

**MINUTES
CARBONDALE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
JANUARY 11, 2017**

Becky Moller called the Carbondale Parks & Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. on January 11, 2017, in the Town Hall meeting room.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present for roll call:

Members:	Ashley Allis, Member Becky Moller, Chair Camy Britt, Member Kathleen Wanatowicz, Member Rob Comey, Member Todd Chamberlin, Member
Members Absent:	Hollis Kerler, Member Lana Trettin, Member Tracy Wilson, Vice Chair
Town Staff Present:	Angie Sprang, Boards & Commissions Clerk Ben Bohmfalk, Board of Trustees Liaison Eric Brendlinger, Parks & Rec. Manager Jeff Jackel, Town Liaison, Parks & Rec. Director
Observers & Guests:	Gavin Dahl, KDNK

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Passed: Todd Chamberlin ***moved*** to approve the minutes from December 14, 2016. Rob Comey ***seconded*** the motion, and it was ***unanimously approved***.

PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA

There was no one present who wished to address the Commission.

PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN PRIORITIZATION

Jeff Jackel presented project items currently in progress that are related to items on the priorities list, discussed at the December 14, 2016 meeting.

Discussion ensued and the commission identified top priorities for 2017, which are (1) financial stability, and (2) gearing up for larger projects. The topic of the pool project was revisited and the commission concluded that they will focus on "lower hanging fruit," being efforts to raise funds for some smaller projects over the course of 2017, and fundraising for larger projects that could break ground in 2018.

Jeff Jackel presented the commission with a hypothetical recreation project funding scenario. He explained that carry over funds from the 2016 budget, plus the 2017 budget, could be used as required match funds to apply for a series of grants. If the grants are awarded, the Town could have upwards of \$216k for a small project, or a group of smaller projects. For example, 8 pickle ball courts would cost roughly \$204k. Eric Brendlinger volunteered to prepare some project opportunities that will fall around the \$216k price point, and will present them at the February 8, 2017 meeting.

Items related to Bike, Pedestrian, and Trails work were discussed. Ben Bohmfalk sent priority items to the Bike, Pedestrian, and Trails committee, so the two advisory boards don't overlap efforts.

REPORTS & UPDATES

Jeff Jackel, reported the new rodeo announcers' roof is complete, and the rodeo announcers' booth should be complete within 4 to 5 days.

Eric Brendlinger, reported that a picnic shelter was gifted to the Town. Eric is working with Tim Hagman, a local architect, to fast track completion. The goal is to complete the project prior to the picnic season. Eric will present a conceptual drawing of the shelter at the next meeting.

Discussion ensued among the commission members regarding potential projects. Rob Comey, suggested they apply for a Federal Mineral Lease Grant to complete the Snowmass Drive project. Kathleen Wanatowicz, posed the idea of creating a foundation or a 501c, whichever most appropriate, to raise funds for specific capital projects. If the commission moves toward creation of a foundation, Jeff Jackel stressed the importance of a foundation with a larger picture in mind, so that it will benefit all of Carbondale in general and not just the Parks and Recreation Department. This was a highly favored idea among the commission members.

Ben Bohmfalk will present the idea of grant projects and foundation creation to the Board of Trustees, and will return to the commission with feedback. Ben encouraged commission members to continue working on prioritizing goals, formulating a clear path of what project(s) grant(s) would be for, and what foundation funds would be used for.

All present applauded Jeff Jackel for his years of service, his extensive accomplishments, and wished him the best in his retirement endeavors.

ADJOURNMENT

The January 11, 2017, regular meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Sprang
Board & Commissions Clerk