



“Creating a Community Legacy through Parks and Recreation”
Eagle County Building (special meeting)
November 6, 2023

Board Members Present: Leroy Duroux, Ted Bristol, Heather Lewin, Trevor Lalonde, Shelley Freedman

Excused: N/A

Staff Present: Becky Wagner, Nate Grinzinger

Public Present: None

12:00 **Agenda:**

Motion to approve by Ted. Second by Trevor. All in favor.

12:05 **History & Vision**

2016- Vibrancy, bring people to the park! Summerfest, created the pond, added party options. Reserve study shows we are the red.

2018- Election- Become financially sustainable, understand our backlog maintenance and tackle old projects.

2019- Create a cost recovery model. Prepare for growth and ensure financial responsibility.

2020- COVID- The park is the only facility open in the Roaring Fork Valley. The Bike Park is built. People flock here for movies in the park, BMX races and the excitement of the only construction going on in the Valley while the country is shutting down.

2021- Numbers to the park quadruple. People are moving here from around the country. The bike park picks up traction from the around the state. People know who we are now.

2023- Master plan is conducted to gather input from the changing community, update our PUD and reassess our reserve study from 2016.

2024- Our goal for 2024 is to finish backlog maintenance at the park consistent with our reserve study. Become an automatic functioning machine that is extremely efficient. Create a work environment that is sustainable for low staff numbers in the future.

2025-2026- Influx of traffic anticipated to the park. Make facilities year round to allow for growth, always keeping in mind ongoing maintenance costs of those facilities. Keep considering housing options for staff.

Financial 10-year projections

Numbers look promising whether we chose to take the full amount of taxes or give a tax credit. Jon recommends giving a .9 mill tax credit in 2024 and .5 mill tax credit to follow each year after that. If there are any big projects we don't have to give the tax credit. With these new assessed values Jon feels we can do any of the projects below without asking the tax payers for a bond.

2024- Projects

Playground replacement
Pond & ditch landscaping
Asphalt free ride section
Reconfigure back bowl

trampoline
baseball fence
utility upgrades
recycle asphalt millings

Abandoned Building:

The board unanimously supports prioritizing a new roof on the building and would be interested in taking over the lease for the abandoned building in 2024. The board feels this should be our top priority. Becky will need to determine potential uses for the building and an operational plan.

Synthetic Turf

Overall, the board likes the location of synthetic turf by the volleyball area. Heather is still factoring the increase in demand per the cost associated for turf at \$1MM. Trevor agrees.

Heather and Leroy feel that synthetic turf offers close to the same use and demand as the existing grass fields. Overall, the board agrees synthetic turf is too costly to move forward on at this time. It would be another conversation if it was funded by a private party.

Crown Mtn Park Planned Use Development

The PUD is due to Eagle County December 10th. Crown is attempting to pull out the extensive Design Review Process that is mostly in place due to the approved Recreation Center from the past. Crown is looking for more flexibility with its PUD so they can continue to make an impact in their community without all the red tape. Crown will designate active & passive recreation areas and look for flexibility within the allowable use of those categories.

3:38 **Ted motions to adjourn. Shelley seconds. All in favor.**