



Larkspur Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

January 18th 2010

Board Attendance	Present	Absent
Bonnie Schwam - Chairperson	X	
Tara Dexter - Vice Chairperson	X	
Korrie Euler		X
Bill Kramer	X	
Marty Crandall Grela	X	
Alternates		
Linda Profaizer		X
Tim Dexter	X	
Other Attendees		
Matt Krimmer - Town Clerk	X	
Joe Jeske - Council Member	X	

Item	Action
1. Meeting call to order by Bonnie Chairperson at 6:40	
2. New board members welcomed	
3. Guest Input – Joe commented that the P&R committee were doing a great job. Park progress, Christmas tree lighting was great.	
4. Christmas Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Accounting better this year b. Good feedback from attendees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. No need for so much food, cookies and drinks ii. Maybe move the event up to the school iii. Santa into the music room to avoid disturbing the singing iv. Less chairs, etc – allow more room to mingle v. Loved the rides to the park vi. Kids loved decorating for the event c. Room was pretty full, maybe reached capacity?? d. Small problems with the organization and timing of events e.g. Santa's arrival, not all kids got to see Santa. e. MC was great – need to use him a little more to raise the excitement level. f. Needs a little more 'order' over the event. Some control over where people 	



can go.

- g. Do we try one more year at Fischer's or go to school?
- h. Tara: Get PTO more involved? Matt: 3 way partnership btw P&R, PTO and Cof C. With clear responsibilities for each group?
- i. AF cadets were very useful and provided a lot of help. Matt to draft letter of thanks to them via Lisa Franz. And to CoC and Fischer.
- j. Attendees, 400-500 people – Bill expressed some concern about the school being able to accommodate that many people. Ask fire marshal to check the school out for size.
- k. Marty, suggested
 - i. Starting a little earlier.
 - ii. Have more time to decorate. Check lights, etc.
 - iii. Track food after the event – left over food went missing. But looking to simplify next year with just drinks and cookies.
 - iv. Need more organization around the tear down of the decorations
- l. Santa Notes
 - i. Santa was great and stayed late to see more kids
 - ii. Santa 'hire' is ~\$200 per hour with a minimum number of hours required. We need to ensure we book early for next year.
 - iii. Santa initially parked down at the fire station and could not find a parking spot at Fischers → need to reserve Santa a parking spot tis year
- m. Bill – goal for next year is to have a much larger, centralized town tree on the park
- n. Open trees up to elementary grades and maybe have them to one side and commercial trees to the other side → more trees, bigger spectacle.
- o. Tree price, increase from \$25? Bill, raising price will not generate much extra cash for the park. Better to get more trees and more sponsors. Agreed to leave it at 'minimum donation \$25'
- p. Marty – don't limit to trees, businesses could use animatronics, etc Bonnie expressed some concern about the 'power' issues. Matt said he and the mayor had discussed a 'power review' in the park. To ensure sufficient



<p>power and electrical points for next year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> q. Bonnie has seen large illuminated, 8x4ft Christmas cards from the businesses and organizations in the town. Marty – wind might be an issue. r. Gingerbread House competition for next year. s. More notice for possible sponsors of trees. 	
<p>5. Minutes from previous meeting not currently available</p>	<p>Tara/Bonnie</p>
<p>6. Tim Dexter appointed secretary to Parks and Rec</p>	
<p>7. Park and Recreation Update – Bill K</p> <p>Baseball Field</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Dolphin baseball have expressed great interest in moving the project forward. As soon as park is updated to meet Dolphin hard ball specifications for up to Under 12s. They would use Larkspur for make-up games; attracting 200-300 people per game to the town. ii. Bill to reconnect with Bill F on making some progress once the ground has thawed. iii. Dolphin team will provide some manual labor help to install the extended new fence. iv. Other benefits – co-ed softball games to bring more folks to town. v. Matt- are their plans to move the project forward? Bill, now starting work on bringing folks together to make some progress. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Tony Catarino – interested in partnering with P&R Info Booth. Provide balls, sleds, gloves, etc from the info booth. c. Maybe provide some signage. Does the town need to post non-liability signs. Matt confirmed we are OK as it is right now. d. Bill meeting Ryan (skate park builder) from Parker this Friday 1/22/10 4pm @visitor center. Meeting in the park to have a walk through to come up with some ideas. No commitment has been made to Ryan over the bid. Location (where and why) in the park is will be discussed. Needs to be 'away' from the main park to ensure bikes/boards are not mixing with walkers/families. Bill will report back at next meeting. e. Thoughts about battle re-enactment in the creek area. Would be a great 'pay' event for the town. f. Larkspur Front Range Trail project. Larry was spearheading the project. 	<p>Bill</p> <p>Bill</p> <p>Bill</p>



Matt has stepped up for now to oversee the project.

Park Equipment

- i. Tara provided update that play ground phases I & II had been merged into single implementation
- ii. Gates Foundation grant application submitted to cover both phase I & II. Should hear back in March on decision for additional funding.
 - 1. If funding comes in, existing funding can be re-appropriated to other projects e.g. hockey rink, skate park.
 - 2. If not, the partial implementation with existing funds will ensure a new playground will be available by the Summer.
- iii. Tara and Korrie to put together presentation and document to describe decision process, look/style, content, vendor, etc for playground equipment. Present to P&R as dry run – 2/15
Will present to town council. Matt to get presentation on to meeting agenda → 2/18

Tara/Korrie

Star Party & Owl Prowls → Marty

- iv. Folks bring, telescopes to watch stars
- v. CU friend offered to provide astronomy educational programs, portable planetarium.
- vi. Set dates for June, July and Aug. Local clubs invited to come down.
- vii. Friend looking for some space to set up a small radio telescope – 5 flat acres.
- viii. Needs to be advertized in Sentinel and to local youth groups
- ix. Use the new trail to allow folks to listen and see nocturnal animals
- x. Owl Prowls - around full moon 6/26 – another Star Parties – new moon 6/12, 7/17, 8/14 (meteor shower) Marty to confirm dates.

Marty

8. New Business

- a. Tile Program ad to Sentinel approved by P&R. Need approval by council this week. Tara to send ad to Matt. Matt to bring up at town council.
- b. Family Movie Nights in the park over the summer. Need to confirm cost of

Tara/Matt



license to put movies on in the park.	Tim
c. Press release required for Christmas celebrations for the Sentinel. Tara to send photos to Bonnie.	Bonnie/Tara
9. Meeting Adjourned – 8:30pm	