

RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

June 28, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Robert Moton Center

Approved Minutes

Members Present: Gary Davis, Brad Rockwood, Tony Rosas, Megan Vaughn (Vice-Chair), and Dave Ferguson (Chair), Kristin Darby, Anita Taylor

Members Excused: Nadine Rosendale, Donald Gerkin, Michael Duffy, Austin Johnstone

Ex-Officio Member Present: Lisa Carroll

Staff Present: Will Brozy, Ashley Caltrider

The Recreation and Parks Advisory Board met on June 28, 2023, at the Robert Moton Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:03p.m. by Dave Ferguson (Chair).

Welcome and Introductions: Mr. Ferguson welcomed all in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

Gary Davis made the motion to approve the May 24, 2023 meeting minutes, Brad Rockwell seconded, all concurred and the minutes were approved.

Capital Update: - Will Brozy

Mr. Brozy shared that appraisals are anticipated for the 40 acres parcel adjacent to Cape Horn Park within the next week.

The improvements at Hashawha are complete, the contractor finished the punch list items. A slide show of before and after images was shared, significant changes were noted.

Freedom Pavilion 2 relocation/ replacement, and parking- the parking lot is complete, and the pavilion is permit pending.

Phase 1 Cape Horn field lighting is scheduled to being in July. A preconstruction meeting is next week. Phase 2 will follow.

The Veterans Memorial Garden construction is scheduled to begin in August and finish in late September. Planting is to occur in October and the hope is for a ribbon cutting in early November.

Piney Run pavilion 2 replacement is pending permits, drawings were submitted to the county.

The Bark Hill walking path is permit pending secondary to Stormwater Management.

Bear Branch pavilion is permit pending secondary to Stormwater Management. The hope is to begin construction in October.

Mr. Davis, “Are these permits pending with the county or with the State?”

Mr. Brozy, “The county.”

Brad Rockwell, “Could it be due to State regulations?”

Mr. Brozy, “Possibly. We do not have that information.”

Mr. Rockwell, “Is Bark Hill pending because of the prior landfill?”

Mr. Brozy, “It doesn’t seem so.”

Tony Rosas “Is this DNR related?”

Mr. Brozy, “I do not know. I think going forward, we need to budget for it. Park development is classified with commercial development. Putting in a walking path is aligned with putting in a strip mall unfortunately.”

Piney Run bulkhead replacement will be submitted for county review next month.

Presenting of Capital Requests: Will Brozy

Project A Title: Freedom Park – Lamping Sports Fields with LEDs

Project Description: This project goal is to replace all the existing High Pressure Sodium lamps (HIDs) with high efficiency LEDs while utilizing the existing poles and underground wiring for five baseball fields and two multipurpose fields.

Brief Justification of Project:

- a. Reduce energy consumption and reduce operating/maintenance costs.
- b. Provide evenly lit fields and improved player safety.
- c. Eliminate ‘light spillover’ and reduce visual impacts to surrounding neighborhoods.
- d. It is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain replacement bulbs.

Estimated Cost FY24: \$1,800,000.00. Via quote from Eastern Sales and Engineering dated 6/13/22.

Breakdown: Approx \$200,000.00/baseball field. \$400,000/multipurpose field.

Estimated Cost FY30: \$2,300,000.00. 5% yearly escalation.

Breakdown: Approx. \$270,000.00/baseball field. \$500,000.00/multipurpose field.

Freedom Park has 4 baseball fields, 2 softball fields, and 2 multipurpose fields.

Project B Title: Mayeski Park – Lamping Sports Fields with LEDs

Project Description: This project goal is to replace all the existing High Pressure Sodium lamps (HIDs) with high efficiency LEDs while utilizing the existing poles and underground wiring for two baseball fields.

Brief Justification of Project:

- a. Reduce energy consumption and reduce operating/maintenance costs.
- b. Provide evenly lit fields and improved player safety.
- c. Eliminate ‘light spillover’ and reduce visual impacts.
- d. It is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain replacement bulbs.

Estimated Cost FY24: \$550,000.

Estimated Cost FY30: \$740,000. 5% yearly escalation.

