

## 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 17<sup>th</sup>

- 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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