



Parks & Recreation Board Meeting
October 16th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:	Adam Six, Chairman; Stacy Sommer, Member; Lacey Forrey, Member; Jennifer Dalrymple, Member
Board Members Absent:	Israel Schwope, Member
Broadwater County (BC) Staff Present	Nichole Brown, Director Broadwater County Community Development; Lindsey Richtmyer, Commissioner Liaison
Broadwater County (BC) Staff Absent:	none
Guests:	John Bleile, Vanessa Flynn, Traci Maughan, Debi Randolph, Erin Fryer, Jesse Swenson via phone
Secretary:	Aubra Lewis, Administrative Assistant

80 % of the Board members present and accounted for. Quorum reached for start of meeting.

Regular Meeting

1. Adam Six called the Public Meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.
2. All who were present were asked to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Public Comment on Items Not Included on Agenda
 - a. Adam spoke with Pat Plantenburg
 1. Spring toys at Heritage Park need an upgrade
 2. Plastic on swings needs repair
 3. Stacy Sommer has money, received one bid, and has an Eagle Scout willing to work. She gave a report on replacements. We will discuss in future meetings.
4. **Approve Minutes**
 - a. Correction to Holloway Park Gazebo Grant was received from Broadwater County Community Foundation to BCDC not to the Rec Board
 - b. Motion from Stacy to accept the minutes with that correction. Lacey seconded.
 - i. No further discussion.
 - ii. Motion carried.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Centerville/Mill Rd. Road Project
 - i. Stacy filed paper work at the county for the two approaches. Grant is under Helena's Playable Playground to Graymont for the trail. She requested \$38,000 for gravel, dirt work, benches, exercise equipment. There is a deadline to start.
 - ii. Discussion about needing to have approval from the county before any work begins and having a Master Plan through a certified engineering firm, which would encourage public meetings and input. Great West is used by the county. Discussion about how that would work with the current plan drafted and if surrounding areas should be included in the Master Plan. Adam will reach out to Great West.
 - iii. A review of the history of the plan was given, as well as what was included in the land acquisition
 - iv. Stacy will be put on a Commissioner's Agenda

- v. Community Groups presented their thoughts on expansion and impact of increased youth involvement on current space availability
 - 1. John Bleile – presentation for baseball, small fry flag football, small fry football, Elkhorn basketball
 - a. Idea for three baseball fields which would also give space for football, soccer, walking park, bike trails
 - 2. Vanessa Flynn – presented an interest in the community for high school baseball team and soccer teams. Partnership between school and county on maintenance and radio was discussed.
 - 3. Traci Maughan – presentation for soccer
 - a. 93 kids playing soccer this fall at Holloway Park
 - b. Needs a place to store equipment and enough space of 2 fields for each age level
 - 4. Erin Fryer – presentation for girl's fast pitch softball – needing more facilities
 - 5. Jesse Swenson – presentation for Old Baldy Golf Course, future ideas - remodeling one green, pump for irrigation, another 9 holes. Issues with MT ditch and water
 - 6. Discussion on bringing in a facilitator to pull all groups together
 - b. Fall Fest Tip update – collected approximately \$400.00
 - a. City of Townsend Website – no update
 - b. Holloway Park Gazebo
 - i. The two tables have been placed and are ready to be bolted down
 - 1. A time will be planned to meet there and decide where to place them
 - b. Connor's Field Infrastructure – no update
 - c. Swimming Pool Enhancement/Sustainability – no update
 - i. Rotary Peace Pole Meditation Park – was given to Adam at Fish Wildlife and Parks, BOR will write a support letter
 - d. Folf Course – no update
 - e. YMCA/CARB (Community Advisory and Research Board) - No update
 - f. Land and Water Conservation Fund Update
 - i. Stacy submitted the grant for Centerville, but our project is not large enough for matching funds. We will reapply next year.
- 6. New Business**
- a. Heritage Park discussion about replacements to spring toys and swings
- 7. Items for Discussion**
- a. 3-year term expirations – Adam Six and Stacy Sommers
 - i. Vacancies will be advertised and letters from interested parties, including interested community members will need to be submitted. The Parks and Recreation Board will vote to make a recommendation. The recommendation will go before the Commissioners to be appointed in January.
 - b. Nichole will reach out to Great West this week for an informal conversation.
 - c. Water was mentioned as a large concern for the Centennial Park.
 - d. Trails group is looking to connect Connors to Indian Creek.
 - e. Financial Balance is \$36, 058.68. Transfers out - \$688.80. Projects outstanding – lighting in a panel and pay for the rest of the toilet
8. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 20th at 6:00 p.m. at the Flynn Building.
9. Adam adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Aubra J. Lewis, Administrative Assistant

Date

Approved:

Adam Six, Chairman

Date