



SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD

**Town Board Room
807 Mountain Avenue
Town of Berthoud, Colorado
Tuesday, August 21, 2018 6:30 p.m.**

- I. REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Mayor William Karspeck**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor William Karspeck**
- III. ROLL CALL – Mayor William Karspeck**

All members of the Town Board were present. Chris Kirk, Town Administrator; Christian Samora, Town Clerk; and Michelle Adams, Deputy Town Clerk were also present at the meeting.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kelsey Byron of Berthoud stated that she felt it may be worth having a moment of silence for the incident that happened on Berthoud Parkway. She thanked the Board, Administrator and the Sheriff's Office. Byron stated that the Safe Routes to School Grant Application is available beginning on 8/31 and is due in November. She stated that the Town would not be able to apply again until the year 2020.

Byron continued to state that in 2017, over 250 signatures were collected in support of infrastructure improvements for children to walk to school. She stated that there are concerns in the Gateway and Peak View Neighborhood about safe ways for children to walk to local schools.

Byron stated that she has already been in contact with officials from other organizations who are in support of the application.

Todd Piccone with the Thompson School District also spoke in support of the grant application. He stated that the school has a grant writer that can help with the grant application.

Kari Walters of Berthoud she has lived in the Gateway Park neighborhood for five years and felt the new signal may not have been advertised adequately to the drivers in that area. Walters also expressed concern regarding the distance from the signal to the road. Walters suggested that a full curb and sidewalk also be built to protect pedestrians from stray vehicles.

Michael McGuinn of Berthoud stated that he has two kids in the school district. He stated that the Town needs to take every opportunity to apply for grants.

The Board was in agreement to submit a grant application for the current cycle. Kirk stated that the grant is due in November and the Board will need to work toward a comprehensive plan in the meantime.

V. SCHEDULED ITEMS

1. Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan

(Chris Kirk)

Kirk stated that the intent was to provide information regarding the masterplans and to bring the item back on the 28th for a decision from the Board.

Wenk & Associates as well as George K. Baum & Company gave an in-depth presentation of the

proposed master plan, the projected costs to complete the projects and the results of the community survey.

There was a 10-minute break following the presentation.

Christine Torrez of Berthoud asked if the revenue from TPC Golf Course and Love's Travel Stop would be taken into account. Torrez also asked if it was taken into consideration that there will be pools in the special districts. Torrez asked about increasing roof permitting fees, to also look at impact fees, and to perhaps lower commercial permit fees to encourage more growth.

Brandon Beall of Berthoud stated he was a roofing contractor. He stated he has not pulled a permit in a few years. He stated that he worked in Parks and Recreation for Denver and stated that there is a direct correlation between crime and crime prevention when you incorporate a recreation center. He stated 30 cars were broken into in his neighborhood and felt the recreation center would help prevent crime.

Sunny Tartaglia of Berthoud she stated that she is very excited. She asked if there was consideration for doing an indoor pool. She asked if the additional revenue would offset the cost. Tartaglia felt that an indoor pool should be a priority.

Andrea Sutton of Berthoud stated that she received two surveys in the mail. She stated that the Berthoud schools have dropped in their ratings. She stated that there are many needs for the school district. She stated that the school is asking for a bond. The Loveland City Council decided not to have a question to support the school district. She stated that she hoped the Berthoud Town Board would do the same to support the School District. Sutton noted that Loveland and Longmont have recreation center but have nearly 100k people.

Pat Karspeck of Berthoud stated that she is on the Berthoud Tree Board. She stated that she did not want the Board to forget about the Tree Advisory Committee. She stated that the family requested specific features in the southern part of the property. Karspeck suggested utilizing grant funding to help fund trees for the park.

Michelle Klos stated that her family is at the Berthoud pool every day. She stated that now that school has started, a lot of her shopping has moved to Loveland. She also encouraged an indoor swim facility.

Trustee Dower read emails that she received from Brian Dodd, Marisol Rodriguez, and Rebecca Rodriguez, all in support of the recreation improvements.

Mayor Karspeck stated that he is supportive of improving trails using just cash.

Trustee Tomassi stated that on page 23 of the survey does not take into account the additional \$250k in annual operation costs for the new facility. Taking that into consideration, it would be about \$12.5M that the Town could to borrow. Tomassi felt the ballot will be crowded and the Board needs to be mindful of that. He is not in favor of the new tax; but rather, to change the allocation of the current sales tax to go toward a bond initiative.

Trustee Alaback stated that the point is that there are a couple things the citizens really want. He stated that the pool, ball fields and trails take a high priority. And to split the funding between Waggner and Richardson Parks.

Trustee Laak stated that he felt the Town needed ball fields at Richardson, a new pool and trails.

Trustee Hardy stated that he felt the priority should be splitting the tax. Hardy felt the pool should be built and that it should probably be indoor and that trails are a priority as well.

Trustee Dower stated that she would prioritize a modest rec center that would include an indoor pool. Dower stated that trails and new ball fields are also a high priority. She stated that she would like to see: 1. Trails, 2. A modest Recreation Center with indoor pool, and 3. limited ball fields to help alleviate the

backlog of teams needing ballfields. She stated that it would be for critical needs.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hindman stated that two years ago the Town passed a resolution of support for the Thompson School tax increase. He stated that he did not feel it's related and felt the voters are smart enough to know the difference. Hindman stated that they owe the public the opportunity to vote on the issue. He stated the pool is a top priority and should be indoor or the ability to be enclosed. He stated that there is an urgent need for both new ball fields and new trails.

Trustee Alaback stated that it makes a lot of sense to put it before the voters. He stated that both items on the ballot are to make the community a better place for the kids. Alaback stated that it is important to ensure that the Town does not decrease the level of recreational amenities, which would occur if we do not refurbish or rebuild town pool.

Kirk summarized that the Board felt the priorities should be Trails, ballfields, a pool and vegetation at Wagner Farm Park.

VI. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:58PM.

Michelle Adams
Christian R. Samora, Town Clerk

*Deputy Town Clerk
on Behalf of Council*

William Karspeck
William Karspeck, Mayor

