



CROWN MOUNTAIN
PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

**“Creating community legacy through parks and recreation”
February 12, 2019**

Board Members Present: Tim Power Smith, Bonnie Scott, Robert Hubble, Kirk Schneider.

Staff Present: Becky Wagner, Nate Grinzinger

Public Present: None

Board Members not present: Jenn Riffle

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 6:01pm

Jenn is excused by Robert. Second by Tim.

Change of Board Positions

Bonnie Scott-President

Tim Power Smith-Vice President

Kirk Schneider-Treasurer

New board meeting times will be the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6pm. All board members present are in favor of the new dates and time. Becky will reserve the Eagle County Building for those dates and get back to the board on board meeting dates for 2019.

New snow day policy: The district will conform to the RE-1 school district and their snow day policy. If RE-1 cancels school, the board will automatically cancel meetings. The board is all in favor of adopting this new policy.

Public Comment:

None

Motion to approve 1-2019 payables & petty cash

Motion to approve the payables by Bonnie. Robert seconds. All in favor.

Approval of December 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Tim motions to approve. Bonnie seconds. All in favor.

Directors Report

CIP Update/Maintenance Smart Sheets

New park rules signage has been ordered and will be placed at the volleyball structure, entry into the pavilion, eagle county building entry, and tennis court entry. We ended up \$353 over budget for this project. Placement of the signs will happen once the ground thaws.

BMX turns are scheduled to be asphalted the beginning of May. We are working with 360 paving, they asphalted the BMX track in Vail and have expertise to do this type of asphaltting. Soil tac has been ordered, Aspen Landscaping will be applying the soil tac to the track after the turns are asphalted.

A new set of U14 and U12 kwik goals have been ordered with new nets. We are \$2784 under budget.

Someone drove over the volleyball posts at the volleyball court. Becky ordered one set of new volleyball posts. They will be placed once the ground thaws in spring. She will be taking this \$886 expense out of the Volleyball sand line item. There is still over \$4000 left in that line item for additional sand.

Pavilion remodel is coming along well. Rick painted and cleaned the walls. Epoxy was applied to the floors and really have freshened up the space. Nate asked if the board would like to see additional changes outside of what is in the current budget. He was thinking double sinks, automatic faucets, etc. Bonnie would love to see additional upgrades. Becky will get BID's on additional changes and get back to the board.

The current budget has \$6000 for batting cages. We will be working with Mid-Valley Metro, Casey Concrete, & Little League to get additional funding to put in two batting cages with poured concrete (one at each baseball field). Our goal is to raise an additional \$14k in cash and in-kind to make this happen. Currently we have all the posts, some of the turf and concrete donated.

Aspen Valley Landscaping will be installing the irrigation and landscaping around the pond this spring. We had SGM and Bill Reynolds come over to help determine the right way to hookup the well to the pond. Bill Reynolds will be helping us excavate and run the appropriate pipe for this project in spring.

Renner will be resurfacing the tennis & basketball courts late June. They will also be resetting tennis court #3 tennis posts. We are currently under budget for this project.

DHM will be providing the park with a weed management and drill seeding plan for the summer. We are adding grasses that can handle the traffic as well as some grasses that add color to the landscape.

We are in the process of purchasing lawn equipment from John Deere. We are waiting to get the trade-in value on the current 110 John Deere Tractor. We will be receiving this equipment towards the end of March.

Ice on the mile loop has been an issue. We have a variety of problem spots that freeze at night and melt during the day. We have put up cones and signage around the mile loop and continue to work on

drainage at the park. We may want to consider putting in additional drainage wells at the park this summer in the major problem spots.

The cross-country ski track is up and running. We have a volunteer track setter that has been helping with the track. Luckily the weather the last couple weeks has worked for us and we have enough snow to use the groomer on the track. The groomer has an ice cutter on the front of it, and it is made for use on snow 12 inches deep. Our volunteer track setter has figured out a way to prop the ice cutter up allowing us to use it on smaller amounts of snow. Even with a good snow year it is really hard to get the right conditions to make this a great cross-country ski track. The temperatures and open area make it hard to hold snow more than 2 months out of the year. We are considering cancelling the track all together.

