

# Parks, Trails and Open Space Committee Meeting Minutes

## Tuesday, March 7, 2023

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### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m. and Parks, Trails and Open Space (PTOS) Committee members present were Sue Husch, Jared Coburn, Lois Ziemann, Dave Jones and Polly Kroger. Town staff representative Debra Overton was also present. Erin Smith, Judi Chamberlain and Nick Williams were absent.

### 2. Approval of Minutes from July 5, 2022 Meeting

Sue Husch made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 6, 2022 PTOS Committee meeting. Polly Kroger seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by members present.

### 3. Athletic Park Master Plan Update

The 2023 Town Strategic Plan includes a goal to identify a consultant to undertake a master planning process for the Athletic Park and to develop a master plan document for the Town to follow and implement. Staff hopes to issue a formal Request for Proposal (RFP) by June 1.

### 4. Heritage Park Update

The next step in the Ridgway Visitor Center & Heritage Park Master Plan is to work with the Colorado Main Street Program (COMS) to secure technical assistance for development of final design and construction documents for all aspects of the park build. Staff will meet with COMS staff soon to establish a timeline and scope of work for an RFP that will be issued later this year.

### 5. Ridgway Bike Park Update

In a public meeting on December 15, 2022, Matt McIsaac, President of the Ridgway Bike Park, reported that the Bike Park has only raised a few hundred dollars and are looking for help with fundraising efforts and grant writing. Matt said they would like to start constructing the track this spring if they could get the funding. To date, staff has no additional updates on the fundraising efforts but will reach out to the Bike Park for more info and report back to the PTOS Committee at the next meeting.

### 6. Solar Array Update

SMPA is exploring three sites for solar garden microgrids to serve the Ridgway community with a portion dedicated to low-and-moderate income constituents. The south soccer field site, Green Street Park and the site south of the Athletic Park (private property outside of Town boundaries).

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SMPA will be applying for Microgrids for Community Resilience grant through DOLA. The Town has reviewed the objectives of this application and wish to partner in exploring the potential for one or more Community Solar Microgrids for Resilience that could be located on Town of Ridgway property. We expect the planning grant, if awarded, will allow SMPA, in partnership with the Town, to further pursue the appropriate locations for a solar array and storage/microgrid controls, and allow SMPA to work through other feasibility issues concerning system development, land leasing, and equitable distribution of the renewable solar energy, with some portion dedicated to Low to Moderate Income constituents.

### **7. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the PTOS Committee, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 6:08 p.m.