



## Final Minutes

TOWN OF LYONS

**Monday, April 12th, 2021 6pm-8pm**

Parks and Recreation Commission

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 872 7648 8232

Attendance: LaVern Johnson, Kim Mitchell, Randy Pollard, Ray Mees, Lisa Ramsey, Tom Delker, Dave Cosgrove, Yelena Hughes, Julia Herz, Veronika Gaia, Chris Cope, Mark Browning

### I. Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved unanimously

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

### III. **General Business**

1. Ben Lawhon - Leave No Trace  
Tabled for now, Ben not in attendance

2. **LMJ Concessions with Lisa Ramsey**

Lisa is Activity Coordinator for town of Lyons.

Concession stand operation - RFP was put out for a vendor to operate concession stand in LaVern Johnson Park.

Tube rental for river tubing was a common request. Then people would not have to risk leaving their park access. Charcoal, lighter fluid, sunscreen, bug spray, river tubing shoes, life vests, camp games, photography, etc are popular needed items.

We did get proposal from Ray's River Rentals, Ray Mees. The proposal addresses safety for renting along the river, and crowd control.

The stand would also supply pre-packaged food items and drinks.

The plan include designated places to come out of the river, and the concession would be located at skate rental building in LaVern Johnson Park.

HOURS - 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM, and definitely on weekends, maybe longer.



Safety video viewing is required, online access for that and for rental.  
Proposal will go to Board of Trustees.

Yelena brings up the point that we need up to date and accurate CFS data on the river for people and Ray to be able to make recommendations, available at the stand.

Financials: Dave says the goal is for Ray's company to profit.. Flat rate rental fee and in future we will have the Town be able to take a percentage. This year, we would get sales tax on all rentals and sales.

Rental inventory - 50 single, 15 double tubes.

The Town is providing an amenity with this including a higher level of safety.

Crowding on the river may be an issue, but this is not known. People who use the Concession may have gone out to rent their own otherwise.

Revenue projected - flat rate plus a percentage, and sales tax.

There may be potential conflict with fishing enthusiasts, and kayaks.

### **3. Dog Park Issues**

#### **a. Small Dog Park, multiple airlocks**

People are wanting a separate area for dogs 30 Lb or less.

Also, too many people congregate near airlock, at entrance. People need to be dispersed somehow for safety.

Dave - we could easily section off an area for small dogs, and would be a budget prioritization for Board of Trustees. Fencing, entrances, and design expenses. Also, one of the buy out properties with an allowable type of fencing could work. We did have a river access dog area near Second Ave, which were not reinstated after flood.

A second access to the existing dog park could also improve safety, easing the congestion at existing entrance.

Julia - 2nd location may be too costly, so working with existing area with additional entrance and small dog area may be better.

Dave - staff is thinking another entrance and a couple more fence lines could be cost efficient. Repairs are going to be needed soon regardless, so an audit of that could be dovetailed into the project. The Southeast corner could be squared for small dogs. We do have to maintain vehicle access to the whole area.

#### **b. Out of Towner access**

We cannot restrict to in-town only use. Dave has looked into this. The



signage does give phone numbers to call if there is a problem. Dogs DO need to be licensed by a municipality, and vaccinated, but not necessarily by Town of Lyons.

Chris and Ian can work up a proposal for Board to address. It may have to wait til next year, but we can work on getting it into the 2022 budget. Staff with parks and Public Works does not have the power or time right now.

#### **4. South of Dog Park bike trails**

The 10 acres south of the Dog Park may be used for bike trails. Practice loop for skills, before people get onto tougher trails in County Open Space.

Dave - there should be some sort of site plan, a proposal for the area. Dave is working to extend the east side trail at the south 10 acres, to make a trail continuing 6 feet wide up about half way to Ledge Ditch. Yelena and Dave Chase can continue to go ahead with plans.

The Town Board needs to be aware, especially about any maintenance.

#### **5. Town Updates**

##### **a. Park Operations**

Event on 22nd - Tree planting and trail project. and on 26th, there is Trail work in Stone Canyon.

Water Rescue units are going to be installed before high water comes in key locations.

Trees are going to be planted in new multi-purpose area in Bohn Park, and at Library. Also Main Street east will get a few new trees.

12-14 total trees.

##### **b. Park Projects**

Walsh Construction - will finish up hopefully this Friday with storage area for softball and baseball. First game this Wednesday, but may be rained out. Games are returning to Lyons!

Ponds water quality proposals - 1 - aeration, 2, nanobubble technology that oxygenates the water differently. Moleair...newer tech. The traditional aeration just sends columns to top and they disperse.

Newer tech moves smaller bubbles throughout a larger area of the pond. This technology is used in fisheries, agriculture, and results become clear sooner. This is the way we are leaning. Operations and maintenance are less costly, and results are better. Staff is giving recommendation this May to BOT. It will take a month to get units, but we could see results by



end of June.

Water quality monitoring and one round of bacteria is also part of the deal, but we may not do bacteria. \$42,000 - up front cost is higher, but maintenance is lower.

c. Community Events

No budget this year for Good Ol' Days, but there is grant money for an artisan fair sometime in June.

d. Other Issues

Pedestrian Bridge - 30% design public meetings will occur soon. RFP for St. Vrain Trail extension will also be going out soon.

There are conversations with Highland Ditch coming up and we will get information soon.

Park hosts are coming back in the beginning of May.

Second Ave Bridge - Veronika is seeing skateboarders on 2nd Ave, and is wondering about use of the new "hill" of the bridge. Cars also speed there, and could encounter a skateboarder. We may want to limit speed on bridge, or somehow keep skaters off the road there.

TRASH in parks. Sustainable Futures has worked on this, but PRC can step up and do more. We should probably have specific days to meet and work on trash, and also keep up our personal work on this. Maybe Sunday or Monday nights after the weekends would be great. EARTH DAY is April 22nd - we could get a meeting together. Yelena will follow up. Graffiti - this has increased. Crystal catches a lot of this before others see it. Vandalism is on the rise. All soap dispensers were ripped out at Bohn park, over \$600 worth of damage. Staff is frustrated with this. We do submit for insurance and we submit police reports. Security cameras are complicated.