

**City of Livingston, City Parks and Trails Committee
Meeting Agenda - October 28, 2022**

A special meeting of the Livingston Parks & Trails Committee is scheduled for Friday, October 28, 2022, at 12:30 pm. The meeting will be held at Park Street Cafe. Connor Cavigli, Chair, will facilitate this meeting.

1. Roll Call
2. New Business
 - a. Discussion of partnership improvements between Parks and Trails Committee and Livingston City Commission
3. Public Comments
4. Committee Comments
5. Adjourn Meeting

Note: Emails to the Parks & Trails Committee should be addressed to webmaster@livingstonmontana.org

City of Livingston, City Parks and Trails Committee Meeting Agenda - September 28, 2022

The monthly meeting of the Livingston Parks & Trails Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Community Room of the City County Building. Connor Cavigli, Chair, will facilitate this meeting.

1. Roll Call
 - a. In attendance: Clay Bolt, Jeanne Souvigney, Connor Cavigli, Sarah Stands, Alison Shannon-Lier, Carol Goosey, Tim Stevens
 - b. Absent: Quentin Schwartz
2. Agenda Review
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. *Jeanne Souvigney motions to approve with amendment to add signage needs from last meeting*
 - i. *Tim Stevens seconds, unanimously approved*
4. New Business
 - a. Recommendation to incorporate the area behind the roping arena to Mayor's Landing Park - Connor
 - i. This area is city owned already but not officially part of the park
 - ii. This annex would put the area annexed onto maps as part of the park and formalize its usage by PTC and city staff
 - iii. Sarah suggests attaching PTC's 2021 recommendation letter with this new letter
 - iv. Jeanne suggests that we add the map used for last year's tour to the package to define the area that we suggest incorporating into the park
 - v. Tim suggests that the letter would say: PTC recommends that the city annex the former Roping Arena and surrounding area into Mayor's Landing Park so that the larger area will be included in future park planning. This recommendation would not preclude the use of the former roping arena as a parking area during the rodeo.
 - vi. *Tim Stevens makes a recommendation to incorporate the former roping arena and the area around it into Mayor's Landing Park for future planning and consideration, with a note that this designation would not preclude using the roping arena for rodeo use each year*
 1. *Jeanne Souvigney seconds*
 2. *Unanimously approved*
5. Old Business / Updates
 - a. Discussion of strategic plan update - Tim
 - i. Tim will ask the committee to give strike out comments by Oct 17th

- ii. We will pick this discussion up, complete with all committee comments, during our next regular meeting
 - iii. Given recent struggles with how we partner with the city and commission and the fact that the strategic plan addressed communication, we also agreed to invite Melissa Nootz and make sure Quentin Schwartz is there during our next meeting to discuss how we work together with the commission
 - 1. We want to establish how we work together as committee/commission so we have a way to move forward given the recent months of poor communication
 - 2. Alison and Connor will draft up a proposal for what we want to discuss with Melissa and Quentin and ideas to improve how we work with the commission
- b. Signage updates - Jeanne
 - i. City told us not to pursue signage funding and to hold off on spending our money for signage until they can complete an effort to standardize signage and they complete their logo redesign
- c. Sacajawea Statue - Jeanne
 - i. Contract with Heather is approved for landscaping and will move forward soon
- d. ARPA request - Connor
 - i. The application was submitted in early September and Tim said it was forwarded along the commission with a recommendation to be funded
 - ii. First November meeting will be the day the commission takes it up
- e. Mountainview Subdivision - Connor (attachment)
 - i. Letter was sent to the planning board, they confirmed it was received
 - ii. The planning board ended up voting 6-2 to recommend not approving the subdivision
- f. Hopa Mountain Trail - Connor
 - i. The trail is now netted, but it's still broken up and the trail is not passable
 - ii. There is ongoing litigation over the area and the trail is signed as closed but people keep using it
 - iii. Until the litigation is resolved the city said there's not much to do for improvements to it
- g. Funding opportunities - Connor
 - i. FWP grant cycle opens up in November and closes in February or so
 - ii. We will ask the city about the current budget to see if the large increase in parks and trails projects funding is real and if it could be used for matching funds
- h. Woodlot updates - Clay
 - i. No updates
- i. No Mow May survey update - Clay
 - i. It went out to 25 people, got 10 responses back

- ii. One theme that people wanted to see more was education about pollinators
- j. PTC Terms - Connor
 - i. We will have at least 2 openings, possibly three
 - ii. We want to have recommendations in place in December
 - iii. We'll have Faith begin to advertise two seats and open the application up as soon as possible
 - iv. Clay and Alison will run the interview process
- k. Social and other media - Clay
 - i. No updates

