
PARKS, TRAILS, AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 7TH, 2020
6:00 PM



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Committee Present via Zoom: Doug Canright, Lois Zeimann, Erin Smith, Robb Austin.

Town Staff: Chase Jones

I. Call to Order

6:10pm

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 6th, 2020

Lois moved to approve the minutes.

Robb Seconded the motion.

All committee members present voted in favor.

III. Proposed Bike Park – Matt Mclsaac, Trisha Oakland

Chase gave the committee a quick summary of his previous discussion with Matt McIsaac about the possibility of a bike park on the southern end of the Athletic Park. This included; location, plans for baseball expansion, the need to raise/provide funds, need to show community interest and how the existing track is not used or maintained.

Matt went on to describe his coaching and experience in the biking community. He described potential community and economic benefits, using a successful park in Grand Junction as an example. The pump track would be paved so would have little maintenance and help to spread out the skatepark users. Matt and Trisha Oakland have been working with the American Ramp Company for conceptual designs and can show community support in the next Parks Committee meeting. As this time, they are not asking for financial contributions, only for the land and a water tap/spigot if possible.

Trisha Oakland said there is a possibility to partner with Voyager or another 501(C)3 organization like Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Trail Association (COPMOBA) for fundraising and tax-exempt donations. This project is not looking to partner with Ridgway Area Trails (RAT). Trisha described that a bike park would fill a gap for youth programs and skill range to help keep kids on bikes.

The Committee Members expressed support but requested the following from Matt and Trisha:

- Make sure the land isn't restricted and can be utilized for a bike park*
- Show that there is community support*
- Talk with the other established Athletic Park user groups*
- Develop a maintenance and operations plan*

IV. Hartwell Planters

The Hartwell planter boxes have been upkept by Vicki and Charlie Spencer for years and they are moving away. As a small thank you, Sue Husch and Town Staff will work to submit a letter to the editor showing appreciation for their volunteer service.

V. Baseball Update

The Town has received quotes on infield mix and will have it delivered shortly. There was a request to put up a sign for the Montrose Community Foundation Grant. Staff to explore possibilities with signage restrictions and keep it small and simple.

VI. Athletic Park Pavilion Update

The Pavilion had to be raised to avoid groundwater and the contractor is pouring concrete now.

VII. Heritage Park Improvements

A gravel area with picnic tables was installed and the Visitors Center got a new flier distribution box.

VIII. Town Trees – Cottonwood Creek, Plantings, Removals and Survey

There has been an unexpected dieback in Town trees and a number have had to be removed. Hoping to replant many this fall. The Forest Service survey update is nearing completion. The property owners who have pipe running along their bank no longer want it there so a new solution must be found.

IX. New Business

The committee expressed concern over water usage and the drought. They inquired about enacting voluntary or mandatory restrictions and changing the Town landscaping codes. Erin brought up irrigation incentives and a successful program enacted in Mountain Village to provide irrigation systems with "smart" controllers. Chase to look into the program and possibility of having the similar in Ridgway.

X. Old Business

XI. Adjourn

7:34pm