Bike Park Design Presentation

Progressive Trail Designs has designed a master plan for biking at Crown valued at \$20,000 for only \$5,000. We are waiting on the cost to build the track we should have that for our next meeting.

The board really liked the designs for the park and feel it will create a great avenue for additional programming for kids at the park.

Robert feels we should consider funding a portion of the park in our budget for next year.

Becky mentioned we could try to get a GOCO grant next year to fund part of the project.

Nate mentioned we will be looking for a lot of in-kind sponsorships from dirt to asphalt millings to concrete. We could also look at bringing Eric Bress in to help create some of the features to bring the costs down. Ultimately it is best to have the designer build the track.

Financial Update

Jon Erickson presented the preliminary December 2018 financial statements. Overall expenditures were underbudget for the year, due primarily to not receiving a GOCO grant and subsequently not executing the project. General revenues slightly exceeded budget due to additional programming revenues. General expenses were underbudget as well, due to not filling a full-time position during 2018.

Amenity vs Participant Research

Establishing park priorities can be hard to figure out and can cost a lot of money. Research from NRPA is showing that surveys and public feedback are not the most reliable data out there. In the NRPA article, Overcoming Flaws of a Needs Assessment they found that surveys typically have close ended questions that don't paint an accurate picture, and they lack important details. Open meetings attract the minority or "squeaky wheels" or people who are subjectively involved in disagreement.

The district reached out to athletic directors, club organizers, & recreation departments from Glenwood Springs to Aspen to document registered users for all types of athletics in the Valley. The second piece of data came from the type of indoor and outdoor amenities currently existing

in the Roaring Fork Valley. We used all numbers to determine ratios of amenities to athletic participants in the Roaring Fork Valley.

Results showed the following:

- 89% of parks are less than 5 acres
- The most outdoor amenities include playgrounds and tennis courts
- The most indoor amenities include meeting spaces, fitness facilities, gymnasiums
- El Jebel currently has the least amount of amenities and facilities. Currently the only indoor recreation facility is the Eagle County Building.
- Top Participation rates include: Soccer 2864, Baseball 1200, Hockey 1,065
- Current Indoor amenity needs include:
 - hockey 355pp/sheet of ice
 - gymnastics 225pp/gym
 - Soccer, baseball, lax, football no facilities
- Current outdoor amenity needs include:
 - Hockey 213pp/sheet of ice
 - soccer 102pp/field

Crown Mountain Park & Recreation District already fills a huge outdoor amenity gap in the Mid-Valley by having the largest and only sports complex. The question is, does the Crown Board feel we have a responsibility to provide indoor facilities for local sports if we come across an opportunity? Do we feel it is best for Crown to continue to look at the feasibility of a sports complex in the Mid-Valley and if so, should we allocate funds toward feasibility study, research or architecture?

Robert Hubbell mentioned he feels a sports complex that can accommodate soccer, baseball, lax, football, gymnastics is something he is considering building on his land in El Jebel. He believes it is the biggest need in the Roaring Fork Valley. He will refrain from voting on anything regarding the fieldhouse due to his family's interest in building such facility.

Tim believes there is a need for a multiuse facility not so much a Recreation Center but a fieldhouse. Tim asked if something like this would trigger intersection improvements. Becky mentioned that it would. Tim would like to see something in writing from Eagle County. The park has that statement in writing from Eagle County.

Bonnie believes it should be our number one priority for the park district. It is our responsibility to provide these types of services to the community. We should at least determine the feasibility of a fieldhouse.

Becky will move forward and talk to GreenPlay to see what it would cost to run a feasibility study for a fieldhouse and get back to the board during the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Bonnie. Robert seconds. All in favor.

Chairman Signature _____