6. Public Comments

- a. Mary Joe Meredith and Colleen Rehmer
 - i. Green Acres Park proponents and neighborhood residents
 - ii. They would like to see the park improved and they were sad to see the gazebo go up
 - iii. About 7 years ago the county took out the swings, seesaws, horseshoe pits, merry go round, etc. - pretty much everything - as they were deemed unsafe and apparently uninsurable perhaps
 - iv. They want to see new playground equipment for all abilities added rather than gazebos or bathrooms
 - v. Mary Joe Meredith's granddaughters had raised \$1,000 for more playground equipment
 - vi. They expressed that the neighborhood is willing to donate manpower to the effort as well
 - vii. We as a committee also are willing to pursue funding opportunities for this
 - viii. Sarah adds that we should add in language to consult with the neighborhood residents about what goes in
 - ix. Any recommendation made here will include the last recommendation we gave the city
 - x. *Jeanne Souvigney motions to recommend that the city repurpose the funds for the drinking fountain that are currently allocated for Green Acres to reinstate the playground equipment that was removed*
 - 1. *Carol Goosey seconds this motion*
 - 2. *Passed unanimously*

7. Committee Comments

- a. Sarah Stands: Jessie Wilcox shared that plans for Alpenglow paving fell through due to the costs jumping with a delay with Covid and all that and she is asking for help finding funding in whatever capacity we can assist with. The costs jumped from about \$45k to \$90k so they need about \$45k more to get this done. They are hoping they can keep the original grant money allocated for it but they are unsure of if that will happen.

8. Adjourn Meeting

- a. *Sarah Stands motions to adjourn*
- b. *Alison Shannon- Lier seconds*
- c. *Adjourned at 8:10 pm*

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To: Melissa Nootz, Chair, and City Commissioners

From: Connor Cavigli, Chair, on behalf of the Livingston Parks & Trails Committee

Date:

At its meeting on September 28, 2022, the Parks & Trails Committee unanimously agreed to recommend the City proceed with installing playground equipment at Green Acres Park.

Two residents of Green Acres, who had been recommended by Public Works Director Shannon Holmes to speak with the PTC, appeared before the PTC to ask for our support for playground equipment. One resident, Mary Jo Meredith, had previously appeared before the PTC in June 2021, along with another Green Acres resident, Craig Carlson, also upon the recommendation of Mr. Holmes.

Following that initial discussion in 2021, the PTC sent a summary of the discussion to Public Works (attached) noting that the residents asked for clarification on whether dogs needed to be on-leash in the park and if there was a park curfew, and that speed limit signs be more visible. In addition, Ms. Meredith and Mr. Carlson noted that they felt residents' priorities were for a bathroom, replacing trees and replacing playground equipment that had been removed a few years previously. Ms. Meredith also suggested making this an 'all-abilities' park. Subsequently, in August 2021, Mr. Carlson indicated he and Ms. Meredith had canvassed the neighbors and the number one priority was replacing the playground equipment.

We informed Ms. Meredith last week that the City Manager's 2022-23 Budget Recommendation included a drinking fountain, budgeted at \$10,000. While they are appreciative of the gazebo installed this past fiscal year and agree that a water fountain would be nice, they reiterated that the residents' priority is to install playground equipment and asked that we make such a recommendation to you.

Consequently, consistent with what we heard last year and noted to the City, we ask that the City consider making the installation of new playground equipment a priority over the water fountain. Ms. Meredith indicated residents would be willing to work with the City on determining appropriate equipment and have some funding to contribute as well. She also felt that qualified Green Acres residents would be able to help with in-kind labor. In addition, the PTC would be willing to work with the City and Green Acres residents on obtaining grants to fund additional playground equipment if that is helpful.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our recommendation.

To: Melissa Nootz, Chair, and City Commissioners
From: Connor Cavigli, Chair, on behalf of the Livingston Parks & Trails Committee
Date: October 11, 2022

At its meeting on September 28, 2022, the Parks and Trails Committee unanimously voted to recommend incorporating the former roping arena and the area around it into Mayor's Landing Park.

Officially incorporating this area into Mayor's Landing Park would allow the city to include the area in future planning and consideration under the parks master plan. The roping arena and area behind it are already used quite heavily by visitors to Mayor's Landing Park and this incorporation would formalize the usage and ensure the area is safe and well maintained moving forward.

I have included a map that shows the area behind the roping arena that we suggest incorporating in addition to the roping arena itself. This incorporation would not affect the roping arena's usage as a parking area during the rodeo each year but could perhaps formalize how the roping arena might be used when it is not in use by the rodeo association.

In 2021 the PTC met with city residents onsite and walked the area around the roping arena. The public in attendance at that meeting expressed clear interest in continuing to access it. Everyone expressed strong appreciation for the natural setting, and dog owners in particular mentioned the value of the availability of shade. We discussed the boundaries of the area, adjacent to the Girls Scout property and the driving range, and if incorporated, the public did support replacing the fence to clearly delineate the public area and help keep dogs and park visitors off that private property.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our recommendation.

**City of Livingston, City Parks and Trails Committee
Meeting Agenda - November 1, 2022**

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1. Roll Call
2. Agenda Review
3. Approval of Minutes
4. New Business
 - a. Recommendation on Sacajawea Park improvements - Connor/Dan
5. Old Business / Updates
 - a. Update on meeting with Quentin - Connor
 - b. ARPA request - Tim
 - c. Funding opportunities - Connor
 - d. Parks and trails budget and maintenance plans for 2023 - Connor
 - e. Updating Parks Master Plan - Connor
 - f. PTC Applications - Alison/Clay
 - g. Social and other media - Clay
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