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PARKS, TRAILS, OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE  
AND TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2019  
6:00 PM  
TOWN HALL

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Committee Present: Jared Coburn, Doug Canright, Lois Zeimann, Mayor Pro Tem Eric Johnson, Town Councilor Robb Austin, Town Councilor Ninah Hunter.

Town Staff: Chase Jones

- I. Call to Order  
6:06pm
- II. Approval of meeting minutes from January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
*The Committee discussed the need for the minutes to reflect that the request to install a hitching post in Hartwell Park was denied. Horse owners can continue to tie up their horses in a way that doesn't require this feature.*  
*Eric moved to approve the meeting minutes subject to the addition discussed above.*  
*Doug seconded the motion.*  
*All committee members present voted in favor.*
- III. Request for town-wide clean-up day  
*Councilor Tom Heffernan requested an organized event for individuals to help pick up trash around town. Tom expressed his concern for safety, particularly kids. He has spoken with CDOT as well and will be receiving bags and 24 safety vests from them. Tom also suggested having a barbeque after the event.*  
  
*The Committee discussed possible dates and did not wish to interfere with Love Your Valley Festival or Ridgway Ouray Community Council's (ROCC's) annual sale event. It was determined that a good avenue to hold this event would be to combine it with the Town's annual spring clean-up day in partnership with Bruin Waste Management this spring. Any accumulated trash could then be deposited in the containers supplied that day by Bruin. The date for 2019's spring clean-up event was unknown. Due to the unknown number of participants and many Committee members being unable to volunteer their time, the barbeque was decided against.*  
  
*Moving forward, Tom will work with the Town to determine details such as: date, time and town park to meet in for the requested event. Potential volunteers will be asked to supply their own vests and bags if possible. Minimal Town Staff time is to be used.*
- IV. Style of new picnic tables for town parks

*Chase briefed the Committee on common options and the requests from parks staff for tables to be light weight and durable. The Committee determined that plastic coated mesh would be the best option while also being somewhat resistant to vandalism. Remaining wooden tables should be placed in a covered location if possible. The Commission also desired handicap tables to be purchased. Ideally there would be two handicapped tables in Hartwell Park, one in Rollans Park, one at the Athletic fields and one at Dennis Weaver Memorial Park with Town Staff's discretion. Lois also requested tables to be colored brown if possible.*

- V. Update on appointing committee members and Committee guidelines  
*Chase informed the Committee that it has been a desire for Town to standardize the base structure and expectations of Town Council appointed groups. Staff is looking to work on this in the near future. It was then requested that the Committee share their thoughts for consideration.*

*After discussion the Committee shared the following for staff to consider:*

- *There not be a set term limit*
- *No more than 9 members*
- *There be one representative from Town Council*
- *No more than two members who are also sitting on Town Council*
- *Members cannot miss more than 3 of the last 6 meetings. After the second missed meeting, Town staff will reach out to the member to discuss their role with the group.*
- *Perspective members need to be recommended by another member or provide a letter of interest.*
- *Perspective members will need to be approved by the Committee and Town Council.*
- *Continue meeting ever other month with the ability to call a special meeting if needed.*

- VI. New Business  
*Recent tree maintenance and removals were performed in Cottonwood Park, Rollans Park and Hartwell Park to mitigate hazards. The Committee discussed approaching Town Council to request more money to be budgeted toward tree maintenance in 2020.*

- VII. Old Business  
*Staff is continuing to work towards a plan to address tree maintenance in public rights-of-way. Looking at trees on private property will be a separate discussion.  
Requests for bids have been sent out for Pickleball Striping. Companies have until March 13th to send in a bid.*

- VIII. Adjourn  
*Adjourned at 7:29pm*