at options of storage and possible placement of parks offices within the parks to propose at 50% design stage to BOT. PRC will see and recommend on 50% plan stage.

Skate board park meeting – Dave would have like to see more input from youth, but went well. Lively discussion, review of budget process and factors involved with design constraints, etc. Design work will continue, options will come back. Lyons Parks MP website is still alive and has the information on what feeds the design ideas.

Different areas of the park are being worked out on the website, (www.lyonsparkmp.com), comments utilized continually.

Chris looked up 12,000 foot parks, and is impressed with how much can be done. Our current one is about 3,800 sq. ft.

Pillar Designs –Brad - is coming with unique and good ideas, for skaters, bowl, bikers, scooters, long boarders, and plaza style will all be able to have fun at same time.

Setting down and around the playground area – running on west side of baseball fields, connecting elements of the park as a whole.

Jim asked about whether this placement will work, enough room? 350 thousand, or 300 thousand? CDBG will not cover this – we allowed for 300,000.

Trail already designed for this area, proposal is to make it concrete to allow it to be a run for skate park, scooters, etc can use this as a good run.

Ian – 10' wide concrete – dog walkers and joggers may be concerned – can crusher fine trail go next to it? This is proposed, if there is enough space.

People do seem to want natural trail – but some areas need to be concrete for drainage, heavy wear and overall better maintenance.. (Dave)

Cemex – could work with another company to contribute cement to the concrete work.

Three sets of reports out on line.

Pam – shed for equipment storage – what would have to change?

Dave – possible removing 2 sand volleyball courts in Bohn (litter boxes!) and they take up a lot of space. Green space valued. Could be huge improvement...

Some buildings may be shifted (JJ- access, fire lanes, might require shifting.)

Water quality – drainage from parking could be adjustments.

Ian – Protecting view sheds looking NW should be a major factor for locating buildings, buildings should incorporate best natural materials, and not interfere more than necessary. Roof lines/architecture in Meadow/LaVern park looking great and could be emulated.

Planning - on trajectory to be completed on time. But cash flow makes guarantees impossible.

2) Meadow Park Phase II Project Update

Done with all river work. Planting for bank stabilization is done. Will be coming back through later with native shrubs. River Bend landscaping done. Buildings are all painted, and graffiti coated. Patio areas all getting concrete pour.

Landscapers are moving in plant materials soft-scape starting this week.

Want to hit target dates – cleaning up front of park. May 25th for camping is the target. July 16 festival date – should be ready.

Grand opening may be later that July 1, due to allowing growth for protecting seeded areas.

Skate rink is also getting started this week. Water stream feature also, same people.

Ian – can we limit parking? A “soft” opening? Lyons first, funders, etc.

Dave – yes, and we also have NOT advertised in media and press releases to general public when the park will be open. When do we want to start that media campaign? Maybe next summer. Balance between revenue stream and overdoing inundation of people.

With festivals, we can control protection of some areas that are still sensitive.

River side entrance, tubers and kayakers – how do we control impact from that direction?

Signage, that can be moved to Bohn later.

There will be cedar fencing with signage – permanent, to keep people accessing river only at certain points. Clear and specific river access.

Lyons ditch back on June 1st, piping connected for that ditch company.

3) Special Events Update-Overview, Vols. Needed for All Events, KidSpace organizer needed

Laurie and Marissa will be putting together sign up sheets for June 4 LOG, and June 25th GOD. (no carnival company this year –all booked, and not enough budget for 3 days.)

KidSpace will be run by Wilderness Institute. Pioneer Games theme.

5K info is out, postcards, - part of a 4 race series, starting and ending near Sandstone Park. Better course.

June 9 Summer Concert Series, 6:30 PM

Ian – Sandstone park sound system – can be updated? Dave agrees, it's pretty spare. But better than the last one...!

4) Staffing Update-Park Host/Parks Summer Seasonal

Positions are filled. Hired a couple, Dave and Diane who have been in Idaho – starting on May 16th at Meadow Park.

Year round? For RV camping? Not initial intent.

Logan Watson returning as seasonal, will know by Wednesday. Other applicants also. 3rd week in May will start.

Visitors Center opening 3rd weekend in May, and additional help for main street maintenance. Code enforcement position also.

5) Swimming Hole Update

Chris – compromise with River Bend – they want to reserve swimming hole during weddings. Would people in town not have access? What is the process for RB to reserve the swimming hole?

Dave – permit app for special use agreement. (shelter rental, special use, park facility, etc) They must fill one of these out for each occasion.

Cost – it's on page 5 of that doc. Based on event or hour –

Hours of 4-8 pm, (town can update permit and fees) Diversion Area – fees similar to other town amenities – occasional monitoring by park host – but only Town owned land is covered. Not public “land”. Cannot exceed \$1500. No simple answer on fee. Some have liquor piece, etc.

River Bend – can reserve all 2016 with one application. Because of current clients who have reserved. After this, River Bend will have to fall in with normal procedure. In future, it will be the CLIENT for weddings that will have to work directly with the town for these applications.

We have not yet seen this application, and we do not know exactly where the “diversion area” is. No visual boundary.

RB is putting in big landscaping for screening wedding area.

Veronika – the pump structure - ? Dave – it will be painted to blend in with hillside, and graffiti coated.

6) Other Discussion

LaVern's request.

Chris Cope will do next minutes.

***Next PRC meeting: In the Depot, Monday, June
13th @ 6 p.m.***

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

Minutes submitted by: Claudia Kean