



“Creating a Community Legacy through Parks and Recreation”
July 15, 2020

Board Members Present: Tim Power Smith, Kirk Schneider, Leroy Duroux, Bonnie Scott (on speaker phone)

Staff Present: Becky Wagner

Public Present: Toni Kronberg, Sheldon Wolitski, Scott Condon

6:00 **Meeting called to order at 6:00**
Public Comment: None

6:02 **Leroy motion’s to approve the agenda. Second from Kirk. All in favor.**

6:05 **Kirk motions to approve the June 10, 2020 Minutes. Leroy seconds. All in favor.**

6:10 **Approval of June 2020 payables.**
Leroy motions to approve the payable. Kirk seconds. All in favor.

6:15 **Sheldon Wolitski- Mid-Valley Sports Complex Conceptual Presentation**
Sheldon Wolitski is a hockey player from Western Canada, moved to the Roaring Fork Valley 5 years ago. Sheldon is interested in building and operating a high-performance institute in the Valley that will be run by veterans. This project is a community building project that will focus on physical and mental health. This is not about making money; it’s about making the community better. He wants to make it a one stop shop for everyone. This project would be done in phases. First phase would include a hockey academy. Sheldon is looking to purchase 6-8 acres of land.

Tim is an advocate for indoor facilities. Leroy asked what the role of Crown Mtn Park in this facility? Sheldon mentioned he has never done anything like this before and could use guidance from the district on this process. He also mentioned he utilizes the park every day and keeping it close to Crown Mountain Park makes a lot of sense.

Toni Kronberg supports this project and believes this could help the District come up with a plan to acquire the forest service land. Toni believes there is a lot of underserved kids in the area.

Kirk says the biggest issue with the proposed Recreation Center in 2012 was the intersection and funding. He believes the public would be open ears with this idea if the funding wasn’t on the tax-payers.

Becky mentioned that Eagle County is proposing a new intersection plan to C-Dot that puts the price tag on improving the intersection around 1 million dollars.

Directors Report:

The roaring fork soccer club is wanting to run a valley league through Crown Mountain Park this fall. Currently they run a league through the Colorado Soccer Association and they travel throughout the state. Parents are interested in playing local due to COVID-19. As of right now we can have recreational leagues outside with up to 25 players. I feel it is something we should consider to-keep our kids active. Tim, Leroy and Kirk all agreed this was a good idea.

We started asbestos removal in the storage buildings this week. This should be completed by the end of next week.

A large main line pipe that feeds the pump for the irrigation system has a crack in it. The pipes are from the 60's, we are searching for replacement parts with similar bolt patterns. We may need to consider reconstructing the entire pipe system.

DHM has presented us with the first draft of the park plan. Sheldon's concept could change our plans, Becky would like to hold off on these plans until we have a better grasp on what Sheldon is looking at constructing.

All sections of the Bike Park are open to the public. This really has been a community effort to complete this project. The list of volunteers, businesses and community members involved in this project is substantial and will be posted in the newspaper.

Holy Cross: 3k in-kind poles, 5K cash
Mid-Valley Metro: 11,800 in-kind machinery, materials, 15K cash
BME 7200K- in-kind wood stumps, hauling, mulch
Aspen Valley Landscaping 2K- in-kind soil tac application
Bricor 14,700K- in-kind 500 cubic yards of dirt
Heyl Construction 14K- in-kind clay dirt
Aspen Diggers- 124K in-kind materials
Eagle County: 15K cash
Alpine Bank: 17,500K cash
First Bank: 10K cash

Hats off to Nate on his research, dedication, and networking to ensure this project is one of the best in the country. Rick Meyer, Robert Smith, Andrew Mann, Jared McDermott, and Andrew Putnam have worked hard to save the district money and make sure this project was done right.

Staff savings:
Inhouse landscaping (savings 25K)
Shade structure install (savings 8K)
Drainage install (savings 8K)
Pump track build (compacted, rock cleanup, Savings 450K)
Cross Country BME Discount (Savings 120K)

Total savings: 611K

As far as our budget goes, right now we are at a break-even on this project which is unheard of with all the changes we have faced due to COVID-19. Total cost to build this project 1.2 million dollars.

Here is how we were able to break-even on this project

Inkind Donations: 200K

Cash Donations: 47,500 K

Grants: 183K

Staff Savings & Discounts: 611K

Total Savings: \$1,041,500

I can confidently say Crown Mountain Park has hands down done more for the health of the community (physically, mentally and economically) this year than anyone in the Roaring Fork Valley.

Our biking camps are full.

Our seniors have a safe place to walk and watch kids play

All shelters at the park are used for schooling children

We launched the first special event this summer

We created jobs for many people that have lost jobs.

Our park has had yoga classes and crossfit classes

Our soccer clinics are full

We are about to get involved as a food drive location.

Overall really proud of all the things that have been accomplished this year and glad to be part of this team.

6:35

In-person Bike Park tour of features

People present: Toni Kronberg, Mary Elisabeth, Kirk Schneider, Tim Power
Smith, Leroy Duroux.

7:30

Kirk motions to adjourn at 7:30pm. Leroy seconds. All in favor.