

MINUTES
CARBONDALE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
November 14, 2018

Becky Moller called the Carbondale Parks & Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. on November 14, 2018, in the Town Hall meeting room.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present for roll call:

Members:	Becky Moller, Chair Tracy Wilson, Vice-Chair Hollis Sutherland, Member John Williams, Member Ashely Allis, Member Rose Rosello, Member
Members absent:	Todd Chamberlin, Member
:	Camy Britt, Alternate Genevieve Villamizar-Alternate
Town Staff Present	Eric Brendlinger, Parks & Recreation Director Jessi Rochel, Recreation Center & Programs Manager

Guests & Observers:

Minutes Approved from Parks & Recreation Commission meeting

Hollis Sutherland *moved* to approve the minutes from the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting on October 17, 2018 John Williams *seconded* the motion, and it was *unanimously approved*.

PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA

NA

Welcome New Parks & Recreation Commissioner

Genevieve Villamizar was unable to attend and will be introduced at the next meeting in December.

Introduction of Derek Miller New Parks & Recreation Facility Maintenance Lead

Derek was also unable to attend and will be introduced at the next meeting in December

Pickleball & Tennis discussion for Trustees Work Session Dec 18th 2018

Three action items were discussed by the commission.

1. Repurpose present location, costs and funding strategies
2. Alternative Location options, costs and funding strategies
3. Continue as is, ramifications of shared use courts and future use scenarios.

Discussion on the three items:

Tracy: Want to make sure there is not a perception that the commission is not in favor of pickleball.

Hollis: Commented on the need for the commission to balance all demands and needs of everyone, not just those that come before the commission.

Ashley: Competing uses and projects are not land based only, but need to be prioritized for grant cycles also.

John: Spent some time looking at maps in Eric's office last week to look at some of the existing open space in our parks to make sure there is not a better option for dedicated pickleball courts. The following was discussed:

- Delaney Nature Park: has the space, but parking and road would need to be improved, wetlands would need to be revisited prior to development and potential user conflicts.

- Bonnie Fisher Park: smaller space could only accommodate two to four courts, parking upgraded to master plan design, and close proximity to neighbors.
- Re-purposing Tennis Courts at the Darien Tennis and Pickleball Courts: this idea has been met with opposition from the tennis community, potential school district and GOCO reimbursements necessary,
- North Face Park location: sufficient open space for courts to the southwest of existing courts while allowing for the open space uses to continue. Size of field is 200ft x 210ft. Could accommodate 4 to 8 courts. Money could go straight into court construction vs. reimbursement and the loss of tennis courts.

Becky: Can we look at a regional location. Does it have to be in Carbondale? Crown Mountain has land, can we look at this as an option and get a more comprehensive facility vs a little slip of land with 4 to 8 courts?

Tracy: Had some questions on use by Roaring Fork Soccer Club and Lacrosse and the size of a bike polo field and how many fields they would need to host a bike polo tournament?

Eric: We use this field for shoulder season soccer and lacrosse and baseball/softball practices when the game fields are still too saturated to get on. Since this field has never been used for games, we allow the early and last season practices to take place here. There is a potential for a Bike Polo Tournament on this field in 2019. They would also use the outfield of the Bill Hanks Ballfield for their Championship matches under the lights.

Rose: Inquired whether we had looked at all of the vacant school property surrounding the North Face Park.

Eric: Yes, School district master plans exist for their vacant land but we have spoken to them about storm water drainage sites that would still be available and have found that the engineering to maintain the original drainage purpose would be too expensive to build courts on top of that need.

John: For the Trustee work session on December 18th, the Tennis community will supply letters for the packet.

Becky: Both sides have been accommodated up until now with the existing shared facilities.

Ashley pulled up a google map image of the North Face Park and created three very conceptual designs for one four court complex and two 6 court complexes to see how they fit into the open space. The commission favored the idea of 4 pickleball courts in the initial conceptual design. This appeared to leave enough open space for a small soccer field or two futsal fields. John and Eric will conduct a site visit next week to lay out the dimensions and come up with a final conceptual design for the December 18th Trustee work session.

BUDGET PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT RECREATION

- **2019 Budget Parks & Recreation Department Cost Recovery and Subsidy**

Eric walked the commission through the attached graphs for the 2019 draft budget that breaks the Parks & Recreation department into cost centers that are inline with the budgeted line items and the different revenues and expenditure locations within the budget. The Recreation Center & Pool expenditures come out of the Recreation Sales and Use Tax revenue, and the expenditures for the Outdoor Recreation Department Programming, (anything that existed before the rec center was built), the RV Park, the Boat Ramp and the Parks & Cemeteries all come out of the General Fund revenue. The final budget will go for approval on the December 11, 2018

- **2008-2019 Recreation Center Budgeted Cost Recovery**

The Recreation Center cost recovery historical numbers represent a steady increase in revenues along with expenditures, which can be attributed to our inflationary increase in the fees and the higher maintenance needs of an aging building. The cost recovery has averaged a 65% over 11 years of service.

- **5 Year Parks & Recreation CIP**

The 5 year plan was discussed and Eric pointed out the line item that displayed the potential grant funding to supplement the plan. The new playground was pulled out for additional speculation and did not seem as high of a priority to the commissioners as the other projects. Eric asked the commissioners what other information they would like in regards to the budget for future meetings. It was mentioned that the Potential Grant Funding line item in the 5 year capital improvement plan could be broken down to display the granting sources and

amounts to help them understand the budget needs for matching funds. Eric will produce this because it will be a beneficial document for the department also.

REPORT & UPDATES

Eric: Gave an update on the Red Hill Trails Singletrack Trails have mobilized and are building the additional two trails on the property. They hope to be done before winter sets in. The hiking trail is already open and will only be temporarily shut down if the work on the other trails puts those trail users in the line of falling rocks. If that happens the trail will be closed temporarily using Singletrack Trails staff on –site.

New playground equipment has been installed in Sopris Park as part of an FMLD grant. Grant closeout will take place in early December.

Work will also begin on the Sopris Park Bathrooms and the Miners Park Bathrooms from another FMLD grant this fall and winter.

Jessie: Reported on an upcoming Special Event called the Turkey Trot at the North Face Park. This will take place on Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 2018. There will also be a Turkey Cross Bike Race organized by Aloha MT. Cyclery utilizing the same course and the 5 k.

Commissioners: John wanted to praise the art donated to the Town that is located on the overlook on 4th street. It is a bear climbing two poles and is looking over the Delaney Nature Park.

ADJOURNMENT

The November 14, 2018, regular meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for December 12, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Brendlinger for Angie Sprang
Board & Commissions Clerk