

**Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
February 10, 2021
Virtual Meeting**

In Attendance:

Kris Larson – Chair
Faith Zachar – Member at Large
Sabrina Ryans- Member at Large
Sheena Adamson – Member at Large
La Vonne Rideout – Community Services
Adam Grose – Parks and Recreation
Rhonda Oczkowski – Parks and Recreation

Regrets:

Mark Barber- Council
Kari Grandoni – Vice Chair
Judy Lee – Member at Large

1. Call to Order

Kris Larson call the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Addition 6d. Community Night

Faith Zachar

That the Recreation Advisory Committee approve the February 10, 2021 agenda as amended
CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes

Sabrina Ryans

That the Recreation Advisory Committee approve the September 23, 2020 meeting minutes.
CARRIED

4. Delegation – Outdoor Basketball Court

Christy Gustavan presented on behalf of the Friends of St. Michaels on their desire to build a full-sized outdoor basketball court adjacent to St. Michaels School. They are presently looking for support from the Town in the engineering and basketball hoops/nets.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

a. Recreation Master Plan

Adam Grose informed the Committee that the master plan went to joint council and they have had a consultation with Expedition. The master plan will be available to the public for the first of March for consultation.

b. Re-opening of Facilities

Adam informed that the Stage 1 opening of covid restrictions will allow for one-one training and schools on the ice. The pool and gym will remain closed.

6. New Business

- a. **Participation and Choosewell Grant**
Rhonda Oczkowski asked of the Committee if there were any suggestions for activities to use the Choosewell grant. Suggestions were Nordic pole walking, fat bikes, cross country ski grooming. Rhonda has applied for the Participation grant to create a Gaga Ball Court.
- b. **Community Foundations Initiative**
A federal grant has just been released for applications in support of Healthy Communities Initiatives. The grant is in support of Covid recovery with emphasizes outdoor spaces, mobility, and digital accessibility.
- c. **Budget Deliberations Update**
Adam informed the Committee that council has not approved the trail system going from the HWY 6 to JJT Park as it infringes on M.D of Pincher Creek owned land. We are in consultation with the M.D. for permission and when all pieces are in place will go back to council with the proposal.
Council approved capital projects for the chemical storage room at the Multi Purpose Facility, Air Conditioning, and furnaces upgrades. New fencing around Central Park. Toddler park construction.
- d. **Community Night**
The annual council community information night is March 25. Council will give an update and take questions regarding Recreation, and the Recreation Master Plan.

7. Open Discussion/Reports

a. Department Reports

i. Programming and Event Report

Winter Walk 7 Jersey Day was February 3. It was well participated by the community according to pics sent in on social media.
Because of Covid-19 restrictions, events and programming has been limited. Keeping the community engaged and active by posting weekly "Snow & Tell"

ii. Pool, Arena & Parks Report

When the weather is accommodating ice will be made at the outdoor Castlevue Park. The arena is seeing minor hockey back with the opening of restrictions. Skating Club has decided to end their season. The pool staff has completed the scheduled shut down. They have been busy painting and cleaning. We are currently looking for candidates to fill the Parks coordinator position.

b. Members Reports

Sabrina Ryans – Visitations have been up and down at Castle Mtn. with the different conditions but overall having a very good season. Lots of outdoor activities such as snowshoeing and fat bikes.

Faith Zachar – There will be no football this spring. But are hoping to get flag football going. Start will be March 15th.

Sheena Adamson – High school sports have resumed. The cross country ski program has 4 coaches and great participation of about 30 kids in the program. 8 families from Pincher Creek.

Kris Larson – has observed that the off-leash dog park is very busy. Chris donated his time and truck to deliver skateboard park equipment purchased from Cardston. This spring the equipment will be assembled.

8. Next Meeting

March 17 @ 6:00, virtual

9. Adjournment

Sabrina adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.

March 17, 2021

Date

Approved Virtually

Kris Larson, Chair