

Wellington Parks Advisory Board

Special Meeting

Minutes – July 19th, 2016

Following a Work Session on Centennial Park improvements, the special meeting of the Parks Advisory Board was called to order by Chairman Lorilyn Bockelman at 2:04p.m., July 19th, 2016 at the Leeper Center, 3800 Wilson Ave., Wellington, CO. The regular PAB meeting usually held at 6:30pm was cancelled.

MEMBERS PRESENT: JC Cox, Lorilyn Bockelman, Sarah Rice, Tim Singewald and Kathy Wydallis

MEMBERS ABSENT: Angie Billington & Ashley Schwader

PRESIDING: Chairman – Lorilyn Bockelman

ALSO PRESENT: Jim Miller – Public Works Supervisor and Ryan Abbott – Wellington Assistant Town Administrator.

1. Public to be Heard on Non-Agenda Items

None

2. Approval of Minutes

MEMBER RICE MOVED AND CHAIRMAN BOCKELMAN SECONDED to approve the minutes from the June 21st, 2016 meeting. Roll call was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

3. Old Business

a) Fishing Days with Kiwanis – August 6th and August 27th, 2016

Jim Miller reported that between 600 and 800 fish had died from lack of oxygen due to some unknown event after the restocking of the Wellville Ponds. Nancy Howard of Colorado Fish and Game has been attempting to find more fish to restock the ponds, but has so far been unsuccessful. There was discussion regarding cancelling the two Fishing Days if a new supply of fish could not be located.

MEMBER SINGEWALD MOVED AND MEMBER RICE SECONDED a motion that the Fishing Days be cancelled unless the PAB hears within one week that Colorado Fish and Game can restock the ponds. Roll call was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

If fish are restocked, the PAB will provide worms and drinking water. Member Rice will research buying worms online and Chairman Bockelman offered to store the leftover worms in her beer-fridge between the two events. Member Singewald will provide bottles of water originally obtained for the Grand Opening. Chairman Bockelman will contact the Kiwanis co-sponsors to tell them of the predicament, and Mr. Miller will continue to try contacting Nancy Howard for the purpose of obtaining more fish. Various PAB members offered to show up early on the Fishing Days to assemble fishing poles and also to contribute canopies and coolers/ice-filled garbage cans for the day.

MEMBER SINGEWALD MOVED AND MEMBER RICE SECONDED a motion to approve up to \$100 from the PAB budget for purchasing worms and ice. Roll call was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

b) Farmers Market Play Day - August 18th, 2016

There were no updates on the Play Day at the Farmers Market scheduled for Thursday, August 18th as Member Billington was absent. Member Rice will contact Member Billington in regards to the

status of borrowing Fort Collins' play equipment (big blue blocks) and has been in touch with a local business that would like to participate.

4. New Business

a) Centennial Park Recommendations

Chairman Bockelman indicated that there was no vote needed yet on issues discussed at the earlier Work Session. Wendy DuBord of Wellington's Main Street Program will be contacting the landscape architect professor at CU-Denver in regards to expanding on the conceptual plans his students had drawn up on Centennial Park and presented to the PAB in June 2015. She would ask that they incorporate suggestions made at the Work Session and will be contacting Chairman Bockelman with an update next week. Jim Miller reminded the PAB that utilities – sewer, electric, sprinkler systems – will need to be addressed before starting any construction. The consensus at the Work Session had been to start renovations at the west end (3rd Street) of Centennial Park. This would start park improvements that would not interfere with the operation of the Boys and Girls Club prior to their own relocation at their new (as yet, unbuilt) facility. The initial construction would include a restroom in the southwest corner and a small playground (nature-based, possibly with a dinosaur theme) in the northwest corner of Centennial Park. Mr. Miller indicated that the current sprinkler system would be mightily disrupted by the playground and suggested that a new sprinkler system be the first thing designed and installed to keep the park green throughout the construction period and to minimize future problems.

5. Other

Member Rice complimented Chairman Bockelman on her handling of the Work Session comprised of the PAB and 17 members of the community representing the Main Street Program, the Chamber of Commerce, the Community Activities Committee (CAC), the Boys & Girls Club, the Town and local businesses. The other members heartily agreed.

The next PAB meeting is scheduled for August 16th, 2016 at 6:30pm at the Leeper Center.

MEMBER SINGEWALD MOVED AND MEMBER WYDALLIS SECONDED the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 2:24pm.

Submitted by:



Kathy Wydallis, Secretary