



PARKS COMMISSION AMENDED FROM 11/9

Tuesday, November 08, 2022 at 5:00 PM

Palmer Lake Town Hall – 28 Valley Crescent, Palmer Lake, Colorado

MINUTES

Call to Order. Commissioner Reid Wiecks called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

Roll Call. Present: Phyllis Head, Gene Kalesti, Reid Wiecks, Mike Pietsch, Lindsey Leiker. Not Present: Cindy Powell, Ande Furrer. Others present: staff – Dawn Collins, Tish Torweihe; public – Nicole Currier.

1. Introduction of New Parks Commissioner. Reid introduced and welcomed Gene Kalesti as the new Parks Commission chair to serve for the next two years.

Approval of Minutes

2. Approval of Minutes from 10/11/22 Meeting. MOTION (Lindsey, Mike) to approve the minutes from 10/11/22. Motion passed 5-0.

3. Approval of Minutes from 10/25/22 Special Meeting. MOTION (Lindsey, Mike) to approve the minutes from 10/25/22. Motion passed 5-0.

Petty Cash Report. Mike reported a deposit of \$100 to the Parks donation fund made to the Town office in excess of the \$500 limit to Parks donation account and, after expenses, reported a new total of \$446.75 of petty cash.

Public Works Supervisor Report. Collins reported for Jason Dosch on the following – CORE planning for electrical at bridge and south parking lot; millings donated for the parking across from TLCA and the east side of lake (County) parking area; resignation of Quentin Davis; staff mulching northern parking area of ped bridge.

Town Administrator Report. Collins reported on items 4-6 noting the YTD kiosk net revenue; listed the purchases used for CTF funds; updated that the Little League MOU was approved and final improvements to be brought back to the Parks Commission and Board of Trustees; completion of the Parks flyer to be distributed through the Chamber to various visitor centers.

Chair Wiecks requested taking item 11 next to benefit Ms. Nicole Currier.

11. Update GOCO Grant. Ms. Nicole Currier discussed better ways for communication to gather the information for future grants. She suggested appointing contact people. She spoke about the collaboration of the Parks Commission members, staff and Awake Palmer Lake and inquired about improving the process for future grants. Discussion about water took place for natural grass vs. artificial turf. Lindsey stated that the turf discussion felt rushed, and more time was needed to gather additional data. Reid also discussed logs that can be used for a natural bridge extending over Creekside

Trail and possible new hike trails added. The town will provide more data to support the trails. Gene suggested historical trails research by phone calls can be used for future data collection. It was agreed that a workshop including all interested parties to create a solid plan for Centennial Park was in order and to plan for January.

Business Items

7. Mountain Bike Race. Commissioner Wiecks explained a preliminary discussion he had with two individuals about a multi-lap bike race sponsored by PLEDG. He offered that the group work with Commissioner Leiker.

8. Finalize Holiday Lights Contest. A review of the reduced categories took place, the flyer and judging will be Sunday 12/18.

Centennial Park

9. Review Bench Placement. The bench originally by Centennial will be placed in the Glen east of the tennis court. Mike and Reid planned on Wed., about noon to get it done.

10. Update of Phantom of The Lake "Glow Round." Reid reviewed the email from Greg F providing an update of the event and also requested a workshop to review upcoming disc golf course updates/changes.

11. Update GOCO Grant. Discussed first.

Glen Park

12. Creekside Trail Condition and Extension. Reid reported the trail conditions are not good including Epworth Hwy creek area. It was suggested to check with volunteer groups to assist in the cleanup.

13. Identify Use of Kiosk Funds. Year to date the kiosk generated in excess of \$42,000 net revenue and some of the funds can help with Parks costs. Discussion took place about the tennis court resurfacing. It was agreed to review the survey results to prioritize funds.

14. Update Tennis Courts. Reid met with Renner to discuss the proposed work on the tennis court. Reid reviewed the proposal and noted a few missed items. Discussion took place about the pickleball court set up and to refine the proposal for the Commission members to prioritize projects at a future workshop.

Public Comment. None.

Lindsey Leiker left the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Report of Other Meetings. Reid stated that he met with Interim Fire Chief Vincent about wildfire awareness and working on education of private landowners. He stated the trails are difficult to find at this time with the mitigation work around the reservoir and need to be cleared. Discussion took place about identifying other areas to connect trails. Gene mentioned he is gathering information to establish public property boundaries.

Next Meeting (Nov 22) and Future Items. Discussion took place to cancel the November 22 meeting and hold a workshop on December 13 prior to the regular meeting. Topics were discussed.

Adjourn. Commissioner Wiecks adjourned the meeting at 6:49 pm.

Minutes by: Tish Torweihe, Admin Specialist