

Town of Nederland, Colorado
Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

6:30 pm, Thursday, August 20th, 2009
Nederland Community Center

Members Present: Lee, Masters, Wight, Harrison, Lindseth, Wilkening, Harrison, Nowicki

Guests Present: Paul Turnburke, Joe Gierlach, Scott Hammers, Sue Churches, Ron Mitchell, Jennifer Boehnert

1. **Approval of Minutes from July 18th:** minutes unanimously approved

2. **GIS demo by Computer Terrain Mapping and Decision Support Resources**

3. **Jennifer Boehnert: Chipeta Park Playground Improvement**

The park is currently not set up for toddlers. How can this become a project that has support and potential? Jennifer has contacted Design Concepts to look at community built playground designs. Paul Turnburke said that the existing Chipeta park playground represents stage one of a longer project that originally consisted of two more stages. Paul will get the original plans to Jennifer. He proposed the creation of “Friends of Chipeta Park”, an organization that could fund raise for the costs of additional playground equipment. Jennifer Boehnert and Jennifer Wilkening will work together to see if this idea is feasible and cost effective with the understanding that it may be a long process.

4. **Trails Project Update and Comm. Ctr Connector: Paul Turnburke**

Qwest lines and fiber optics should be lowered into the ground soon. A grading contractor has proposed for a subcontractor to build the sub-walls along the trail within a week or two. An asphalt contractor for the DDA will be contacted within the next week to get a bid to surface the trail while they are in the area.

5. **Trails signs: Trustee Masters**

Trustee Masters discussed the minor changes to the Wild Bear and Historical Society sign content. He is working on updating master map sign with new GIS materials that were recently received.

Member Wight will organize a day to install signs and blazes. On the agenda for the next meeting should be where to put the recreation themed interpretive sign and other signs so that these can be installed.

There is a need to review town-owned parcels to identify possibilities for future trails and recreation projects including fishing access. There has been a past open space acquisition study that might be accessible for this process.

Trustee Masters brought up the question: “Could the town have a capital improvements fund that could be used for matching funds for grants that would be slated for future trails and recreation projects?” The town pays fourteen thousand dollars a year for the Mary Wingate property from gaming funds provided for open space acquisition. Are there better ways to allocate these funds that would serve more people?

6. Boating On Barker: Members Lindseth and Wilkening

They are in the process of organizing a meeting with the safety and fire protection agencies to discuss the concerns and feasibility of this project.

The insurance for boating is not a large monetary issue if we look at Lake Estes as a model. We need to know if CIRSA insures Lake Estes and to look into the details of Georgetown’s lake and Boulder Reservoir to gather more information.

7. Gateway Park update: Randy Lee

Survey results in order of popularity: mixed use, open space, boating, soccer, ball sports, bouldering, disk golf.

The C.U. Learning Landscapes program has been contacted to see if they can be of assistance in site planning. Students in a college course would lay some of the potential groundwork. The discussion of this possibility has begun. Suggestions for this process are to make sure that students visit with PROSAB multiple times throughout the process and to get the perspective from the town and existing organizations about maintenance.

8. Forest Issues

The Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) will most likely be funded by the county. This will be approximately twenty thousand dollars with another five thousand supplied by the Nederland Fire Dept. The IPFA has sent out an RFP and received proposals for the creation of the CWPP. The IPFA has contacted the county in order to get money for employee time and equipment for slash pick-up on Saturday October 10th. This will consist of a chipper, dump trucks and volunteers. Peak to Peak Wood (a nonprofit) will pick up any logs that are of specific sizes. The sizes are posted on the town’s website.

Meeting Adjourned