

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

Becky Moller called the Carbondale Parks & Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. on November 08, 2017, in the Town Hall meeting room.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members were present for roll call:

Members:	Ashely Allis, Member Becky Moller, Chair Hollis Sutherland, Member John Williams, Member Todd Chamberlin, Member
Town Staff Present:	Angie Sprang, Boards & Commissions Clerk Eric Brendlinger, Parks & Recreation Director Erica Sparhawk, Board of Trustees Liaison
Guests & Observers:	Bob Schultz, Citizen Rich Camp, Citizen Briston Peterson, Citizen Taylor Serson, Citizen

**CONSENT AGENDA**

***Motion Passed:*** Hollis Sutherland ***moved*** to approve the minutes with noted edits from October 11, 2017. Ashley Allis ***seconded*** the motion, and it was ***unanimously approved***.

**PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Taylor Serson, Citizen, presented information regarding a local soccer league and noted the need for a multi-use turf field for the community to use when our fields are still a bit water logged.

**WELCOME NEW PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSIONER JOHN WILLIAMS**

The commission gave John Williams, new commissioner member, a warm welcome, and introductions went around the room.

**MAIN STREET MARKETPLACE PRESENTATION BOB SCHULTZ & BRISTON PETERSON**

Bob Schultz and Briston Peterson addressed the commission regarding a field near the Main Street Marketplace. They are looking to develop that field, and requested feedback from the commission. The property was recently rezoned for mixed use. The site plan was presented by Bob Schultz. The plan includes a park near the laundry area. Discussion ensued regarding the park. They will care for and maintain the park. Dogs will not be allowed in the park, but possibly in a portion of it with proper accommodation. Typically their developments will not allow dogs in the units. They will determine rental costs after the site review is complete, but pricing will likely be in the low to middle end of the market. The idea of a community garden was favored, and it was noted that the Town can always use more: bike polo, lacrosse practice fields, pickle ball courts, underserved senior population, and soccer fields. It was noted that it could potentially be a multi-use park space. The open space has some synthetic or sod opportunity. Fencing may be able to ensure child safety and keeping dogs at large out of the area, and promote cleanliness. All of the engineering is being done by Sopris Engineering. The storm water retention will likely be tied in with the City Market retention pond, and there is the potential the incorporation of a bio-retention pond. A turf field would be well used. There will be a live in property manager. Hollis noted that after seeing how the open space is used, they could evaluate resident use, and then see whether or not a field/court/community garden fits the needs of the community best. A larger picnic area may be nice to fit cultural family event needs. There will be studios, ones, and two bedrooms. They are planning to explore the options for adding

three bedrooms. There may or may not be a community room available for rent by residents, at this time there isn't in the design. Once an architect is on board, options will be fully explored. Discussion ensued regarding the path in front of Main Street. Solar hasn't been explored yet, but may be included in the final design. Bob Schultz noted that they are still in the conceptual phase, and requested that the commission share any afterthoughts and ideas with Eric.

### **2018 BUDGET PARKS & RECREATION**

Eric Brendlinger, Parks & Rec Director, presented 2018 budget information, which included an analysis of the cost recovery percentage of 55%. Discussion ensued. The commission requested that Eric break out the "Rec Facilities" line, a breakdown of the "Rec Department" line, and totals to see total expense. Eric will bring that information back to the commission.

Eric presented the capital improvement plan for 2018. They are looking to have some matching funds for a pool renovation planning grant in the hope to move some of the larger projects forward. \$250k is in the budget for Bonnie Fisher Park in 2022, which would be leveraged cover costs of a playground. Gateway Park was noted as a high priority to the commission members, and funding for the project is an issue.

Trails are included in the Public Works budget. The commission requested to see that, and Eric will provide that information at the next meeting.

### **CASE STUDY – WOODLAND PARK AQUATIC CENTER & MONTROSE REC CENTER**

Eric presented the Woodland Park case study, which explored different methods used to fund the build of a community pool. A community pool was first proposed in the 1940's. It took more than 50 years for the project to go. They used bonds to pay for the majority of the costs, it cost \$13million, did not increase sales taxes, and they received \$700k in donations.

Eric presented the Montrose case study. Montrose attempted to pass three tax increases that were foiled, but they learned something and gained support with each try. They utilized survey data, created a 501c3 non-profit after the second ballot initiative failed. They got partners onboard (i.e. silver sneakers), wrote grants, built multiple partnerships, the Town committed some sales tax revenues, they bonded it, they went door-to-door, and finally the pool was built. Voter outreach was their biggest ally.

In both of the case studies, timing and perseverance were key and something was learned with each attempt that helped them further their cause.

### **SUB – COMMITTEE FUNDRAISING REPORT: ACTION ITEMS & NEXT STEPS**

Hollis Sutherland reported that he met with Mayor Dan at his weekly coffee hour. There will be a work session with the BOT on November 21, 2017. The work session will be primarily to discuss survey questions.

Ashley Allis is working to create the survey, which will be about 15 questions. There was a suggestion that the survey could be shorter. Discussion ensued. The commission agreed that there should be a good basis for a pre-pool feasibility study. Ashley will send the draft survey out to the commission members for feedback, and they will respond to her with feedback by November 13. Ashley will send the final draft to the Town Clerk on or before November 16 for inclusion in the BOT work session packet. The importance of gathering as much data as possible, and using the data to create an RFP was stressed.

Hollis shared a list of pool project tasks. Discussion ensued regarding who would take on what steps. As the BOT work session is on November 21, the final survey information could be included in the next Parks & Recreation brochure.

Those who attend the BOT work session will report back to the commission. Discussion ensued regarding the public forum date. This topic was reserved for the next meeting.

## **REPORT & UPDATES**

Hollis and Eric will be unable to attend the December meeting.

Erika Sparhawk mentioned that the trustees are working on a statement for the Crystal Valley Trail project, and requested comments.

Margret Donnelly, Aquatics Health and Wellness Recreation Coordinator, presented information regarding programming and grant funding for programming. The turkey trot and turkey cross is upcoming, as well as the Snowshoe Race. The Snowshoe Race proceeds will be donated to cancer research. The rec center has a buy back Halloween Candy Day. They've collected 43 pounds of candy, which the kids were given rec center passes and the candy was sent to active duty military. Most kids brought in 4 pounds of candy each. Zumba has been added to the rec center programming. Ski prep is ramping up, and programming participation is showing it. Eric Brendlinger thanked Margret for all of her work in creating such successful programming.

Eric reported that two planning grants were submitted last week, and he'll report back to the commission as he gets word.

Becky noted that there are no signs in Gianetti Park stating that dogs aren't allowed in the park. Eric will look into this concern.

Becky proposed planting additional trees at the nature park near the picnic table areas.

Todd noted that the Orchard is not holding private events anymore, and he inquired about increased use of the rec center space. The rec center has not seen an increase, and Eric noted that the Community Room at Town Hall is no longer open for special events, and is being reserved for meeting space only.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The November 08, 2017, regular meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for December 13, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Angie Sprang  
Board & Commissions Clerk