



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

Castle Rock Parks And Recreation Commission

April 20, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held on April 20, 2016 at the Miller Activity Complex, Castle Rock, CO. Aaron Nagel called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m.

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Aaron Nagel (Chair)
Tim Miller (Vice Chair)
Brian Glotzbach

Michael Brumbaugh
Kevin Cochran (absent)
Josie Mekelburg (late)

COUNCIL LIAISONS:

Mark Heath (late)

Jennifer Green

STAFF MEMBERS:

Jeff Brauer
Jeff Smullen
Jennifer Martin

Mike Kilman
Jenny Nagel

GUESTS:

Phyllis Tumey
Gary Wood
Katie Coleman

Joe Peterson
Linda Wood

I. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Phyllis Tumey presented her request for permanent pickleball courts at Founders Park. She currently participates in pickleball at the Recreation Center and would like to see permanent courts to accommodate the sport's growth in popularity. Phyllis provided an estimate of roughly \$1,800 to \$2,000 for the installation of permanent posts and nets at Founders Parks.

Gary Wood also expressed his desire for permanent pickleball courts. He spoke with Parks Superintendent Bob Maloney last year, and would like to see two tennis courts at Founders Park converted into four pickleball courts and be resurfaced.



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III. WELCOME NEW PARKS AND RECREATION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR – JEFF SMULLEN

Jeff Smullen was welcomed by Commission members as the new Parks and Recreation Assistant Director. Mike Kilman was also welcomed by Commission members as the new Recreation Manager.

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ACTION: Approve the minutes from the February 17, 2016 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting as transcribed.

MOTION: Aaron Nagel
Motion passes 6-0

V. 2016 SPECIAL EVENT CALENDAR UPDATE

Presented By Jennifer Martin, Special Programs Supervisor

Jennifer Martin presented a flyer listing all public special events booked at Philip S. Miller Park through the fall. Nearly all weekends through the fall are booked with various events. An overview of scheduled activities on the day of the grand opening of phase two of Philip S. Miller Park was provided as well.

VI. ROCK PARK, FESTIVAL PARK AND PHILIP S. MILLER PARK REZONINGS

Presented By Jeff Smullen, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director

Jeff Smullen provided follow up from the February 17 Commission meeting regarding Public Open Space (POS – 1) and (POS – 2) zone districts. This item was approved by Town Council on second reading, and will go to the Planning Commission in May. The goal of the proposed ordinance is to amend the POS – 1 and POS – 2 zone districts to ensure they are consistent with the existing and proposed uses established within parks. Rock Park, Festival Park and Philip S. Miller Park are being focused on first, and this process will continue with all other parks needing adjustments.

VII. DISCUSSION – MILLER ACTIVITY COMPLEX AND RECREATION CENTER ADMISSION FEES

Presented By Jeff Brauer, Parks and Recreation Director

Jeff Brauer led a discussion on admission fees and the possible development of a joint pass. Of 500 comment cards received annually, seven comments indicated that a joint pass was desired.



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The Miller Activity Complex strives to maintain 100 percent cost recovery. It is estimated that in 2016, 104% cost recovery will be achieved. The Recreation Center typically sees 78% cost recovery.

At the Recreation Center, 85% of visitors are adults or seniors, and at the MAC 85% of visitors are youth. The current annual pass fee for either facility is \$823.

Based on the current distribution of punch passes, daily admissions and annual passes, it is estimated that moving to allow the annual pass to serve both the Recreation Center and the MAC would result in \$400,000 annual revenue loss. Jeff opened the discussion for comments on how to address the lost revenue.

Michael Brumbaugh commented that a regular complaint he hears from other parents is that they have to pay the admission fee to watch their children play at the MAC. Michael suggested allowing parents into the MAC to watch their children for no charge instead of creating a joint pass for \$823 to appease parents. Michael Kilman responded by stating that this would result in a 35% loss of \$617,000 in daily admission fees collected annually.

Jeff Brauer added that the city of Parker offers a lower rate on annual passes, but that their facilities receive an annual subsidy of \$7 million. Additionally, South Suburban's passes are valid at all facilities, but given the distance between their facilities, regular use of two or more facilities is rare. Castle Rock has adopted a fiscally conservative approach where users pay for the service they utilize.

Tim Miller suggested examining unique users who visit both the Recreation Center and the MAC regularly.

Brian Glotzbach commented that to lose \$400,000 annually to appease comments made by seven individuals is fiscally unreasonable. Tim Miller added that introducing a model where a pass is valid at both facilities could result in increased usage at either facility, resulting in increased costs at either facility, furthering the deficit.

Jeff Brauer stated that after running through a scenario based upon estimations, it was determined that a joint pass could be offered at \$1,029 annually to maintain current cost recovery rates at both facilities. He emphasized that this is not certain, but it is based upon estimations.



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Michael Brumbaugh suggested allowing punch passes to be valid at both facilities.

Mark Heath asserted that before any changes are made, the source of funds to get back to current cost recovery rates must be determined. He that he feels it would be a risky move.

Jen Green added that 24 Hour Fitness is coming, which could alter current admission counts.

Mike Kilman and Jeff Brauer will work on continuing the analysis.

VIII. UPDATES FROM TAG REPRESENTATIVE

Presented By Josie Mekelburg, TAG Representative

The group made breakfast burritos for Castle Rock Fire and Rescue. They will assist with the Climb4Change event on May 7.

IX. PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Presented By Jeff Brauer, Director of Parks and Recreation

Castle Rock Zip Line Tours' Aerial Trekking Tower is being constructed. The foundation has been poured and they hope to open prior to the May 14 grand opening celebration, but progress is dependent upon weather conditions.

Jeff Smullen and parks planning staff submitted a concept paper to Great Outdoors Colorado, and GOCO asked that a final grant application be submitted. \$1 million is being requested for construction on East Plum Creek Trail. This project is well-positioned as there are future connections with Douglas County trails.

The Town's upcoming Growth Open Houses are April 26 and May 11. The Town looks to provide a significant amount of information to the public and is welcoming feedback.

Commission terms are ending in May for three members. Should these members chose to reapply, applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on April 22.

Commission members are invited to the Discovering the Dream event on May 14. Tshirts and parking passes will be provided to all Commission members.



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X. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Aaron Nagel inquired whether there is an update on an agreement with P3 Advisors, LLC. There is not.

Tim Miller inquired when the Wolfensberger pedestrian bridge will open. A soft opening will occur with the Ridgeline Rampage mountain bike race event, which will utilize the bridge.

Brian Glotzbach is working with the Douglas/Elbert Task Force in planning the 2016 Turkey Trot and inquired whether there is potential for partnership with the Town. Jennifer Martin will work with Brian to determine the capacity in which the Town could partner with the Douglas/Elbert Task Force.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Aaron Nagel
Motion passes 6-0

