

**MINUTES
CARBONDALE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MARCH 08, 2017**

Becky Moller called the Carbondale Parks & Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. on March 08, 2017, in the Town Hall meeting room.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present for roll call:

Members:	Ashley Allis, Member Becky Moller, Chair Hollis Kerler, Member Rob Comey, Member Todd Chamberlin, Member Tracy Wilson, Vice Chair
Town Staff Present:	Angie Sprang, Boards & Commissions Clerk Eric Brendlinger, Parks & Recreation Director
Observers & Guests:	Margret Donnelly, Aquatics & Wellness Coordinator Morgan, Bike Week Representative Erik Wardell, Five Points Film Festival Sherry Ruben, Architect

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Passed: Todd Chamberlin ***moved*** to approve the minutes from February 08, 2017. Hollis Kerler ***seconded*** the motion, and it was ***unanimously approved***.

PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA

Erik Wardell, Five Points Film Festival Representative, informed the Commission about this year's 10th Annual Five Points Film Festival events. Erik Wardell noted that the events at 4th Street, and dates are April 20th through 23rd. This year they'll be giving out \$15k in grants to high school students. Eric encouraged the Commission to reach out to him directly if they should have any questions.

UPDATE ON GUS DARIEN RODEO GROUNDS PICNIC SHELTER (DESIGN REVIEW)

Sherry Ruben, Architect, presented an artistic rendering of the new 18' x 30' rodeo picnic shelter, which is being generously donated to the Town by the Turnbull family.

Modifications noted were making the shelter as bird proof as possible, and the addition of a permanent lockable fire pit that could double as a table when not in use.

Motion Passed: Tracy Wilson ***moved*** to approve the picnic shelter as presented with noted modifications. Hollis Kerler ***seconded*** the motion, and it was ***unanimously approved***.

RESURRECTION OF BONEDALE BIKE WEEK REPORT

Morgan, a bike week representative, informed the Commission about this year's 9th annual bike week events. The events are 100% free, are all accessible, and there is a bike event for every person. Morgan put out a call for volunteers.

RECREATION COORDINATOR PROGRAM REPORTS – MARGARET DONNELLY

Margaret Donnelly, Aquatics and Wellness Coordinator, presented the Commission with updates on fitness, wellness, and pool projects currently in play.

Fitness: There are currently 23 group fitness classes being offered and all 4 cycling classes sold out with 738 members. Additionally, 2227 individual group classes have taken place already this year, last year 10,583 included cycling. The 2nd annual Where My Peeps At scavenger hunt is scheduled for April 15th at 9:00 am. Margaret put out a call for volunteers to help with this event. Three to five volunteers are needed to help with registration, raffle prizes, score tallies, and bonfire management. Margaret also encouraged those interested to make a team \$20 swag bag before March 31st.

Wellness: There's a blood drive scheduled for March 22nd from 11:20am to 2:30 pm near the rec center. The GHCC Community Event is set to take place at the UTE in Rifle on March 16th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

They HEAL Committee has been working on a number of initiatives. For example, they're working on grant initiatives for farmecyRX scholarships for low income families, organizing cooking classes to teach participants how to preserve food by canning. Also, on April 7th there will be stationary bike races at the rec center as well as demos from fitness classes; such as, pickle ball and taekwondo.

Pool: The pool will be powered up on April 10th, and it opens on May 27th. They are currently hiring 5 new life guards, assistants, and swim instructors; as well as, rolling out new evening swim programming, and reducing the instructor to student ratio in swim lesson classes.

MASTER PLAN GOALS AND PRIORITIES REPORTS

Garfield County has requested that the Town update its needs assessment priorities. Eric Brendlinger requested that the Commission review and discuss project prioritization for trails within the current Garfield County needs assessment, as some grant money will be available to complete one small project. Discussion ensued and the commission identified Thompson Park Trail as their priority. Eric will be working to obtain grant funds for the project.

Eric Brendlinger opened discussion about the opportunity to start a foundation and what the task would entail. Eric recommended that the Commission seek to create a donor advised fund instead, because of the lack of resources and manpower to start a foundation. All discussed the two options openly, and the Commission will pursue a donor advised fund.

Todd Chamberlin is meeting with the Aspen Community Foundation to discuss the creation of a donor advised fund and will report back to the Commission. Todd will invite a representative from the foundation to the next Parks and Recreation meeting.

Tracy Wilson is working on the creation of a Shop Local Campaign and requested one to two people on the commission create a subcommittee with her to discuss the campaign design.

REPORT & UPDATES

Eric noted that Recreation Center Manager interviews will take place on March 09, 2017 and will email those participating in the interviews details. The summer 2017 recreation center brochure is in process, and should be brought to print soon.

Hollis presented the topic of horse and animal cruelty and the item was reserved for further research and discussion.

Eric and Becky will attend the Bike, Pedestrian, and Trails meeting scheduled for April 03, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Becky noted that the Gianinetti Park basketball courts are being remodeled.

Ashley submitted the Parks & Rec. Master Plan for an APA award competition and the plan won first place for public engagement. The award plaque will be presented and accepted in May 2017.

Rob proposed a project to address ongoing deterioration of the dog park. Eric will look into the budgetary needs of a project to create a solid surface and inhibit seasonal deterioration.

ADJOURNMENT

The March 08, 2017, regular meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for April 12, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Sprang
Board & Commissions Clerk