



DRAFT Minutes

Larkspur Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

August 24th, 2009

Board Attendance:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Bonnie Schwam, Chairperson	x	
Tara Dexter, Vice Chairperson	x	
Korrie Euler	x	
Bill Kramer	x	
Larry Horwitz	x	
Lana Wagner		x
Marty Crandall Grela (alternate)	x	

Other Attendees:

Matt Krimmer, Christy Cash

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Bonnie Schwam at 6:45pm

Bonnie handed out agenda for the evening and a quote as to why we volunteer. She also suggested a good book to read "The Structure of Belonging" working with community.

Matt talked about a class for Boards and Commissions that is being offered and asked if anyone would like to attend. Larry, Bill and Tara said that they would be interested and Marty would like to be a backup. Bonnie asked if the council would help with the costs of the class. Matt said they would. Larry and Bill offered to give an overview on the class to other members if they were selected to attend.

Bonnie gave an update on the Chamber and she talked to De'Anna about the 4th July Sentinel article. De'Anna stated that she was unaware of the report going in and was happy to do a retraction with an apology and if it was a misprint and they would make it right.

Bill talked about the update on the Park. We all agreed that so far it looks great and we need to take pictures of the progress Tara offered to take pictures.

Bill explained that the Pavilion will be twice the size of the picnic shelters. Bill Fisher is waiting to find out what we want in the play area sand or treated woodchips. The play area will be filled in September. Matt explained that the insurance company would prefer that we use the treated woodchips over the sand. The board agreed treated woodchips are preferred. Bill is looking into two boulders types for the bouldering rocks, artificial or natural.



Tara talked about her concerns about sand in the play area due to her experience as a preschool teacher where she had to daily remove sand out of children's eyes as it was thrown. It also fills in shoes and gets into clothing. Matt brought up again about Insurance that they would prefer treated wood chips. It was recommended that woodchips be used instead of sand and Tara made a motion that we use woodchips for the new playground. It was seconded by Korrie and voted on with zero (0) opposed.

Bill explained that due to a natural drainage condition of the land that there have been some minor changes to the plan. The volley ball court needed to be shifted and the play ground will need to be moved slightly nearer the parking lot.

Matt talked about a company Pro Green Eco Grass that does artificial turf and showed a sample he will look into a quote and compare prices natural to artificial. He provided handouts on the company.

Bill talked about having to clear the drainage along the right of way on Spruce Mountain Road.

CDOT has promised rest rooms to Park and Rec but we are waiting for the go ahead to remove them. Removal will be \$22,500 for each concrete building. This will be to move and place the building in the park. The highway will have to be shut down to do this process. Sewer and water has been installed and is ready to go.

Park Lighting was discussed. Marty asked if people would like to Star gaze would it be possible to turn off the lights. Bill explained that the lighting would be on a timer. Security lighting will also be put in place.

Fischer is recommending lighting be placed along Spruce Mountain Road. Korrie said that from a woman's prospective that she would feel safer if we had some lighting in the back area of the park. Marty said that the police could get a view of the whole park if we had it at the back. Bill suggested decorative lighting at back and street lighting at the front.

Bonnie was asked if we could put forward a recommendation to the Council for decorative lighting at the back and street lighting at the front of the Park. A motion was made by Korrie and seconded by Larry. There were zero (0) opposed. Matt said he would submit the recommendation to the Council.

Another donation from CDOT is security cable which would stop cars from going in restricted areas and allow the park to be closed at night and other times when necessary.

Bonnie suggested we put the construction progress of the Park in the Town Newsletter and PP Sentinel. Matt stated that updates will be in the Newsletter.

Matt showed a picture of a wrought Iron gate that was made by a local company, Classic Iron Works, which was made for someone in California who changed their mind. He is willing to sell



it to the Town. Matt will find out if he would donate it. It was agreed that, if we get it, we would like it for a trellis or as the gate to the trailhead.

A walking path will be built around the restroom and pavilion and as many as 12 Pine trees will be planted.

Matt was asked if we sell any of the CDOT buildings would that money go back to Parks and Rec and he said he believed it would but it would be a Council decision.

Bill asked that if we are down in the Park to say Thank You to all the workers as they are locals, really wanting to make this area a place for the community.

Bonnie asked if we all understand what is included in Phase 1 of the park and it was agreed we do.

Matt asked that we put a committee together to go through all the brochures for Playground equipment etc Tara, Christy, Larry and Korrie volunteered.

Bonnie asked that we consider our surrounding area whether we want to embrace what we have with the Renaissance or a local or a more natural look .Town ordinance for architectural requires a rural, pioneering, natural look. Should the two be combined? Christy asked Bill to provide the committee with the square footage of the play area so they can look into appropriate sized play equipment. Tara asked what age group this equipment is for as the existing play equipment standing is for pre- school to kinder garden. The new play area will be for 5 -12 age group.

Larkspur Historical society has donated a glass display case for the park coming from the CDOT rest areas.

Bill has asked that the Board needs to start thinking about phase 2

Christy asked what will be in the park for older people, high school and adults, because she had an idea that it would be nice to have a Frisbee golf course in the park. Tournaments are held in many parks and would bring in more people to the area. The committee asked that she look into more info and to get back to us.

Matt talked about the presentation that was given by a group of children wanting a Skateboarding park. The mayor and the council are looking into it and possible grants to pay for it. The question was asked where it could be put due to lack of space. Matt suggested that there was a possibility that land north of the fire station might be available from the LFPD. Bill Kramer agreed to work on this.



Korrie said that she was approached about the park and was asked to consider putting two tennis courts in the park and not just one. Matt stated that it could be considered in Phase 3.

Tara talked about the Laraspur Elementary 6th Grade giving back program. Tara had put together a letter asking the 6th graders to adopt the park as one of the giving back projects. The letter was edited by the board and a motion was made by Larry that the letter be given to the school. It was seconded by Bill and all agreed to have Tara send it. Tara will email the letter to board members and then to the school.

Christy would like to apply as an alternate on the board

Matt handed out a flyer for the Ask a Cop at the Pony Espresso

Next meeting will be moved to September 14th as the 7th falls on Labor Day and members will be out of town.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

Submitted by Tara Dexter