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TOWN OF BASALT MEETINGS

Parks, Open Space and Trails Committee (POST)

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

By Teleconference

Basalt Town Hall

101 Midland Avenue

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| 4:00 PM | 1. Call to Order |
| 4:03 | 2. Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• March 8, 2023• March 22, 2023• |
| 4:07 | 3. Recreation Director Update |
| 4:15 | 4. Skateboard Park Update |
| 4:25 | 5. Swinging Bridge Update |
| 4:35 | 6. Willits Lane Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wayfinding Signage• Bike Friendly Certified Community |
| 4:50 | 7. Other Staff Updates |
| 4:55 | 8. POST Member Comments and Questions |
| 5:00 | 9. Adjourn |

Public Comment is limited to 3 minutes. Those who wish to speak should email james.lindt@basalt.net before the meeting starts with their name, phone number, and identify what item they would like to address. During the meeting those wishing to comment may also email james.lindt@basalt.net, but it is not guaranteed that the email will be seen in a timely fashion.



Parks, Open Space, and Trails Committee

ACTION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jason Groves, Julie Kolar, Paul Hilts, Sarah Shaw, Ligia Bonilla

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Reid Haughey, Amiee Beazley

STAFF PRESENT: Michelle Thibeault, James Lindt, Alec Sloan, Chris Beiser

OTHERS PRESENT: None

DATE 3/8/2023

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:02PM

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes of February 8, 2023
2. Arbaney Park Playground Update
3. Basalt River Park Update
4. Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteer Project Updates
5. Other Staff Updates
6. POST Member Comments and Questions

MINUTES

**M/S BY PAUL HILTS AND JULIE KOLAR TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2023.
MOTION PASSES 4-0. SARAH SHAW WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE FOR REVIEW OF THE MINUTES.**

ARBANEY PARK PLAYGROUND UPDATE:

Michelle Thibeault introduced that the Staff is working on a Request for Proposals (RFP) on the Arbaney Playground equipment. Alec Sloan described that the area of the playground is approximately 50' x 70' and that proposals would likely be due in late April or early May.

Julie asked if there is an emphasis on a certain type of equipment in the RFP and suggested that it be clarified in the RFP that we would be looking for an aesthetically elevated playground concept that is not a standard plastic playground set. Alec expressed that the RFP had not been issued yet but that there is language describing that the new playground equipment would need to mesh with the remainder of the park, including the pool. Julie suggested that a collage/vision board of examples to show the character that the Town is seeking might be helpful to include as an exhibit to the RFP.

Jason asked if the updated playground would likely stay within the footprint of the existing playground. Alec responded that generally the expectation is that it would stay within the existing playground but that it would also incorporate the natural play area adjacent to the existing playground as is shown on

the Arboney Park Master Plan. A question was also introduced about what the expectation would be for the surface material of the updated playground. Alec explained that pour-in-place material is the new standard for playground surfaces and that is what would be expected for the new playground.

Julie asked about the railroad ties that currently act as the edge to the playground and whether they would remain. Alec discussed that the use of the railroad ties on the new playground would be investigated during the design/selection process.

BASALT RIVER PARK UPDATE:

James Lindt introduced that the construction on the bandshell in the Basalt River Park was scheduled to begin in mid-April and that it was anticipated that construction would conclude in early July. A question was posed about whether the bandshell is still programmed to contain a climbing wall feature and an explanation of the climbing wall feature was provided by Staff.

It was noted that the construction will also start on the restroom and bus shelter adjacent to Two Rivers Road in early April and will be constructed by FCI. Some of the value-engineering items were highlighted to get the proposed facility back into a reasonable cost realm. Staff also explained the Rocky Mountain Custom Landscapes will be finishing up some punchlist work on the park in the early spring.

ROARING FORK OUTDOOR VOLUNTEERS (RFOV) PROJECT UPDATES

James described the projects that Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers have planned for Basalt for spring/summer 2023. It was identified that RFOV will be working on the following projects in Basalt:

1. Linear Park Step Improvements
2. Swinging Bridge Trail Work
3. Midland Park Reinforcement of Sloughing Bank Below Spirit Nest
4. Duroux Park Reinforcement of Soil from Slope adjacent to Willits Trail

PROJECT UPDATES

Michelle provided an update on the skateboard park improvements that are going to be made in April. It was explained that they are essentially keeping the same features but are putting new decking to replace the existing decking that has significantly deteriorated.

