

Berthoud PORT Facility Subcommittee
September 7, 2016

Members present: John Clarkson, Maureen Dower, Kelsey Roberts, Sunny Tartaglia, Barbara Ver Steeg, Jane Vielehr; members absent: Caroline Creager, Sophie Kubik

Also present: Bruce Fickel, Wesley Joy, Brian Laak, Jeremy Olinger

Guest Presenters: Michelle White, Claudeth Castellanos, Brenda Davis (Berthoud Parents as Teachers)

Presentations

- Berthoud Parks and Recreation Department (BPRD) Staff
 - Wesley Joy reviewed the current status of programs offered by the BPRD (the power point presentation will be available on the Town website)
 - Wes and Jeremy then identified the kind of facility that would help them provide additional recreational opportunities to the community; currently their ability to provide for the needs of the community is limited by gym space and the logistics of sharing facilities and fields with the school district and other organizations
 - The ideal facility would be a field house type of facility with gym space, community rooms, equipment storage capacity, office space, a conference room, bathrooms, and a concession area
 - The Milliken Athletic Complex, which opened just this summer, is similar to what BPRD believes would assist in their mission
 - this facility is a field house run by Thompson Rivers Parks and Recreation District (<http://www.trpr.org/about/>)
 - project costs were \$7.5 million
 - there are adjacent outdoor fields
 - this is considered a “programming facility”, rather than a recreation center; it does not have a swimming pool or other aquatic features
 - the Boys and Girls Club of Weld County has a permanent presence at the facility
- Berthoud Parents as Teachers
 - Michelle White (Coordinator) reviewed the programs and approach used by PAT to support parents of young children (ages 0-5) in the Berthoud community
 - The program is growing and already there are needs for storage as well as meeting space for group connections and for staff to meet with parents

Committee Discussion

- The committee reviewed the language in the proposal by the Thompson School District for a field house associated with the proposed pool at Berthoud High School. The primary goals of the field house appear to be storage, additional bathrooms, and protection from inclement weather during outdoor sporting events; indoor training is also mentioned. However, this facility will clearly not be readily available to BPRD and does not address its current needs.
- The Milliken Athletic Complex seems to have been developed and funded in an environment similar to what Berthoud faces.

- The committee agreed to embark on a tour of the Milliken facility, as well as the Boys and Girls Club in Loveland.
- The committee elected Maureen Dower as Committee Chair and confirmed Barbara Ver Steeg as Secretary. Kelsey Roberts agreed to serve as liaison with the Thompson School District, and other external groups as needed.
- Future meetings will all be held at Town Hall.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, September 20, meet at 4 pm at Town Hall to tour the Milliken Athletic Complex and the Boys and Girls Club in Loveland.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Ver Steeg