

Town of Berthoud PORT Plan

Subcommittee Meeting: Active Recreation/Recreation Programs

Monday, August 29th, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Committee Member & Trustee: Brian Laak
Committee Member: Whitney Way
Committee Member: Kristi Leonard
Committee Member: Subcommittee
Parks and Rec Director: Jeremy Olinger
Recreation Manager: Wesley Joy
Community Development Director: Curt Freese

Election of Chairman and Secretary

Chairman: Kristi Leonard
Secretary: Whitney Way

Staff presentation on existing recreation programs and facilities

- Berthoud Parks and Recreation Department coordinates and organizes recreation programs, markets and promotes Berthoud recreation, recruits volunteers and staff, schedules and instructs programs and activities, prepares and maintains playing surfaces
- Youth sports/activities presently offered: basketball, baseball, football, softball, swimming, volleyball, kickball, tennis, multi-sport camp
- Adult sports: basketball, volleyball, kickball, softball and water aerobics
- Berthoud Recreation serves 85% youth (mainly elementary school age kids)
 - Middle/high school age kids move to high school sports and/or outside competitive leagues/teams
 - Berthoud Recreation Department has no control or ownership of facilities to provide activities for other demographics (teen, adult, senior)
- Partnerships in place with neighboring recreation departments (ie Thompson Rivers Parks and Recreation District)
- Participants are receptive to traveling for games to nearby communities (ie Johnstown, Windsor)
- Berthoud Recreation can and does host and market camps from outside groups (ie British Soccer Camps)
- Future Programs
 - Pickle ball
 - Corn hole league/tour
 - Spring adult softball league
 - Adult flag football
 - Martial Arts
 - Dodgeball league/tournament
 - Field trips (educational, sports, entertainment)
- Facilities and Facility Usage

- Berthoud Parks & Recreation has an intergovernmental agreement with Thompson Valley School District – Berthoud Recreation has first right to use school facilities when not in use by the school
 - Turner Middle School
 - Ivy Stockwell Elementary
 - Berthoud Elementary
 - Berthoud High School (no use unless an emergency, too busy)
 - High demand for gym space with little availability (Berthoud and Northern Colorado as a whole)
 - School districts now charge for gym space: for the past 5 years Berthoud Rec paid \$30/hr on weekends to the school district (currently no charge for week night use)
 - Today more programs affiliated with the schools use gym time than 10 years ago (ie after school programs and clubs)
 - Other programs now demand gym space
 - Berthoud Youth Athletics Association (competitive sports)
 - Power to Play (competitive tournaments)
 - Outside cities and organizations
 - Bein Park: greatest volume of recreation usage in Berthoud
 - Pioneer/Collins Park: neighborhood parks used for some soccer and flag football practices (Pioneer is largely booked out for private events – covered pavilion in high demand)
 - Town Park: fields and pool
 - Review of trails and playgrounds
 - Skate Park (upgrade in progress)
 - Teen recreation opportunity
 - Fishing: Roberts Pond, Pioneer Park
 - Outdoor Pool (11 week window, high use)
 - Parking: very limited in neighborhood parks (ie Pioneer/Collins Parks), a consideration in scheduling recreational activities
- What programs are missing?
 - Consider target age group, demographic, passive and/or active recreation, duration of activity
- What facilities are needed?
 - Consider prospective locations
 - Consider proximity to current facilities
 - Consider demand
- General fund subsidizes Berthoud Recreation Department
 - In general registration fees don't cover cost of Recreation Department
- Graphic: 2010 Berthoud household recreation registration by address

“Staff presentation of future development” and “PORT survey recreation priorities and discussion” to be discussed at next subcommittee meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, September 12th 6-7:30pm at Berthoud Town Hall (Town Board Room) at 328 Massachusetts Avenue