POST MEMBER COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS.

Julie asked about the timing for completion of the lightning bolt sanitary sewer improvements and about the timing of the Midland Spur improvements. Michelle clarified that the Midland Spur improvements would start in April and run through the end of June.

M/S BY SARA SHAW AND JULIE KOLAR TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 4:40 PM. MOTION PASSES 5-0.

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By _____

Jason Groves, Chair

Attest _____

Michelle Bonfils Thibeault, Planning Director



Parks, Open Space, and Trails Committee

ACTION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jason Groves, Julie Kolar, Paul Hilts, Sarah Shaw, and Amiee Beazley.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Reid Haughey and Ligia Bonilla.

STAFF PRESENT: James Lindt, Chris Beiser and Alec Sloan.

OTHERS PRESENT: None.

DATE 3/22/2023

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:04PM

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Swinging Bridge Trail Improvements.
2. Arbaney Playground RFP – Playground Vision.
3. Other Staff Updates.

SWINGING BRIDGE TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS.

Chris Beiser updated the group on the Swinging Bridge Trail Improvements and presented a landscaping plan that he asked POST to consider approving. The plan consists of native, low water plantings and trees along the trail that will provide screening for homes along the trail and require little maintenance once the plantings have taken to the soil. He added that the Pitkin County seed mix will be hydroseeded in the area as well and may need a trim once a year to keep it looking good. Beiser stated that Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers will also be working on some improvements in the area.

The group was impressed with the plan and James Lindt asked if they were ready to make a motion for the Landscaping Plan.

M/S PAUL HILTS AND SARAH SHAW TO APPROVE THE SWINGING BRIDGE TRAIL LANDSCAPING PLAN PRESENTED BY TOWN ARBORIST CHRIS BEISER. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

ARBANEY PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS – PLAYGROUND VISION

Alec Sloan, Planning Analyst, updated the group on the Arbaney Playground Project RFP. Sloan presented a slide show that first displayed the parks current condition and features, and then a vision board of some styles of playgrounds that the Town is interested in implementing. Staff asked for POST's feedback on style options and to make a motion to approve a style for the RFP.

Included in the vision board were playground styles consistent with Phase 1 of the Arbaney Park improvement plan, which was the robot pool, some more traditional playground styles like what is currently in the park, and then some natural playground styles.

Amiee Beazley expressed her favor for a more natural playground. She added that a more natural style is more in line with the character of Basalt and believes that it will make for a more memorable experience for residents and visitors.

The group unanimously agreed with Beazley’s opinion on playground style.

Jason Groves asked if the park would be designed for children aged 2-12 years old and what the surfacing in the new playground would be. Sloan replied that the RFP asks for play structures and features for the age groups 2-5years old and 5-12 years old, whether that be in two separate structures or one combined structure. Sloan stated that the RFP asks companies to provide at least two types of playground surfacing, and that POST will be able to choose between a few different types. Sloan added that the current standard for surfaces is called Pour-in-Place, which is a rubber material that is completely contained within the barriers of the playground and cannot be spread out or overflow to the surrounding park space.

M/S SARAH SHAW AND AIMEE BEAZLEY TO REQUEST PROPOSALS FOR A NATURAL PLAYGROUND STYLE FOR THE ARBANEY PARK PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

OTHER STAFF UPDATES.

James Lindt updated the group on the Town’s current and upcoming projects. He stated that construction is slated to start on the Basalt River Park Bus Stop/Restroom facility and Bandshell.

Shaw asked who is responsible for the goal posts at the Rugby Field. Chris Beiser stated that the Town is responsible and that they will likely need to be replaced in the next five years. He stated that Public Works will be doing some repairs on them as needed until then.

Amiee Beazley asked if the Willits Lane RFP has been issued yet. Lindt responded no, that Staff is continuing to work on it and that it will be brought back to POST for review.

M/S BY AMIEE BEAZLEY AND PAUL HILTS TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 4:42PM. MOTION PASSES 4-0.

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By _____

Jason Groves, Chair

Attest _____

Michelle Bonfils Thibeault, Planning Director







