

Parks, Trails and Open Space Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 2, 2023



1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. and Parks, Trails and Open Space (PTOS) Committee members present were Sue Husch, Erin Smith, Judi Chamberlain, Dave Jones and Polly Kroger. Town staff representative Debra Overton was also present. Nick Williams, Jared Coburn, and Lois Ziemann were absent.

2. Approval of Minutes from March 7, 2023 Meeting

Polly Kroger made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2023 PTOS Committee meeting. Dave Jones seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by members present.

3. Heritage Park Update

Town staff is working with Colorado Main Street (COMS) to utilize technical assistance support to hire a contractor to develop construction level documents for the Ridgway Visitor Center & Heritage Park Master Plan. The improvements include the new Visitor Center and new stand-alone restroom facility. COMS is in the process of developing a Request for Proposals (RFP) that will be issued in May.

4. Athletic Park Master Plan Update

On May 3, 2023 the Town will issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking qualified and experienced individuals or firms to submit proposals to provide a plan, process, and approach for the public engagement and master planning for the Ridgway Athletic Park. The RFP is due on June 2, 2023 and the Notice of Award will be on June 14th. The PTOS Committee will take part in the public meetings along with other stakeholder groups such as the Pickle Ball Club and the Ouray County Baseball League.

5. Ridgway Bike Park Update

Matt McIsaac, President of the Ridgway Bike Park, informed Town staff that the Bike Park has two grant applications out and expect to get the results of those in a few weeks. Matt agreed to attend the next PTOS meeting in July and provide an update on the grants as well as the design of the Bike Park.

6. Staff Update

The Committee was informed that the next meeting falls on July 4th. Those in attendance agreed to move the meeting to Tuesday July 11th at 5:00 pm

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7. PTOS Update

Vicki reported that new bees have started arriving at the Ridgway Apiary this week. Last fall the entire bee population died, the cause of death is still unknown.

Judi reported that the Ridgway Community Garden is having their Grand Opening on Saturday May 6th from 9am to 12pm. All beds in the Garden have been rented for the year, a new teepee has been put in the children's area and taller beds have been installed for those in need. Judi also requested that if the Town replaces any of the picnic table in town, the Garden would like to have them.

Dave asked if the Adopt a Park program was still active. Noting that there are some tables and benches in town that need painted or stained.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the PTOS Committee, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 5:57 p.m.