

Wellington Parks Advisory Board

Minutes – February 20th, 2019

The meeting of the Parks Advisory Board was called to order by Co-Chairman Sartor at 6:00p.m., February 20th, 2019 at the Leeper Center, 3800 Wilson Ave., Wellington, CO.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lorilyn Bockelman, Eric Sartor, Sarah Rice, Trustee John Evans and Kathy Wydallis

MEMBERS ABSENT: J.C. Cox

PRESIDING: Co-Chairman Eric Sartor

ALSO PRESENT: Bryan Critchfield – Wellington Recreation Manager & PAB/Town liaison.

1. Public to Be Heard on Non-Agenda Items

None

2. Approval of Minutes

Approval of January 16th, 2019 minutes were tabled until the March meeting due to the tardiness of one and absence of another of the members who had attended that meeting. Members Rice and Sartor had missed the January meeting.

3. Old Business

a. Tot Lot/Winick Park Re-surfacing Update

Bryan Critchfield reported that he is still in the process of getting the three bids needed for the Tot Lot construction and the poured-in-place resurfacing for Winnick Park. More measurements of the Tot Lot area have been made by Mr. Critchfield and Brian Quintana of Star Playgrounds.

4. New Business

a. Public Library Bike Rack Proposal – Lorilyn Bockelman

Member Bockelman had researched bike racks using information provided by Bryan Critchfield and feedback on bike racks downtown and at other parks. Her conclusion was that the basic “snake-shaped” bike rack was the most cost efficient. She also suggested that the librarians could pick the color. (Members Bockelman, Rice and Wydallis visited the library after the meeting and the chosen color was blue.)

Another amenity that she suggested for when the trail is more complete is a bike repair station. Member Sartor proposed looking for sponsors for bike repair stations before requesting funds from the Town.

Member Sartor brought up that the Knolls HOA was looking for suggestions for uses of its property along Boxelder Creek and Ronald Reagan Ave.

5. Town Board Update

Trustee Evans said the Town plans to survey both phases of the trail this year. The finish date for Phase 1 of the trail is March 2020. The Town has concerns about lighting along the trail due to complaints from nearby residents and are considering "glow in the dark" sidewalks to allow the taller trail lights to be dimmer. Bryan Critchfield had information that the new Musco lighting systems are "neighbor-friendly" and unobtrusive.

He will check on how the dugout covers have been included in the budget or if they are a CIP item for 2020.

6. Staff Update

Bryan Critchfield reported that the total cost of the dugout covers is \$66,000 through Shelter Specialists. This is more than is available in the 2019 budget for "PAB items." Mr. Critchfield will check on the price if only three of the ball fields get covered dugouts in 2019 with the fourth one (the north field at Library Park) being installed in 2020. Shelter Specialists so far appear to be the only company that installs dugout covers in northern Colorado.

Kyle Griffin - the designer of Wellington's disc golf course - and Austin Montgomery of DiscMania may come to the March PAB meeting to discuss the plans and visions of the disc golf community. They would like to have tournaments and possibly add more disc golf holes/courses in future and existing parks.

Agents of Discovery is not getting the expected use by Wellington residents. Its renewal is coming up at the cost of \$1768 for one year. The cost will decrease next year as the program expands into more parks nationwide. The program was not well advertised in 2019 because of lack of staff/time required to initially adapt the program to Wellington and lack of a Parks and Rec office. Members Rice and Sartor suggested keeping it another year and assigning a Parks/Rec staff member to promote the program through social media and information disseminated to Boys & Girls Club and possibly the elementary schools. The public schools have made it difficult to distribute Town recreation material to students. Mr. Critchfield will check on the renewal date and contact the schools about their policy on flyers for local programs. He has an employee in mind to take charge of Agents of Discovery.

Bob Gowing will be added to the PAB minutes list – gowingbi@wellingtoncolorado.gov

Mr. Critchfield is searching for sponsors for Recreation programs. A group has contacted him about fitness stations along the trail. Member Rice will ask the local gyms for sponsorships when she receives the information on this group.

7. Other

Member Bockelman asked if everyone was still happy with the third Wednesday at 6pm for the PAB meeting. Mr. Critchfield will ask the Town social media secretary to advertise the meeting time to hopefully expand community involvement.

May 18th is National 'Kids To Parks Day.' Member Bockelman suggested having the Mayor read a Kids To Parks proclamation at a trustee meeting and organizing an Agents of Discovery orientation. Member Rice suggested the disc golfers offer a demonstration or tutorial. Mr. Critchfield mentioned that one conflict on May 18th is it is also the make-up soccer/flag football day for the Recreation department. Member Sartor asked the PAB members to bring ideas for this day to the next PAB meeting.

Member Sartor asked if anyone knew if the new high school will have a football field. It's a mystery.

The next Parks Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for 6:00p.m. on Wednesday, March 20th, 2019 at the Leeper Center.

MEMBER RICE MOVED, AND MEMBER SARTOR SECONDED a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned 7:18p.m.

Submitted by:



Kathy Wydallis, Secretary