

## Grand Lake Municipal Lands Advisory Committee - Meeting Minutes – 3/2/21

**Introduction/Update** – The March 2021 meeting was held virtually via Zoom and the topic of focus was the Lakefront Park property, which encompasses the Town beach, marina, public docks, sand volleyball court and gazebo.

**Minutes** - The minutes from the meeting on 2/2/20 were reviewed and approved, with a few minor changes.

### Discussion Items

1. Explanation of hiring a consultant - Cindy Southway
  - a. Around 10 people will be appointed to be on the lands committee to ensure representation from all over town for a variety of input, including Columbine Lake residents, business owners, etc.
  - b. Current committee will continue to meet until a consultant is hired and the Board instructs us to start taking applications (it will not be a consultant decision, but a Trustee decision)
  - c. Meetings will remain open to the public
  
2. Ideas for better use of Lakefront Park/Beach/Marina - How to balance rustic charm/old fashioned character with modern amenities to attract year-round visitors and support Town businesses
  - a. Combo ice skating rink (winter)/splash park (summer) on volleyball court with fire pits, lights, concessions/warming hut
  - b. Groomed loop track on lake for Nordic skiing/snowshoeing/snowmobiling
    - Pros: tourism, family friendly attraction
    - Cons: lake jurisdiction/liability, maintenance/grooming equipment
  - c. Parking garage
  - d. Pedestrian promenade on Lake Ave.
    - Pros: tourist attraction, safe pedestrian access
    - Cons: emergency/delivery ingress, parking/traffic flow, handicap access
  - e. Band Shell for concerts - could double as warming hut in winter
  - f. Improve gazebo area (west end) with landscaping, path maintenance, lighting, signage, picnic tables/benches, terraces on steep gradients, steps for water access, kayak launch/rack, etc.
  - g. Update/renovate marina to be used year-round - warming hut, ski/snowshoe/snowmobile/ice skate rentals, concessions, etc.
  - h. Events - SUP/kayak races, music festivals, ice sculptures displays, lighted boat parade, pond hockey, figure skating, etc.
  - i. Add an interpretive history experience with interpretive signage to add a new dimension to the park (for example, the riverfront path in Aspen that features a tribute to local resident John Denver with several of his most popular song lyrics carved into boulders along the way that is very popular with visitors.)

### Additional Items/Followup

The next committee meeting will be on Tuesday, April 6, and the topic of discussion will be connecting trails within Town.