

**MINUTES**  
**CARBONDALE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**February 14, 2018**

Becky Moller called the Carbondale Parks & Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. on February 14, 2018, in the Town Hall meeting room.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members were present for roll call:

Members:	Becky Moller, Chair Hollis Sutherland, Member John Williams, Member Kathleen Wanatowicz, Member Ashely Allis, Member
Members absent: :	Tracy Wilson, Vice-Chair Todd Chamberlin, Member Lana Tretin, Alternate Camy Britt, Alternate
Trustee Liaison: Town Staff Present	Erica Sparhawk Eric Brendlinger, Parks & Recreation Director Jessi Rochel, Rec center and Program Manager
Guests & Observers:	

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

***Motion Passed:*** John wanted to change wording for pickle ball responsibilities for him. He is willing to be a liaison, but does not want to be the one establishing rules surrounding the GOCO grants and the Town's involvement in obtaining a GOCO grant. He felt that would be the responsibility of the whole board. Hollis has said she was willing to meet with Will from the Sopris Sun, but the minutes said she was meeting with him and that meeting did not take place. Hollis moved to pass the approval of the January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 P & R Commission meeting minutes with these changes. John ***seconded*** the motion, and it was ***unanimously approved***.

**PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**CHRIS KLUG FOUNDATION DONATE LIFE DAY-Anna Schwinger**

**Donate Life Day** is February 14<sup>th</sup> and this is a trademarked event of the Chris Klug Foundation. The Chris Klug Foundation is a national organization to bring about awareness of peoples option to become an organ donor. The organization has many public outreach events and has recently launched a school curriculum, and have continued to be present at numerous special events. Trying to get the youth demographic with Donor Dude events and having a presence at youth oriented events, like the x-games. Anna handed out information on the foundation and their e-mail for more information is on back of handout. The three initiatives they follow are: Inspiration, Education and Registration. Goal is to get 75% of driver's license recipients in all states to be donors. Presently there are 121 thousand people waiting for a transplant. 22 people die a day waiting for a transplant, every 10 minutes another person is put on the transplant list.

**ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING LOCATIONS- Dan Bullock Tree Board President**

Dan did not attend the meeting.

**ROARING FORK PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION-Clyde Alberts & Jim Noyes**

**Jim Noyes**- moved here in 2006 and has experience with fundraising with Habitat Humanity, and the local Rotary Club. He included a handout, which was included in the packet, detailing the rapid growth of the sport. He said that the Roaring Fork Pickleball Association is grateful to the Parks & Rec. Department for providing time at the recreation center (11 hours a week drop-in time and 3 hours league time per week) and in the Summer at the Darien Tennis & Pickleball Courts. He provided the following details:

- RFPA-135 dues paying members presently \$50.00 per year fees. These fees cover overhead, equipment and the \$3,000 required to paint the courts in 2016.
- Immense growth over three years-nationally and locally.
- Looking to raise \$50,000. Have raised \$20,000 to date. Feel that they can get to the \$50,000 level very fast.
- New and existing communities are looking at pickleball courts not as a perk but as a necessity due to the demand.
- Gypsum has repurposed some tennis courts into 8 pickleball courts, Scott Ruff, Rec Director in Gypsum says they would like to build some more. Spent \$175,000 or \$21,875/court.
- Jim Noyes personally rented rec center and brought tennis players and jocks, 9 in total, to the gym to try it. They all went and bought paddles and shoes after that. This sport lends itself to people who want to learn something soon, with low entrance costs, and immediate success.
- For repurposing existing tennis courts, 3 pickleball courts could be put on a regulation tennis court.
- The RFPA hope to get a piece of land designated or donated, then the next step would be looking at a GOCO LPOR (Local Parks Outdoor Recreation) grant, or a mini, traditional or collaborative FMLD Grant to leverage fundraising to get the courts built. If land could be found, the fundraising would be easier, and a plan could be put together. Looking for a commitment from the Parks & Recreation Commission to advise the trustees to find some land.
- Interested in an 8 court pavilion on ½ acre of land for \$200,000. Asking P & R Commissions to advise the TOC Trustees that RFPA has already raised \$20,000 of the targeted \$50,000 for a GOCO grant of \$150,000 to support an 8-court Pickleball Pavilion at an estimated cost of \$200,000.....and that the remaining \$30,000 can be raised as soon as the 1/2 acre land is allocated.

Discussion Ensued:

**Eric**- Explained GOCO LPOR and Garfield County FMLD granting programs and timing.

A \$50,000 fundraising goal would be enough of a match to qualify for the LPOR grant, which requires a 25% match, enabling a total grant of \$200,000. This is a once a year cycle open in November with awards coming in the spring of the following year. We are looking at a planning grant with GOCO for the 2018-19 cycle. This is a different pool of money, so is not competing against each other. GARCO FMLD has two granting cycles per year. We have the mini-grants scheduled with Parks & Recreation Park Improvements through 2021. Eric explained that many partnerships and other Town departments have their eyes on utilizing the traditional FMLD grant cycle in the next couple of year, including Police Department, Third Street Center, and the Bonnie Fisher Park Improvements, which has an existing master plan. Eric also mentioned a new granting pool of money from the FMLD called the collaborative grants. These would be a grant submitted by multiple municipalities or qualifying entities to serve a larger segment of the Garfield County population affected by mineral extraction on surrounding public lands. So there are four potential grant money sources, but all of these sources have other programs and master plan prioritized projects seeking the same funding.

**Kathleen**- supports having pickleball courts but not sure how to move forward with a recommendations without having any land.

