

Parks, Trails and Open Space Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday January 17, 2024



1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. and Parks, Trails and Open Space (PTOS) Committee members present were, Judi Chamberlin, Dave Jones, Erin Smith and Polly Kroger. Town staff representatives Preston Neill, Steven Schroeder and Debra Overton were also present. Sue Husch, Jared Coburn, Nick Williams and Lois Ziemann were absent.

2. Approval of Minutes from November 7, 2023 Meeting

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

3. Review of design and cost estimates for Hartwell Park Playground Project

Preston Neill and Steven Schroeder informed the Committee of the projects estimated cost of \$200k to \$300K and the 2024 grant opportunities that are available through DOLA. Steven presented the proposed design concept and explained the different features available. Erin Smith expressed her concerns that the concept was geared more toward older children, and asked that the Town consider adding features that would be suitable for toddlers. Steven noted that a second phase to the playground improvements in 2025 will include more features for younger children. He also stated that the existing merry go round and swings would not be affected in the 2024 project. The Committee expressed their overall support of the project. Preston stated that he would submit the DOLA application this week and if the Town is awarded the fund the project would move forward.

4. Presentation regarding the Fall 2023 Colorado Growing Water Smart Workshop

Preston gave a presentation about the Town's participation at the Fall 2023 Colorado Growing Water Smart Workshop in Grand Junction, CO. The program introduced participating communities to the full range of communications, public engagement, planning, and policy implementation tools to realize their watershed health and community resiliency goals. The Town learned about the best approaches for integrating land use and water planning.

5. Review of adopted Ridgway Athletic Park Master Plan

Preston presented the final approved Master Plan to the Committee and explained the Master Plan process and the proposed stages of the project.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the PTOS Committee, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 6:30 p.m.