

Grand Lake Municipal Lands Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes - 10/6/20

Introduction - Member Introductions

- Cindy Southway, TOGL Financial Trustee, Committee Chair
- Kim White, TOGL Planner
- Katie Hearsom, TOGL Marketing/Communications
- Tom Weydert
- Judy Burke
- Ginny Wilkinson
- John Murray, TOGL Planning Commission
- Craig Wilkerson
- George Sedlacsck
- Heather MacSlarrow (call in)
- Elisa & Dawn Dobson (call in)

Minutes - Updates/Approval

The minutes from the meeting on 9/1/20 were approved unanimously.

Bylaws - Updates/Approval

The bylaws were drafted by Committee Chair, Cindy Southway, and e-mailed to Committee members on 9/29/20 for review. Attendees made a motion to approve the proposed bylaws, with understanding that the terms are somewhat generic and there could be changes made in the future as the committee progresses.

Municipal Land Ideas - Grand Lake Center & Its Open Space - Committee Discussion

After discussing ideas and concerns pertaining to the use of the Grand Lake Center open space, the Committee agreed that the first step of maximizing this space is to make some simple upgrades with basic maintenance and minor improvements to make it more visually appealing and inviting.

Phase One:

- Prep the entire field for grass and make sure the sprinklers work on the area near the playground
- Remove the dugouts and backstop
- Move or relocate the prairie dogs

- Improve or move the modular offices - can the tenants pay for improvements since they don't pay rent?
- Improve the basketball courts
- Improve the back entrance to the Grand Lake Center
- Replace all picnic tables with metal tables that have thermoplastic coating
- Maintain and improve the playground as needed
- Add poop bags for dogs - at the GL Center Open Space and at Point Park. Make sure there are trash cans to throw the poop in year-round.
- Add porta-potties and plan for an outdoor restroom in the future
- Add a walking, running, cross-country ski trail on the perimeter - start with a dirt track, then improve it to a better surface of asphalt or rubber
- Add down lighting to the area so that it is easy for the Sheriff to patrol
- Add a community garden - raised beds (can we charge a fee for these?)
- Add outside pickle ball courts
- Plant trees
- Make a plan for maintaining the park and budget for it
- Be creative - look for low cost and free supplies and opportunities
- Sell bricks and picnic tables (in memoriam) to help pay for maintenance costs
- Apply for grants and leverage funding

Assignments/Tasks

The Committee requested that a site plan be drafted by Town Planner, Kim White, to include a visual representation of what Phase One might look like upon completion, as well as a list of tasks and associated costs required. Ideally a draft plan would be presented to the Committee for review at the next meeting on 11/2/20.

Additional Items/Follow ups

Submit list of Phase one items to the Town Manager – Cindy Southway

Request that the Town Manager direct the Town Planner to work on drawing up a Phase One Plan for the Grand Lake Center Open Space – Cindy Southway

Start researching possible funding mechanisms – Ginny Wilkinson