



P.O.R.T. Committee Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, October 5, 2022 (6:30PM)

Town Board Room
807 Mountain Avenue
Town of Berthoud, Colorado
You may also join virtually using Zoom
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1. Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at approximately 6:33PM.

2. Roll Call

- Tim Grover – Vice-Chair – Joined virtually
- Colleen Dodge – Secretary – not here
- Jose Cabrera – here
- Carolyn Hobson – here
- Lauren Roth – here
- Callie West – here
- Anna Murphy – here
- Daniel Hatton, BYAC Liaison – not in attendance
- Karl Ayers, Trustee Liaison – here
- Keith Knoll, Staff Representative - here

3. Committee Chair appointment and set future meeting times

- Prior to committee chair appointments, new PORT committee members, C. West and A. Murphy introduced themselves.
- J. Cabrera nominated T. Grover to serve as chair. L. Roth seconded. All in favor.
- J. Cabrera nominated L. Roth to serve as vice-chair. T. Grover seconded. All in favor.
- L. Roth nominated A. Murphy to serve as secretary. C. Hobson seconded. All in favor.
- Consensus to have future meetings on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00PM.

4. Approval of Minutes – Wednesday, September 7, 2022

- C. Hobson motioned to approve minutes from the previous meeting. L. Roth seconded and signed.

5. Public Comment – Non-Discussion Items

- No public comment.

6. Discussion Items – A. Jaskowski Property Discussion – Keith Knoll – Public Works Operations Manager

- PORT COMMITTEE TOUR – Prior to the PORT Committee meeting, PORT committee members toured the Jaskowski property (2906 W CR 14; Berthoud, CO 80513) at 5:00PM. Those on the tour were K. Knoll, C. Hobson, L. Roth, C. West, J. Cabrera, and A. Murphy.
- K. Knoll requested any additional questions for Colorado Open Lands regarding the property be submitted to him within one week of the PORT committee meeting.
- PORT committee should give recommendations to Board of Trustees on what to do with the property.
- The Town currently owns the property. Discussion on whether the Town should keep or sell the property. The property is not desirable for buyers because of the many conservation easement restrictions that come with the property. The structures on the property were discussed. The Town is not interested in renting the vacant house on the property.
- Discussion on Open Space budget and whether there's a need to generate revenue from the property. There doesn't seem to be.
- Time frame for decision on recommendations for use of the property would ideally be within the next three months.
- There is currently a trail around the property. The property has been used for retriever dog training in the past. Ideas for uses for private uses of the property included retriever training (interest from multiple, private outfits was noted), Boy/Girl scout camping activities, fowl hunting, and an open leash dog park. Could the Town support management of private uses through, e.g., a reservation system? Ideas for public uses included having the property as an open space/trail, enhancing the trail already there, keeping the history of the property, and making the property open to the public. Restrooms were discussed.
- Safety concerns with having private uses overlap with public uses (e.g., having people using a trail while retriever training was occurring) and concerns over the ability to maintain the conservation value of the property with certain activities was raised.
- There are many restrictions on the uses for the property. There was interest in gaining more clarity and having a list of activities that could be allowed with the property.

B. Pollinator Habitat – Keith Knoll – Public Works Operations Manager

- A resolution by the Town board highlighting the importance of pollinators was passed a couple of years ago.
- Current use of chemicals by the Town was discussed. Town is responsibly using chemicals.
- Town staff have been working on establishing pollinator habitat at Waggener Farm Park. There were issues with weed seed (Foxtail) contamination in the seed mix. In addition, wildfires wiped out the seed banks (sources of seeds for pollinator habitat). Management of weeds requires

hand labor and is thus time and labor intensive. Establishment of pollinator habitat (native grasses and wildflowers) requires lots of water and labor. Once established, maintenance is easier. South side of Waggener Farm Park will remain alfalfa. Staff is focused on improving establishment of pollinator habitat at Waggener Farm Park.

- Staff would like to add more flowers, blooming at different times of the year, to attract pollinators. Flowers are also hard to establish. Seed for pollinator habitat comes in a grass – wildflower native seed mix. PORT committee consensus was to add more pollinator habitat, more flowers in general, wherever possible. Adding signage for educational purposes was suggested.
- K. Knoll asked for input on where to add pollinator habitat in the future. Suggestions included Roberts Lake, a strip between Ivy Stockwell Elementary School fence and concrete (leading into Town Park), Hillsdale, Nielson Greenway trail, Berthoud Reservoir, and others.
- Question on whether Colorado native trees were known for their pollinator habitat.

7. Staff updates – Parks, Open Space, Recreation, Trails

- PORT committee recommended to cancel the PORT committee meeting on January 4, 2023 (holiday break).
- Amanda (town staff) noted 150 participants at the father-daughter dance on September 24th.
- Berthoud rec center received the Columbine Award for the best facility design. Award would be accepted on Thursday, Oct. 6.
- Berthoud rec center is now accepting the Silver Sneakers Program.
- The obstacle course at Bein Park is now open.
- Bathrooms at Fickel Park (East of the tennis courts) are in the planning process.

8. Committee updates

- C. Hobson requested a status update on bike lane painting. Painting for bike lanes will continue through winter (weather permitting).
- J. Cabrera requested an update on bike trail between Heron Lakes and Vantage. Permitting with CDOT is in progress.
- K. Ayers updated PORT on Trustee activity. Town Board decided to push the most expensive option of the three for the bike park. Oil/gas restrictions will be discussed in the coming weeks. PORT committee may be involved in providing recommendations on setbacks for open space/parks areas. K. Ayers noted that Trustees discussed having more active engagement between committees and Trustees. He also noted more direct, specific feedback and guidance from committees to Trustees is important. K. Ayers noted the buoy out at Berthoud Reservoir is henceforth named “David Buoy”.
- C. Hobson requested an update on Town Park. K. Knoll noted the large effort behind the scenes to coordinate with contractors, permitting, etc....

9. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.
- Next meeting: November 2, 2022 @ 6:00 pm. If you require a special accommodation, please contact the Town Clerk 24 hours in advance at (970) 532-2643.