BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 24th, 2024, at 7:00 PM

I. Call To Order

L. Berenato calls meeting to order at 702pm

II. Roll Call

In person: Martin Gitlin, Chris Frey, Randal McDonald, Mark Basham, Bryon Monseu, Lee Berenato, Chelsea Nihiser; Diane Kielty with the Clear Creek Watershed and Forest Healthy Partnership; Cindy Neely. Public Audience: Chris Cowan and Lisa Cowan. Via Zoom, Tammy Frey, Chris Cowan, and Jess Jones, Town of Georgetown Event Coordinator

III. Motion to Approve Agenda

M. Gitlin motions to approve the agenda, M. Basham seconds, motion passes with all in favor.

IV. Bills for Approval

Question regarding Mountain Lock and Key, have the time locks at the park been installed? Yes, they have been installed and are working well. Another question regarding what the HBC Mechanical invoice is for, plumbing related to turning the water on at the park. Replaced both faucets, new piping, outdoor spicket, installed new water meter. M. Basham motions to approve the bills. C. Frey seconds. Motion passes with all in favor.

V. **Approval of Minutes**: June 10th, 2024

C. Frey motions to approve the bills from June 10th, 2024. M. Basham seconds. Motion passes with all in favor.

VI. **Public Comment** -

Chris Cowan and wife Lisa Cowan are here, live at 320 Main Street. Here with concerns regarding cross street of Main and Garland. There have been repeated instances of Town equipment having contact with the rock wall along the street that the Cowan's have been working on. This time there was about 40 feet affected along the roadway. Requesting this issue to be an agenda item during the first meeting in July. Cowans will bring pictures of property markers and surveys of property lines.

VII. Administrative Items:

a. Mayor Report

Tentative schedule of Water Treatment Plant tour on July 11th. Also, the CCFA meeting is coming up, C. Frey will attend on behalf of the Town. These meetings are open to all SP Board Members to attend. The current IGA with CCFA expires on Jan 1, 2025.

b. Town Clerk Update

The clerk has been working with the Town's accountant to reconcile the bank account and QuickBooks Accounts for 2023. Once this has been cleaned up, the Town will be ready to start working on the Audit process. This needs to begin ASAP. The clerk suggests a Budget Committee meeting in July as well to be prepared, BC meeting scheduled for July 9th.

Holes filled in at Dinger Park

CIRSA Audit scheduled for July 15th
Computer Hardware is being set up this week.

VIII. New Business / Action Items

a. Capstone Proposal; Partnership with School of Mines to preform Water Quality Testing Study in Browns Gulch (Diane Kielty/Cindy Neely)

Diane Kielty joins with a Capstone project proposal.
Diane is an independent contractor and manager for the Upper CC watershed agency; she also works for Clear Creek Watershed and Forest Healthy Partnership, which is directed toward pre-wildfire planning. This watershed has not ever been hit by a wildfire, and Silver Plume is in one of the corridors that is considered high priority. Diane was approached by the School of Mines saying they had some possible openings for their Capstone Program. She spoke with Cindy Neely and Cindy Naksy about the possibility of bringing students up here to do some investigating in the Brown's Gulch area. Students will do research and then will present their findings to the Board. C. Neely states that it is important to confirm that no one can do anything with the Brown's Gulch area without the Town's approval per the SPMPN Conservation Easement. This proposal is for students, not scientists, and no one will be able to state that the Town will need to act on the findings of the potential study. Diane wants to see what could be accomplished with the assistance of these students. For example, there is a settling pond on the Burleigh Millsite, which the EPA monitors frequently, that the students could potentially investigate. The idea is that if a forest fire came through the area, the resulting deluge could have drastic impacts, and the students could study the area and how it could be affected.
Mac asks if this is surface work, or if the study would look at structural integrity as well? The idea would be to select what type of engineering team we want to put together, and the students would investigate along with a TA or team member from the college. The Town would guide how they would like to utilize that team to meet the Towns goals or interests. Mac states that to only look at the surface of the tailing piles and not address the structural integrity of the tailing piles doesn't present viable or accurate evidence, so that would be an important consideration. M. Basham asks if the essence of the question Diane is asking is if students can come up and do research in the SPMP, and if that is the case Mark is on board. C. Neely states she is also alright with this, but states the Town needs to be involved and cannot let students loose up on the mountain without any involvement. Town needs to specify what they want out of the study. R. McDonald agrees that the Town needs to be involved and guide the study. C. Neely states the Town had to

do an Environmental Study through Iron Woman to purchase the Mountain Park, so there is a recent report done on these sites, and that information could be useful to these students. Also, C. Neely states this is great experience for the students who could potentially participate. Diane asks for a motion to approve her to submit for a Capstone Project in the Browns Gulch area. C. Frey moves to approve, M. Basham seconds, motion passes with all in favor.

b. Water Treatment Plant Tour July 11th (L. Berenato)

Already covered in Mayors Report

c. Acceptance of Reindeer Claim from CDOT (L. Berenato)

