

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

Becky Moller called the Carbondale Parks & Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on October 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 Hollis Sutherland, Member Lana Trettin, Alternate Todd Chamberlin, Member Tracy Wilson, Vice Chair Camy Britt, Alternate
Town Staff Present:	Angie Sprang, Boards & Commissions Clerk Eric Brendlinger, Parks & Recreation Director Jessi Rochelle, Parks & Recreation Manager
Guests & Observers:	Lindsey Utter, Pitkin County Open Space & Trails Ben Johnston, Membership Applicant Sarah Klingecheber, Membership Applicant Rose Rossello, Membership Applicant (via Skype)

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Passed: Tracy Wilson ***moved*** to approve the minutes with noted edits from October 11, 2017. Todd Chamberlin ***seconded*** the motion, and it was ***unanimously approved***.

PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA

There was no one present not on the agenda that wished to address the board.

CRYSTAL TRAIL UPDATE

Lindsey Utter, Planning and Outreach Manager for Pitkin County Open Space and Trails presented an informational map and update regarding the Crested Butte Trail Plan and timeline. Lindsey informed the commission that the plan is to gather all public comment and information by November 15, 2017. Then, a draft plan will go out for public review and comment. The draft plan will be revised, and finalized. Lindsey informed the commission that the survey for public comment is open on their website www.pitkinOSTprojects.com until November 15, 2017. There is not a current end date for construction completion at this time. Funding is still an issue for the project and they are actively seeking partnerships and funding sources for the project. A GoCo grant was utilized for project planning.

REAPPOINTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSIONERS & TERM DETAILS

Applications for reappointment of Ashley Allis, Kathleen Wanatowicz, and Hollis Sutherland to the Parks & Recreation commissioners were approved by the BOT, and commissions expire in 2021.

INTERVIEWS FOR APPOINTMENT TO PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Eric Brendlinger explained that there is one open membership position on the Parks & Recreation Commission that will fill Rob Comey's former seat through the end of 2017. Applicants were interviewed in the order in which applications were received.

Rose Rossello was the first interviewee. Rose has been a part of the community her entire life, and has been a home owner for 6 years. She hopes to help with the pool and any projects and special

events she can engage in. Rose is passionate about the work that she does, and is a very energetic and loyal person, who is professional in the right setting. She feels that she has a good handle on the community and is in touch with what the community needs and wants. Rose has previous experience on the Habitat for Humanity board, event planning, and benefits planning. Rose has two children ages 3 years and 3 months old.

Ben Johnston, Attorney with Balcom & Greene, interviewed for the membership appointment. Ben and his wife moved to Carbondale three years ago from Kansas City, and they have fallen in love with the community. Ben is looking for an opportunity to give back to the community and get involved in local government. Ben is very familiar with the mechanics of the Board, and can ensure that he will be committed to his Board appointment. He is married and their first baby is due January 08, 2017. Ben enjoys the October Fest, the Fashion Show, and Five Point Film Fest.

John Williams, Carbondale resident since 1979. He moved back east for 18 years and just returned to Carbondale in March 2017. He's been involved in P&R commissions all his life in Texas and out East. He's been involved in running different programs, and the development of parks and facilities. His strengths could be to enhance the programs Carbondale already has to ensure they are net zero. Carbondale has grown and he welcomes growth, and looks to see what kind of things new people want to do. He would like to do programs for seniors and kids. He has a BA in Economics and feels that he can add to the financial aspects of various projects P&R has going on or wants to initiate in the Town. Seeing need and being able to fill that need is satisfying to John, and he looks forward to the opportunity to give back. John enjoys tennis, and has a second degree in carpentry and loves to build things.

Sarah Klingecheber is from Englewood, and has a BA in Anthropology. She founded the Big Sky film festival in Montana. A ski accident led her to a career of being a Palates instructor, and gave her an interest in health and fitness in general. She founded a nonprofit that is geared toward keeping people from committing suicide. Sarah started a high school girl's lacrosse program at RFHS. Creating this sports program was something that was close to her heart. She doesn't have a personal agenda for the P&R board, but would like to work to build on what is here. She looked over the budget and P&R Master Plan, and is interested in working to find ways to build upon those worthwhile goals. Her youngest just went to kindergarten, and she has lots of free time. She has 2 daughters age 8 and 5 years old. Her husband is a teacher at Carbondale Middle School.

2018 BUDGET RSUT HISTORICAL & BUDGETED BALANCE SHEET

Eric Brendlinger, P&R Director, explained the budget outlined in Attachment D. Discussion ensued regarding the budget from 2008 to present day. Eric explained the Rec Sales and Use Tax Fund, and the importance of keeping it healthy. Eric explained to keep the fund "healthy" obtaining grants is important to the success of the Parks & Rec Department. This year P&R department has applied for \$110k worth of grants that don't require a match. Eric noted that some of the monies in the fund could be used toward matching grant funds. Eric explained that overall cost recovery for all of Parks & Recreation is at 55%. The P&R department is currently being subsidized by the general fund by \$954k to meet expenditures. The commission was thankful to get an understanding into the fund. The commission inquired about the amount of funds that should always be left in reserves? Eric will inquire with the finance team and report back to the commission.

REPORT & UPDATES

Eric provided the Gateway RV Park end of season report for 2017 (packet attachment E), which was prepared by Bill Kirkland, Gateway RV Park Host. Hazardous Waste Day is Saturday.

Jessi Rochelle reported that the Gateway RV Park is filling up for next year already, and no one has noted any displeasure in the minimal rate increases. Oktoberfest was the lowest attended Oktoberfest to date, so they created a survey to obtain feedback. Thus far, the data shows positive feedback. Surveys were provided to the commission for their participation. Depending on the results the P&R department may look for sponsorship in 2018.

Discussion ensued regarding biking on sidewalks. Becky noted that kids are riding on sidewalks, and there is concern for safety. Camy will reach out to Darryl, Chair of the BPT Commission, regarding the concerns.

Hollis reported regarding the pool subcommittee. They are looking to start a survey and obtain feedback regarding the pool project, and initiating a public meeting. They are looking to print survey materials by the 1st week of December. A draft survey will be presented at the November meeting. Trustees will be invited to the public meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSIONER

Discussion ensued regarding appointment of new P&R commissioner to fill Rob Comey's former seat. All of the applicants were very qualified and the commission appreciated their interest, and hoped that they will all get involved even though there is only one open position available on the board.

Motion Passed: Ashley Allis ***nominated*** John Williams and ***moved*** to recommend to the BOT for appointment on the P&R Board. Todd Chamberlin ***seconded*** the motion, and it was ***unanimously approved***.

ADJOURNMENT

The October 11, 2017, regular meeting adjourned at 9:32 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for November 08, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Angie Sprang
Board & Commissions Clerk