Project C Title: Cape Horn Park – Phase 3 Field Lighting/Baseball and Softball Fields. Revisited from Capital Project Request FY29

Project Description: This project goal is to replace all the existing High Pressure Sodium lamps (HIDs) with high efficiency LEDs while utilizing the existing poles and underground wiring for two baseball fields.

Extend power from the existing service completed in phase 1 to a pad mounted stainless enclosure adjacent to the 2 baseball fields, this enclosure would hold a 200-amp panel and Musco controls to feed the baseball fields. Includes 12 poles, 6 on each field lit to 50-foot candles on the infield and 30-foot candles in the outfield. Work and materials all inclusive.

Brief Justification of Project:

- a. Reduce energy consumption and reduce operating/maintenance costs.
- b. Provide evenly lit fields and improved player safety.
- c. Eliminate 'light spillover' and reduce visual impacts to surrounding neighborhoods.

Estimated Cost FY24: \$950,000.00. Via quote from Eastern Sales and Engineering dated 6/13/22. Estimated Cost FY30: \$1,225,000.00. 5% yearly escalation.

Project D Title: Piney Run Park – Replace lower restroom

Project Description: This project goal is to replace the existing lower restroom that was originally constructed in the mid to late 1980s.

Issues: the existing desperately needs replacement.

- a. Exterior ADA accessibility is non-existent.
- b. The finished floor elevation is too low for the surrounding site. During rain events water flows directly into the men's room. Safety/slip hazard.
- c. The interior is not to code. ADA issues at sinks, stalls, dispensers, and access ways.
- d. Due to the roll up door entrance, critters are commonly found in the restroom.
- e. Lack of ventilation. Condensation issues.
- f. Site work will be required. This will include changes to the existing roadways/parking, site grading and storm water management improvements.
- g. Septic. The existing restroom relies on a septic field. Unsure of the County's stance on the use of the existing. Could be problematic.

Brief Justification of Project: A new ADA compliant, clean, and efficient restroom will benefit to park patrons as well as park staff.

Projected Cost FY24: Demo, site work and structure \$600,000.00. Design could be \$80,000+. Low degree of confidence due to many unknown variables. Additional research is required.

Kristin Darby, "Is this the original restroom?"

Mr. Brozy, "Yes."

Mr. Rockwell, "Are there other possible locations? Is it related to the septic?"

Mr. Brozy, "Regulations were different in the 80's when this was installed. There are other options, but it is a very hilly park, and there will be potential amenities lost such as trailer parking."

Project E Title: Piney Run Park – Construct Park Office outside Gatehouse

Project Description: This project goal is to separate the office/park admin from the maintenance yard. This will allow patrons, deliveries, and visitors access to the park office without entering the park.

Pros:

- a. A modernized office setting will be welcome to park administration and park visitors. Less noise, fumes and dust.
- b. This is a common arrangement in many staffed parks.
- c. Public access to park admin and deliveries will not require entrance to the park.

Issues:

- a. Very extensive site work will be required. This will include reconstruction to the existing gatehouse deeper within the park, roadways/parking changes will require realignment, site grading and storm water management improvements.
- b. All utilities will be required in the new office including water, septic, electric, high-speed data, and phone.
- c. An office will have to be constructed.

Brief Justification of Project: This will be a benefit to park patrons as well as park staff.

Projected Cost: An extensive and thorough conceptual plan requires development to estimate projected costs.

Project F Title: Mayeski Park – Add second story to pavilion/storage building for a meeting space

Project Description: This project goal is to add a meeting room to the existing pavilion/storage building. Flush toilets were also discussed.

Pros:

- a. It was stressed that a meeting space is required for the participating organizations that utilize the park.
- b. Flush toilets would be welcome to park patrons and events.

Issues:

- a. Structural integrity of the building is highly questionable. A second story addition is not recommended. The existing will require demolition.
- b. A new building will need to be constructed to meet Rec. Council needs. This will require an architectural design.
- c. Presently only a gray water septic is available. A new septic will have to be constructed.
- d. Any work will be on Board of Ed property.

Brief Justification of Project: This will be a benefit to park patrons as well as park staff.

Projected Cost FY24: Demo, site work and structure \$600,000.00. Design could be \$80,000+. Low degree of confidence due to many unknown variables. Additional research is required.

Mr. Davis, “The pavilion was installed, and then the concession was added to it.”

