

# **Berthoud Parks, Open Space, Recreation and Trails (PORT) Advisory Committee Report for 2018**

**Please consider the following as the committee's Annual Report for the calendar year ending Dec 31, 2018.**

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## **2018 PORT Accomplishments**

The Parks, Open Space, Recreation and Trails (PORT) Advisory Committee (henceforth referred to as PORT) conducted monthly meetings in 2018. PORT members participated in many additional master planning events coordinated by town staff and Wenk consultants.

Due the April 2018 election, two vacancies opened in PORT membership. The Trustees appointed Chad Onthank and Brian Dodd as PORT members.

Throughout the calendar year, the PORT committee reviewed, discussed, and recommended appropriate course of action on many topics. These include:

- Skate Park
  - Expansion of the decks of existing skate ramps was proposed by staff. PORT reviewed, discussed, and recommended that the board approve plans and provide funding
  - Status: Board approved and funded the plans; staff implemented improvements; expansion work complete
- Trails Master Plan
  - Connectivity of a trail network throughout Berthoud and regional extensions is a priority of citizens. PORT reviewed, discussed, and recommended the board adopt the trails master plan with prioritizing the following sections:
    - From downtown Berthoud north to CR 10 E, over 287 via overpass, to Colorado Front Range Trail via the Heron Lakes golf course housing development
    - Heron Lakes Rookery trail
  - Status: Board adopted the trails master plan; monies appropriated in 2019 for development of trails and trail connections identified above; planning continues
- Berthoud Reservoir Master Plan (phase 1)
  - Recreational opportunities at Berthoud Reservoir were previously considered a 'quick-win'. PORT reviewed, discussed, and recommended the board approve and fund phase 1 plans
  - Status: Board approved and funded the plans; construction documents initiated and due in Feb 2019; anticipate opening to the public in fall of 2019
- Parks Master Plan

- Parks master planning was the evolutionary next step to establish a comprehensive approach. PORT reviewed, discussed, and recommended the board adopt the parks master plan which included the Knievel property park, the Richardson property park, Town Park and Waggener Farm Park
- Status: Board approved the plans and various stages of plan implementation are underway

### **2019 PORT Committee Work Program**

Ongoing work programs continue:

- Dog Park
  - In 2018 PORT discussed dog park opportunities and locations; some options further explored by staff were deemed not viable.
  - In 2019 new locations need to be identified and discussed to arrive at a recommendation to the Board
- Heron Lakes Trail (soft surface trail near rookery)
  - In 2018 PORT discussed trailhead amenities and concepts
  - In 2019 continue to refine and develop a plan for recommendation to the Board

PORT committee members unanimously cited that trail network connectivity continues to be the top priority. PORT will discuss Trail Master plan implementation opportunities.

Additional topics to discuss in 2019 are:

- Discuss town budgeting and alignment to park development
- Support staff recreational programming and recreation center and pool efforts
- Consider neighborhood tax district impacts

### **Report Conclusion**

This concludes the Parks, Open Space, Recreation and Trails Advisory Committee Report for 2018. We thank the Board of Trustees for the opportunity to represent Berthoud residents and assist you with work that strengthens Berthoud as a great place to live, work and play.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the PORT Committee,

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