L. Berenato presents the Deed for the Reindeer Claim, which is being sold to the Town by CDOT for $10.00. There were some conflicting opinions about how the Town should formally accept this Land, whether it be via Ordinance, Resolution, or Motion. C. Neely, L. Berenato, and Clerk C. Nihiser all agree that a motion should suffice. M. Gitlin moves to approve the purchase of the Reindeer Claim for $10.00, M. Basham seconds. Motion passes with all in favor. C. Neely requests the Clerk send CDOT Crystal Sanchez a thank you letter, which the Clerk has drafted and presented for review. C. Neely and L. Berenato state some revisions need to occur, L. Berenato will make revisions and then will email the Clerk.

d. Clear Creek County Olympic Field Day Participation Request (C. Nihiser)

Jess Jones joins meeting via Zoom, she is the Events Coordinator for the Town of Georgetown. The Town of Georgetown and CCMRD (Clear Creek Metropolitan Recreation District) have come together to sponsor a County wide Olympic Field Day. There will be a paddleboard relay, color challenge, torch run, etc. This is a county effort, and the county would love Silver Plumes involvement. Silver Plume thanks Jess for her invitation. Event held July 25th and July 26th. Torch Run will start in Idaho Springs and run through Plume. Most events will occur in Georgetown. Opportunities for a Nonprofit to host a pancake breakfast prior to the event starting, if PFSP wanted to host that would be amazing. The Board thanks Jess for thinking of the community. Email Jess with any questions.

e. Weekend Traffic Mitigation Concerns (M. Gitlin)

As all are aware, Sunday prior to last the traffic was awful. Ongoing situation, legally unsure if the Town can block the road at the end of Main Street with equipment, or have volunteers direct traffic, but this would be ideal. With the Fourth of July Holiday weekend coming up, expect this will bring more traffic. M. Gitlin states he knows of at least one family that felt this to be a significant safety concern to not let kids play outside. Both Main and Water Street were gridlocked, and since the highway was closed there was nowhere to go, with the Town full of people. This issue will not go away, it's only going to get worse. These people line

up and pee and dump trash and then leave. Bryon states these are multiple issues, access, egress, sanitary issues, trash. Would be best to tackle these issues individually. Mark states having signs that state no through traffic, or local traffic only would be a good first step. Board agrees signage is a start. Could blockage Town streets but can't regulate County Roads, and the County maintains the Transfer Station Intersection of Main and the Frontage Road. Town Officials could block the road on the east side of the Transfer station. If this is something we can legally do, then have volunteers ready to go set up some sort of barricade. M. Gitlin states that with the holiday weekend some plans need to be made. Also, efforts need to be made to attempt to not prevent folks from accessing the coffee shop and museum. Responsibility falls to CDOT to help regulate, possibly close the frontage road altogether. The clerk will look in the Connex and Town Shop to see if there is already No Outlet/No Thru Traffic/Local Traffic Only signage, and order if needed. One sign to go on the back of the stop sign at the far west end of Main, one on the Garland intersection with the Frontage Road, and one on the Woodward intersection of the Frontage Road. Signs could be here as early as next week. C. Frey states if the Town could get 30 people on Waze to state the frontage road is closed and that would help the issue. L. Berenato to draft a letter from the Board and send to CDOT from the Town to request assistance with this ongoing, year-round issue.

IX. Updates:

a. Road and Bridge Committee

Road base delivered today, 7 loads in total, 3 on Main Street and the rest on West Mountain Street. East Slope Excavating to get started tomorrow hopefully. There is a vehicle outside of Ma Buckleys that needs to be Towed. C. Frey states to Tow it L. Berenato will need to assist with the Tow paperwork, but first C. Frey will check with Georgetown Police to see if vehicle, which seems to be abandoned, could be impounded instead of Towed. C. Frey is liaison with East Slope Excavating and the Town and will have Junior reach out to clerk to inform of timeframe.

b. Budget Committee

Meeting scheduled for July 9th. Clerk to set up meetings and distribute to committee members. Will need last years budget and this years P&L for the meeting.

c. Personnel Management Committee

No updates

d. Cemetery Committee

Need to schedule a formal meeting. R. McDonald asks what the requirements of this is, and the clerk states that she needs 24 hours' notice to publicly post the notice. R. McDonald requested clerk schedule this meeting. Weekend in July preferred.

e. Short Term Rental Committee

The clerk updated Board that STR Admin Janet has been actively reviewing applications and is in contact with most of the applicants at this time.

f. Mountain Park Commission

July meeting scheduled for 7/18/24

g. Miscellaneous Updates and Follow Up

L. Berenato will draft two letters to CDOT, one for the Reindeer and one for Traffic Mitigation Concerns. The clerk will investigate signage and order if necessary. C. Frey to try and address issues with the Dump Truck and will investigate the Trash enclosure discussed at the last meeting. Instead of a locked building C. Frey is advocating for an enclosure that has catwalks going up to and enclosed roll off that a person could not fit a large item such as furniture into. Will hopefully have more information next meeting.

X. Adjournment

M. Gitlin motioned to adjourn at 825pm. B. Monseu seconds, motion passes with all in favor.