Mr. Brozy, “They’re separate entities. That is good. However, for this project, I would recommend a demo and a rebuild. It may be possible to reduce cost by using a creative solution like storage container houses.”

Mr. Ferguson, “Can we pick pieces from the project or do are we committing to the complete project?”

Ms. Carroll, “From tonight, you’re taking this information with you to think about. Next month we will put together the gameplan.”

Mr. Ferguson, “With all of these projects, what budgets are we looking at?”

Ms. Carroll, “I don’t have an answer to offer today. I would recommend submitting the county exclusive projects, ie at Piney Run, as CIP project requests, or Community Input Projects.”

Mr. Davis, “A tracking sheet for the lights with the fields, and what’s needed would help.”

Mr. Rosas, “It seems like the lights have the opportunity to help the most people. Only so many people will go in a building, all will be benefited with the lights.”

Mr. Davis, “There used to be a volunteer who regularly replaced bulbs as needed.”

Mr. Brozy, “In instances, they can’t obtain new bulbs for the lights that they have. Much of what is exists on borrowed time until it won’t be usable.”

Mr. Rockwell, “We should weigh necessity with convenience as well.”

Mr. Ferguson, “How will we know what projects are covered by another fund?”

Ms. Carroll, “There is opportunity to be flexible. If we commit to one project and are able to cover it with another funding source, we can reprioritize with other projects.”

Mr. Ferguson, “Can we seek information from rec councils regarding their needs and priorities?”

Ms. Carroll, “I meet with them again at the end of the month, we can discuss it then. A survey may be a tool to gather more information and history on their structures and needs.”

Director’s Report:

Public Hearing

Thursday June 29, 9:15 a.m., COB room 311. Proposed Amendments to Chapter 94.036, to include class 1 E-Bikes.

Trash-Free Parks

Due to the growing amount of trash being accumulated in county parks, and facilities increasing their crew from a team of 2 to a team of 4, and still not able to collect all the trash, we are doing a pilot program. Four parks will be going trash-free, Landon C Burns, Westminster Community Pond, North Carroll Community Pond, and Double Pipe Creek. Additionally, Recreation Council programs will be responsible to ensure trash generated from their programs are disposed of, just as we do with any other permit user. There will be an initiative for the fields, Rec Councils can request trash barrels. We will provide the liners, they will be responsible for

emptying the liners and gathering used liners to be picked up by facilities. If barrels are not requested, the sites will be treated as carry in and carry out.

Staff Updates

Piney Run Park has 2 new staff, Patrick Carney, Naturalist joining us from the New York area, and Dylan Collins, promoted to Park Technician.

We have 3 staff receiving service awards: Nikki Wolf, Hashawha Kitchen Manager (20 years), Becky Kishter, Sports Complex Manager (15 years), Lisa Carroll, Bureau Chief Recreation (10 years). They are invited to the county recognition breakfast on July 26th.

Strategic Plan Committee

Strategic Plan Committee has made a lot of progress, Draft 1 of the plan is complete. There should be a final plan to provide to the board for review by the October meeting.

Program Updates

June 13 was TR Day at the Farm Museum; we had around 400 individuals attend. Very nice article in the Times. Catered by Salerno's, have games, activities, and various community resources attending.

June 23, we had to cancel the Summer Family Fest due to rain. Unsure if we will be able to re-schedule the event or do something different.

June 24, Sasquatch Day at Piney Run Park – beautiful day with about 600 cars coming through the gate. 5K, sasquatch calling, sasquatch hunt, hamburger eating contest, music, food & craft vendors.

Thursday June 29, Priority Carroll, Commissioners will be proclaiming July at Parks and Recreation Month. Bureau of Recreation is doing a scavenger hunt, along the lines of the amazing race, answering clues to get to the next location. 10 parks included in the hunt. Prizes will consist of Hershey Park tickets and various gift cards.

Outdoor Movies: July 14, Farm Museum July 28, Piney Run Park, August 19 Deer Park.

Other Business:

Public Comments:

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held in person on Wednesday, July 26th, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. location to be confirmed later.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Darby, it was seconded by Mr. Rosas, and the vote was unanimous. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Carroll

Ashley Caltrider

Lisa Carroll, Acting Director

Ashley Caltrider, Secretary