

August 3, 2017

Meeting began at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Bill Muse, Mayor; Gladys LeFevre, Farlan Behhunin, Steve Cox, Pete Benson, Council Members; Judi Davis, Clerk.

Public Present: Ashley Coombs, Perry Tancredi, Peg Smith, Bill Geil, Mark Nelson, Daniel Kennedy, Brynn Brodie, Montana Horchler, Pam Furches, Tina Karlsson, *Tim Ridges.

Pledge of allegiance

Steve made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 6 meeting. Pete seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Tina, representing the Park Committee, and Pam, representing the Tree Committee, approached the Council about applying for a **Tree City grant**. The application has to be submitted this month and grants will be awarded in October. Pam explained that the maximum that will be awarded is \$8,000 and will need a match, and asked if the Town would back them financially. The grant will be used to continue the Heritage Orchard project which was begun last year and included grafting old varieties of fruit trees to current stock. The goal is to provide them to individuals to be grown on private land as well as establishing a **community orchard** at the Tract Park. It will be educational in teaching people how to care for trees, and they also want it to help in community sustainability by providing food. They will work with the Boulder Skills Foundation in teaching how to process the fruit—canning, drying, etc. It will be a long-term project.

A lot of the work in the beginning will be preparation of the land. Fencing will be needed, hopefully using local labor, and the soil will need to be prepared. The ground is not level and is rough with old ditches that aren't being used. In addition to smoothing out some of the roughness, they may make some of the old ditches usable to educate people on how to irrigate as well as using some more modern watering techniques. This is one phase of an on-going project. They need to work with the Town in order to be successful. For now they are requesting approval from the Town and a guarantee of the up front money which will be reimbursed through the grant. *

Mark asked why we aren't following the original plan for the park. He thinks the public should have a say in changes. Bill answered that the Council has the final say in any committee recommendations.

Gladys is concerned about the long-term care of the orchard once there are no grants.

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There are many old orchards that are not being taken care of. What will happen to this orchard in later times? Steve stated that the community orchard is a part of the Tree City Forest Management Plan which was approved by the Council.

Pam replied that they have looked ahead 50 years. They want it to be educational and to take care of them as was done in pioneer times. They would like the Capital Reef specialist to come and teach a workshop on the care of orchards so we can keep the traditions alive. They want to find solutions to taking care of the fruit trees. Bringing people together is part of the program. Bill said we should plan ahead for seven generations, not just seven years.

Farlan stated that we'll have to spray. He wondered how the trees that are paid for by the grant can then be sold to individuals. Tina stated that they can only use 40 of the 100 grafted trees in the orchard, but they started with 100 knowing that many of the grafts wouldn't take. Steve asked them to check with Daniel Allen to see if we can sell any of the trees.

Mark would rather see the extra heirloom trees raised by individuals throughout Town, as the soil, climate and seasons vary greatly from place to place. Maybe some can be given to volunteers who have learned how to take care of them. Have they figured out who will get the orchard fruit when the trees begin to produce? Peg stated that we need to move ahead on the grant. Bill Geil stated that it will take a lot of work to maintain the orchard. Tree Committee volunteers have been plentiful in planting the trees. There is interest in the project.

Steve made a motion that we proceed with the grant application. Pete seconded the motion. Gladys abstained from voting, and the remainder of the Council voted in favor.

The Council next considered the **Fox Grove Subdivision** application. Pete suggested that a future version of the Subdivision Ordinance should require a plan for the maintenance of roads by way of a mechanism such as a Home Owners Association. Bill suggested we consider looking at his subdivision to see how it can be done. He doesn't like the configuration, but the access is legal. Dan stated that, at this point, there will be four lots that front on the road. For now the road will only service Lot 5. Farlan recommended a 50-60 foot radius at each driveway to accommodate construction trucks. There was a discussion on having property owners dedicate their land beneath the Lower Boulder Road to the public. Bill suggested having the Lower Boulder residents whose land is beneath the road dedicate the road on their property. Daniel suggested that he put language on his plat stating that he will cooperate in dedicating the ground beneath the LBRoad on his property to the public when the Town decides to move ahead on that project.

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Gladys, who is conducting the meeting, said she would entertain a motion that the Council **approve the Fox Grove Subdivision** with the road dedication language on the plat map. Steve made that motion, Farlan seconded it, and the vote was unanimous.

The lists of **checks issued** in June and July were reviewed. Pete made a motion to approve the checks, Steve seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Farlan reported that the landfill is piled high but that it can take more if it is mashed down. He doesn't have a backhoe that will do it any more, so he recommended that we see if Oakley Haws could and would do it. Eric Bresselsmith is busy and doesn't have time to do the road projects he's done in the past. It was suggested that maybe Bob Phillips might be interested in adding that to the work he already does for us. Right now we need a few signs put up. The County will give us some signs. We missed an opportunity to get hot mix from the County and will have to patch with gravel. If Farlan will supervise, Oakley can dig graves. Ashley reminded us of some trees on the Lower Boulder Road that have branches hanging over the road. Farlan will talk to Wulf about trimming those that are on his property. There was discussion about whether Bob would be paid as an employee or a contractor if he agrees to do the roadside/signs work. Judi will contact Bob about talking with Farlan and will contact Mark to see whether we can hire/contract with Oakley to do some backhoe work for us. She will also check with Mark to see whether the tree owner or the Town is liable for any damage done by tree limbs hanging over the road.

Pete said the Planning Commission has received a draft of the RPG report. He has a copy of it, but it won't be distributed until the PC has had a chance to look at it and recommend changes where needed. At their next meeting, the Planning Commission will be considering Conditional Use Permit and a Concept Subdivision applications.

Steve reported a possible infraction. A yurt has been placed west of BJ Miller's barn. It was put up as a bedroom. BJ wants to build a house and convert the barn back to an agricultural dwelling. The yurt will then be taken down. Farlan stated that Boulder Irrigation Company has a pipeline on that property. Tim Ridges has found it; it is 50 feet south of the yurt. The house will be built on the southern side of the pipeline. The Council agreed that BJ can use the yurt as a temporary structure while building, and he will use the water and rest rooms in the barn.

Judi received permission to order a conference phone and a new copy machine/printer.

Bill Geil reported on the recent **Highway 12 Committee** meeting. UDOT is reconfiguring the Highway 12/89 junction to make it safer. They are also repaving Highway 12 and installed fiber optic infrastructure before beginning the paving. The new surface has been striped. The cement barriers have been replaced with guard rails.

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Highway 12 is not only a designated Scenic Byway but also an All-American Highway. Scenic Byway funding has been cut by the Federal Government. The Scenic Byway Committee is a worthwhile organization which brings stakeholders together. There have not been any large projects lately. Garfield County has helped fund the Committee, but that funding has now been withdrawn. The County would like to combine it with the County Tourism Department, but they do different things. John Holland is no longer being paid, but he comes to the meetings. They will meet in Boulder on August 15 at 1:00, and the public is welcome to attend. It is a useful organization with no funds and a volunteer director whose secretary has resigned. Bill (Geil) asked if we could find any money somehow to help with the work they do. The State has reprinted the tourist guides, and they will be available at the August 15 meeting for businesses to take and distribute.

Farlan made a motion that the meeting adjourn. Steve seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Judith Davis, Town Clerk