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PORT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Town Board Room
807 Mountain Avenue
Town of Berthoud, Colorado
Monday, June 26, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

This is an IN-PERSON meeting at the location and time noted above

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1. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM.

2. Roll Call

- Tim Grover – Chair – Here
- Lauren Roth – Vice Chair – Here
- Anna Murphy – Secretary – Here
- Jose Cabrera – Here
- Carolyn Hobson – Here
- Callie West – Here
- Joe Donnelly – Not Here
- Daniel Hatton, BYAC Liaison – Not Here
- Karl Ayers, Trustee Liaison – Here
- Keith Knoll, Staff Representative – Here

3. Approval of Minutes – Wednesday, May 31, 2023

- L. Roth motioned to approve minutes from the previous PORT committee meeting.
C. West seconded. No discussion. All in favor.

4. Public Comment – Non-Discussion Items

- **Public Comment – Non-arboretum** – None. *The PORT meeting transitioned to a joint PORT – Tree Committee meeting, with members from both committees present.*
- **Public Comment – Arboretum** – K. Knoll gave a high-level overview on the arboretum, noting at this phase, the design is conceptual. The Town Staff worked with Wenk Associates, Inc. (hereafter referred to as “Wenk”), based in Denver, CO,

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on the design. K. Knoll also noted the design includes a pond on the property, as there's a non-potable Master Plan for the town.

- Mr. Tyler Kiggins and one additional colleague from Wenk working on the project were present. T. Kiggins shared an overview presentation of the proposed Arboretum design at Waggener Farm Park. Wenk would like to come back to both PORT and Tree committees at the end of Aug./early Sept. for another round of feedback. They would like to have a final, master plan/guiding document prepared for the Town by this December.
- T. Kiggins noted a couple of key ideas were kept in mind while designing the arboretum: 1) Honor/maintain the Berthoud heritage, 2) Incorporate water conservation strategies, 3) Memorial for the original property owner, 4) No focal point, 5) Preference for open landscape – mixed trail types 6) Incorporate nature play, and 7) Include signage.
- He also made some points as he walked through the design. Kiggins noted the addition of topography would allow people to get into the space while still focusing views to the West. He noted the “active edge” would be the area near the gravel parking lot on the West side. This area could include a crop circle/meadow with a center pivot for irrigation, community plots/gardens, and possible trees/orchards. He also noted some potential areas for art/nature-themed play.
- Regarding the trail, he noted the North side would be at the top of the hill, while the South side would be below (~20'). There would be a mix of shade and sun. Various types of trees, including oaks, cottonwoods, and conifers/evergreens as wind breaks would be planted in bunches around the trail, which would make for nice color palettes and shade over the seasons. In areas with steeper slopes, there could be trails going down the hills, possibly with rock/stonework.
- T. Kiggins noted the potential for an irrigation canal with the possibility of a play feature on the canal. Water could flow down to the irrigation pond. The pond could be designed in such a way that it wouldn't be muddy when it drains. There could be an opportunity for fishing.
- There could be an area for bird houses, bat houses, and/or an apiary on the Northern edge of the site.
- A couple numbers on the design were missing or out of place. This was noted by Wenk. After Kiggins' presentation, the rest of the public had time to speak.
- Mr. John Goresky came to the podium. He has served 23 years on the tree board, four years on town board, and several years on planning. He loved the pivot arm (center pivot) idea and thinks that should stay. He also noted it would be nice to show other types of irrigation, e.g., siphon tubes, polyethylene tubes, etc... He felt the proposed mounds/elevation change were in contrast to the property being a farm. He noted there are generally a lot of cottonwood stands in the area. Corn is a big thing around here, as are wheat and barley, and the thought of having a corn maze came to his mind. He hopes this design will attract a lot of birds. He noted water is a big deal here and stressed the importance of having supplemental water, year-round on trees.
- Ms. Jane (Waggener) Valere came to the podium. She was involved in the planning of the memorial; she noted her family would like the memorial by the pond or the entrance, but they have not finalized anything yet. Their preference is for this area to remain a farm/field because that's how it's always been. The theme should be agricultural in nature. She noted this property is seen from Hwy. 56, and she would like it to be a green space. She also noted there are two shares of water devoted to