



# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

*Castle Rock Parks And Recreation Commission*

*November, 16 2016*

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held on November 16, 2016 at the Millhouse at Philip S. Miller Park, 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 Fronczak  
Michael Waggoner  
Josie Mekelburg (late)

## **COUNCIL LIAISONS:**

Jennifer Green (absent)

Mark Heath (absent)

## **STAFF MEMBERS:**

Jeff Brauer  
Jeff Smullen  
Mike Kilman

Bob Maloney  
Brian Peterson  
Maia Aman

## **GUESTS:**

Dennis Carnahan  
Deborah Fritzler

Matthew Benak

## **I. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

## **II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dennis Carnahan from Keepers of the Rock, a volunteer group that maintains Rock Park in partnership with the Town's Teen Court program, along with Deborah Fritzler from Teen Court, provided the Parks and Recreation Commission an overview of the programs in 2016. Teen Court is a criminal diversion program aimed at youth with minor offenses as an alternative to the justice system. Trained teens conduct peer panels and trials to determine appropriate sanctions for offenders. One sanction is to conduct community service through trail maintenance with Keepers of the Rock. Once community service hours are completed, the criminal charges are dismissed.

Overall, the program provides accountability, creates safety, contributes to positive skill development, decreases recidivism and functions as a positive, peer-pressure teen program. Teen Court has seen great success with a



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93 - 97% completion rate, and roughly 65 - 85 kids have been served annually since the program started in 2008. This year's focus through Keepers of the Rock was on distributing crusher fines along trails and manually removing knapweed. In total, 687 volunteer hours or \$16,000 worth of labor was performed at Castle Rock's iconic Rock Park.

### III. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING (REVIEW / APPROVAL)

- ACTION:** Approve the minutes from the October 19, 2016 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting as transcribed.
- MOTION:** Tim Miller
- SECOND:** Michael Waggoner
- Motion passes 5-0

### IV. WATER RESOURCES STRATEGIC MASTER PLAN

*Presented By Matthew Benak, Water Resources Manager for the Town of Castle Rock*

Matt Benak presented the Water Resources Strategic Master Plan to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Key points included:

- Given the growth of Castle Rock, the Denver Basin is depleting at a rate of 30 feet per year.
- 85 - 90% of Castle Rock's water supply comes from deep water wells or aquifers, like the Denver Basin, that are 600 - 2,000 feet deep.
- Castle Rock has accordingly set a goal of sourcing 75% of its water from renewable sources such as streams, reservoirs, alluvial wells, etc. and 25% from deep groundwater sources such as aquifers.
- Castle Rock is seeking to diversify its water sources through increasing storage in reservoirs like Rueter-Hess and Chatfield, purchasing additional water rights or reusing water rights, and by implementing conservation efforts to reduce demand.
- Matt Benak also highlighted the need to keep customer costs consistent with inflation overtime and provide incentives to residents to limit personal usage.

### V. OPEN DISCUSSION ON PARKS AND RECREATION NEEDS

*Presented By Jeff Brauer, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Jeff Smullen, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation*

Jeff Brauer and Jeff Smullen opened a general discussion on the future needs of



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the Parks and Recreation Department. Commission members provided the following suggestions:

- Indoor hockey arena
- Large sports complex to attract regional customers and function as economic catalyst
- Increased connectivity of trails throughout Town and additional, specialized trails for users such as runners, horseback riders, etc.
- Investment in water-based recreation like Rueter-Hess to provide alternative recreational opportunities to residents
- Local race series
- Educational series focused on health
- Building an additional or replacing current Recreation Center with a new facility to better serve growing community
- Increased private-public partnerships

## VI. UPDATE FROM T.A.G. REPRESENTATIVE

*Presented By Josie Mekelburg, T.A.G. Representative*

In October, the Teen Advisory Group volunteered at two Halloween events, Spooktacular and the Castle of Terror. Spooktacular provided thousands of residents the opportunity to trick-or-treat and play festive games in the safe environment of the Miller Activity Complex leading up to Halloween. Hosted by the Castle Rock Fire Department, the Castle of Terror is a haunted house that raises funds for the Fire and Police Explorers program.

Looking ahead, T.A.G. will be busy preparing for the Giving Tree program throughout the holiday season and the Daddy Daughter Ball in February.

## VII. PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR COMMENTS

*Presented By Jeff Brauer, Director of Parks and Recreation*

Elections took place and new Councilmembers Jess Loban, James Townsend and Jason Bower were elected to represent Districts 1, 2 and 4, respectively. Over the next few months, the new members will be initiated and introduced around Town. The TABOR surplus was also voted to be kept and used by the Town for improved local services like transportation, police, fire, and emergency medical purposes.

Jeff Brauer congratulated Tim Miller and Michael Waggoner for completing and graduating Civic Academy. The program was overall very successful and highly recommended.



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Festival Park's contract was approved and construction will begin in February. Construction is scheduled to end before Starlighting 2017. The Town Hall expansion project will also begin soon, as well as an installation of a roundabout at Third Street and Perry Street.

Spooktacular on October 29 went very well. The event had 1,300 attendees and raised \$3,000 for the Parks and Trails Foundation. Other upcoming events include Starlighting, which is expected to have 20,000 people in attendance, Colorado Gives Day on December 6 and Santa at the Millhouse on December 16.

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Brian Glotzbach  
**SECOND:** Tim Miller  
Motion passes 5-0

