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PARKS, TRAILS, AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 14TH, 2020  
6:00 PM  
TOWN HALL

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Committee Present: Jared Coburn, Doug Canright, Lois Zeimann, Sue Husch, Erin Smith, Nick Williams, Town Councilor Robb Austin.

Town Staff: Chase Jones

I. Call to Order

*6:05pm*

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 5th, 2019

*Jared moved to approve the minutes*

*Lois seconded the motion*

*All committee members present voted in favor*

III. Review Upcoming Events in Public Parks

*There are no upcoming events before the next meeting.*

IV. Community garden – Accomplishments and Potential Site Toilet Improvement

*Agnieszka Przeszlowska played a short video from the Community Garden website which showed work done in 2019. She also shared the following:*

- \$43,500 was spent in 2019 with \$10,000 from the Town. This did not include in-kind labor and equipment.*
- They have received high interest from the schools; high school students built the raised beds, the middle school help winterize the beds, and kindergarteners created a welcome banner.*
- 41 or 43 beds were rented, 1 bed was for communal herbs and 1 bed was for demonstration.*
- In 2020 they're hoping to install some higher beds and a children's area*

*Chris Lance then brought up the possibility of installing a composting toilet at the garden. The desired unit is designed for a family of 6, liquid excess would go into separate bin, solid compost would not be used onsite, Chris would take compost off site to her property, and it would cost \$1600 for the toilet plus \$1000 for building. The toilet would likely be located in the SW corner, inside the garden's fence.*

*Sue Husch commented that her husband put a Sun-Mar toilet into their cabin with upwards of 10 people and had no problem, these units are used a lot in Midwest and would trust the volume estimate from the company. It was noted that the unit Sue used had a motor option and electricity.*

*The committee agreed that improving the Community Garden's lease site with a compostable toilet is acceptable and has their support, with the request that signage be posted that states the compost isn't used onsite and that the enclosure match the park and garden long terms aesthetics.*

*The Community Garden will require further approval from Town Council for any improvement per the Community Garden's lease.*

V. Athletic Park Pavilion Design and Donation Update

*Chase shared that the fundraising goal has been met but the Town is still waiting on final checks. Construction documents are expected at the end of the month and a Request for Bid will be out in February. The Town did fundraising outreach through; Facebook, fliers, vertical response, press release, water bill notes and targeted calls.*

VI. Budget Update

*Chase shared the following information related to the Parks Committee budgetary requests:*

- The baseball field improvements in the Athletic Park received \$5,000 from Town Council. The interest group has received a \$2,000 grant from the Montrose Community Foundation.*
- \$650 was budgeted in 2020 to replace Weaver Park signage.*
- Tree maintenance funds doubled in 2020 to \$20,000.*
- \$4,000 was allotted to expand or update the Town's tree inventory*
- \$250 was budgeted for more holiday lights.*

VII. New Business

*Robb requested a banner at Heritage Park to announce improvements.*

*Chase shared that an "Affirmation Station" was installed by Public Arts Ridgway Colorado in Hartwell.*

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*One Hartwell tree which was removed in Fall 2019 but could not be high stumped due to metal being present within the trunk.*

*Century Link's radio drums may be rearranged in the future which could eliminate Hartwell tree interference.*

*Trails in Cottonwood Park are crusher fines with no underlying cloth.*

*The GOCO grant to pay for a youth conservation crew in 2020 was not awarded to the Town.*

IX. Adjourn

*7:20pm*