**Becky**- shared the history of this process to date and how we have looked at all of our owned park land and have not found a solution. Some of the sticking points are the parking, since our parks are mostly in residential neighborhoods and dedicated pickleball courts would need their own designated parking also. The P & R Commission is interested, wants Eric to talk to school district, in regard to availability of land and parking.

**Hollis**- Rec Commission supports the pickleball efforts and is educated on the rapid growth of the sport.

**Kathleen**- Wanted to remind the P & R Commission that the goals for this year were as follows:

- Create a Friends of Carbondale Parks and Rec
- Create a business plan for Gateway Park to actualize the existing master plan goals
- Match funding opportunities with projects identified in the master plan as priority projects, which have been small capital improvement projects with granting sources that do not require a match.

**Jim**-Dan Richardson told him to contact CRMS for potential land.

**Ashley**- Although pickleball courts were mentioned in the 2015 Parks, Recreation and Trails master plan a site specific detailed master plan does not exist for pickleball courts. This level of detail would be needed for a GOCO grant. Feels \$200,000 would also be needed for parking infrastructure costs for a new stand alone facility.

**Kathleen**- Idea of a partnership with Crown Mountain park lands, but commission discussed that they are not in a financial position and are presently waiting on the outcome of a mill levy vote to see where they go with programming and future amenities at the park.

**Jim**- Feels that our master plan data is from three years ago and in the last three years the pickleball community has become very large and is rapidly growing. Brought up the idea to repurpose our existing tennis courts, 8 pickleball courts leaving one court for Tennis. Commissioners could be interested in this. Eric asked if they had a price for this. Gypsum \$21,000 per court.

**Hollis**-Looking for maintenance \$, concerned over maintenance, is not against this, but the P & R Commission is in the process of looking for pool funding , and the creation of a friends of the parks committee to help with this fundraising efforts.

**Kathleen**- Shared the idea of looking at near future development (PUDs) on vacant privately owned land in Carbondale and the potential for a parkland dedication fee that could be used for a public pickleball courts.

**Jim**- Said that they are also looking for private land to build these courts on.

**Becky**- pickleball and tennis need to work together, limited land for pickleball specific courts. Collaborative discussions need to take place, have both on the same land. She brought up the issue of maintenance also.

**Jim**- the Pickleball association could be called upon to raise annual maintenance funds

**Clyde**- Mentioned the possibility of a turn style entrance, fee to use the courts and that fee would go to maintenance.

(Commissioners felt that GOCO grants could not be used for this type of situation)

**Ashley-** Asked about present tennis courts, how they were funded, Eric provided information on how it was a GOCO grant but with the school partnering with funding for the match and an inter-governmental agreement for their exclusive use for practice during the tennis season.

**Clyde-** Asked how long the agreement is for if they are not using the courts and do not have a tennis team.

**Eric** –Annually renewable until one of the parties proposes a change. Then it would go to legal and the change would need to be board approved on both sides.

**Jim-** USTA does not use these courts for match play or tournaments, recreational tennis players do. We will need to communicate with their donors, at this point we do not know, need land for this to move forward.

**Erica-** Commented on the idea of futsal collaboration on a shared field space.

Parks & Recreation Commission assessment- Not a no, but they need to figure out funding priorities and if land is available. The existence of matching funds for a grant could potentially change the priorities for capital improvements.

Short term priority is for staff to talk to schools. Eric and Jim to talk to CRMS and Re-1 to collaborate and check on the possibility of putting dedicated pickleball courts on school district property. Will come back to March P & R meeting with an update.

### **AQUATIC FACILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Power point draft review and survey data compilation

Eric went through power point and commissioners wanted to add a benchmark of cost recovery slide from other pools in the area and to add an additional slide showing actual pool expenditures and from 2017.

### **COMMUNITY POOL FORUM AGENDA**

Forum meeting notes were handed out. Flyers and posters were made available for members to take and hang up in town. See forum planning meeting notes from Kathleen attached to these minutes. Kathleen presented the following details for the forum.

Station 1: North Wall-“Facility Options” Dots and 3 different Comments boards 3 made by Ashley

Station 2- South wall “Speak your mind” Survey received 400 comments, print them out

Station 3- In lobby with a table, sign up for Friend of Parks & Recreation. Fundraising, Financing options, additional opportunity for comments,

- Purpose of Forum Introduction: Visioning brainstorming, gaining initial support, go forward to the planning grant with this information.
- Aggressive Timeline: Ashley said should we call this year one, year two.
- Needs to be a sense of urgency. Location, options.
- One page handout synopsis, comments tear off on the bottom of the sheet.
- Power point.

Need to set date for next community pool forum meeting, Eric will e-mail Kathleen to get this out.

### **REPORTS & UPDATES**

**Eric-** Parks & Recreation Director- We hired local Will Tempest this week as our full-time recreation coordinator of youth and adult athletics. He will be running all youth and adult leagues, youth programs from pre-school sports camps to senior trips.

**Jessi-** hiring part time, front desk, rec specialist, mow crew, climbing wall, roof inspection  
Parks & Recreation Commissioners-

**Becky-** weed management plan status. Kevin, Eric, Becky to meet with Gwen to finalize document to go to e-board and parks & rec. Discussion about process for use of chemicals requiring e-board approval and Trustee approval being too restrictive. Requested Eric and Russell to finish up the park specific weed management plans.

**Trustee Liaison-**no report

**ADJOURNMENT**

The February 14th, 2018, regular meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for March 14th , 2018 at 7:00 pm.

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