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PORT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Town Board Room
807 Mountain Avenue
Town of Berthoud, Colorado
Wednesday, December 7, 2022, 6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

- T. Grover called meeting to order at 6:04PM.

2. Roll Call

- Tim Grover – Chair - Here
- Lauren Roth – Vice Chair - Here
- Anna Murphy – Secretary - Here
- Jose Cabrera – Here
- Carolyn Hobson – Here
- Callie West - Here
- Vacancy – Not here
- Daniel Hatton, BYAC Liaison – Not here.
- Kar Ayers – Here
- Keith Knoll, Staff Representative – Here

3. Approval of Minutes - Wednesday November 2, 2022

- C. Hobson motion to approve minutes with a minor edit. L. Roth seconded. All in favor. Minutes approved.

4. Public Comment – Non-Discussion Items

- Kelly (virtual), homeowner near Richardson Park had no comments

5. Discussion Items

- **A. Pioneer Park Expansion** – Keith Knoll, Public Works Operations Manager.
 - K. Knoll gave a brief history of the property purchase. Construction for Pioneer Park will be expanded to the North of the current parking lot. Property will be maintained by neighborhood. This playground is a unique structure compared to other parks in the town. K. Knoll proposed having solid rubber at the park (instead of mulch). While rubber may get hot in the summer, it is proposed as a low-maintenance option for town staff and a nice surface to walk on. K. Knoll presented two options to the PORT

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committee for a playground, including a tower structure with ropes and slides. A third option was included by PORT, including elements from both the first and second options. The majority of the board voted for the first option, while all three options did receive votes. Anticipated start date is in 2023.

- **B. Richardson Park Update** – Keith Knoll, Public Works Operations Manager
 - K. Knoll sought feedback on the current Richardson Park plans and the current proposal for “phases”. K. Knoll noted the natural grading determined placement of different amenities.
 - PORT recommendation for phases 2 & 3 were as follows:
 - Phase 1: Bike Park (roadway has begun)
 - Phase 2: PORT Committee strongly agreed the baseball fields (with or without playground) were the priority. In order to finish Town Park, baseball fields should be completed at Richardson.
 - Phase 3: Athletic fields and swimming area.
 - Phases 4&5: TBD
 - K. Knoll proposed turf for baseball and athletic fields for water conservation. Concerns were raised about heat on turf in the summer and issues with small pieces of asphalt. There are different types of turfgrass, and this will be reviewed. K. Knoll mentioned the turf fields would have sprinklers to cool them off.
 - Discussion on the water park proposal. The current Richardson plan shows a “water park” setup. It was highlighted that the Berthoud Recreation Center currently has a lazy river and other such amenities. There is currently not a meter size swimming pool with 6-8 lanes in the town. The small lap swim pool at the rec center (3 lanes) is not sufficient, and the Town Park pool was shut down. Many PORT committee members expressed the need to have this type of amenity, whether for lap swimming, general outdoor swimming, physical therapy, or potential for local swim team to use or host swim meets. On the flip side, this pool would only be able to be used seasonally and Focus for this meeting was to prioritize phases. Discussion on water park/swim area should continue.
 - Richardson park may be re-named. Could have a local company sponsor.

6. Staff updates – Parks, Open Space, Recreation, Trails

- K. Knoll noted previous bike park has begun.
- Promoted parks worker (Sami Kuhns) to parks supervisor (been with town for 10 years). Her experience in athletic fields. Christmas lights are up, and they look great.
- There is a Christmas light contest in town with an interactive map. 42 entries in total.
- Fickel park restroom is in. It’s supposed to rust on the bottom. Older look, four season, heated.
- No meeting in January.
- No applicants yet for vacant PORT committee position.
- In-house person taking care of the Town communications. Facebook posts getting more likes.

- Craft fair last Saturday (52 vendors). Sunday, Santa Claus came (175 families came through). Dec. 7th is the glow swim (50 families currently registered).
- Berthoud Rec. Center promotion: Buy an annual membership, get 13th month free. About ¼ of people have already renewed.
- Snow Fest – Fickel Park – tentative date is in January on Massachusetts and 3rd (new location to promote visiting downtown businesses). Tucked away by old town hall/railroad tracks.
- First and third street upgrades. Board decided to make 3rd street Northbound only (can close off to pedestrian). Across the street from Ace Hardware will be an open space park.

7. Committee updates

- C. Hobson requested an update on disc golf and Jaskowski update. None to report.
- A. Murphy – Question on signage. There are two types of signs: 1) an amenity sign e.g., rusted metal, and 2) a gateway sign e.g., at entry of Waggener farm parks (more expensive). Plan is to utilize these two types of signs at all entrances to parks, trails, etc...Keep consistency.
- T. Grover – Thanks to snow cleaning crew for their work snowblowing.
- L. Hobson – Thanks to Amanda for handling an incident professionally.
- J. Cabrera – Also thanked Amanda and the Rec Center staff. He was with a client. She has been living in Berthoud for 20+ years but has met so many people through Berthoud's Rec Center programs (e.g., craft fairs, card leagues, plays/concerts/dinners, adult active events/leagues, etc...)
- Karl – 3rd street update. Town passed policy update parks close from sunset to sunrise. Policy allow for law enforcement discretion. Any individual park may post additional hours.

8. Adjourn.

- T. Grover motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:26PM. All in favor.

Next meeting: February 4, 2022 @ 6:00 pm. If you require a special accommodation, please contact the Town Clerk 24 hours in advance at (970) 532-2643.

Respectfully submitted
 Anna Murphy
 Secretary, PORT Committee