
PARKS, TRAILS, OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 27TH, 2012
5:30 – 7:30 PM
RIDGWAY TOWN HALL

TO: PARKS, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
FROM: JEN COATES
DATE: AUGUST 27TH, 2012

Parks, Trails and Open Spaces Committee Members:

Attendees: Doug Canright, Sara Ballantyne, Rick Weaver, Jen Coates, Jennifer Mandaville, Jared Coburn

Committee members not present: Stephanie Wallin, Eric Johnson

I. Approval of Minutes from July 18th, 2012

-- no approval necessary for meeting notes on 8/13 as no quorum was present and no decisions were made.

Jennifer Mandaville motioned to approve the minutes, Rick Weaver seconded, and all approved.

II. Review of Pickleball Request and Town Council consideration on Sept 12, 2012

Rick distributed a sketch of the proposed pickleball court to the committee. Rick and Jared played pickleball with Larry and Barbara Gallagher. Jennifer expressed concern about potential conflict of the basketball players and the pickleball players. The group discussed over-striping proposed for the basketball court. Rick suggested a different color for striping.

Sara recommended putting a sign on the basketball courts stating the Council will consider the over-striping request during the September Council meeting.

Doug made that the Committee recommend to the Town Council to consider over-striping of basketball court in Athletic Field for one pickleball court. Jennifer seconded the motion. Rick and Sara voted to approve.

Doug made a motion to recommend to Town Council that one court be striped at this time and that it be the eastern court (#2 on Rick's drawing). Rick seconded. Sara and Jennifer approved.

III. Update on Recruitment of other members for committee participation

Doug moved to recommend Jared Coburn as a member of the committee. Jennifer seconded. Sara and Rick approved.

IV. Discussion of New Youth Bike Trial in the Dennis Weaver Memorial Park

- it was suggested that the committee revisit this agenda topic at the next meeting.

V. Review of Parks Plan and other requests to develop list of priority improvements for Town Council to consider with budget discussions

The committee reviewed the Parks, Trails and Open Space plan with recommendations for short term improvements and also the stated goals and objectives in the plan. The committee discussed and recommends the following priorities and budget requests for Town Council consideration:

By 2012 year end:

- 1) Dog Park Property Acquisition and Development discussion – Doug Canright and Jen Coates*
- 2) Adopt a Parks Program Development – Jennifer Mandaville and Jared Coburn*
- 3) Signage for Dennis Weaver Memorial Park – Rick Weaver*
- 4) Pickleball Court Over-Striping out at Athletic Field – Rick Weaver*
- 5) Placement of Banner Poles in Hartwell Park – Jen Coates*
- 6) Urban Forest Management - Cottonwood Tree fencing with t-posts in Rollans Park and adjoining Town Property at the river – Jen Coates, Jared Coburn and Doug Canright*
- 7) Work with CU-Denver to finalize the terms of the contact for the stage construction in Hartwell Park – Jen Coates and Doug Canright*

2013 Priorities:

- 1) Design, construction and installation of bike racks as a local artistic endeavor; request \$1500 from Town Council as a contribution to get program started in 2013. The committee will explore funding opportunities to supplement any budgeted amount; \$1500 – Sara Ballantyne*
- 2) Work with local citizen group on design and construction of a bouldering area in Hartwell Park as planned; Request Town Council budget \$5,000 in 2013 – Sara Ballantyne*
- 3) Signs for Dennis Weaver Memorial Park trail signs; Request Town Council budget \$1500 in 2013 – Rick Weaver*
- 4) Continue to work with Concert Series Committee on construction of stage in Hartwell Park – Jen Coates and Doug Canright*
- 5) Acquisition of property and improvement of Ridgway Dog Park; Request Town Council budget \$5000 in 2013 – Jen Coates and Doug Canright*
- 6) Urban Forest Management - Cottonwood Tree fencing with t-posts in Rollans Park and adjoining Town Property at the river and Cottonwood Park – Jarod and Doug Canright*

Jared proposed removing fencing from existing mature trees and protecting new growth along the river in Rollans Park and adjoining Town property. It was proposed that a tree professional

be recruited to identify young trees to protect. The group indicated support for the project if the labor is available.

Rick mentioned the performing arts stage construction and prioritizing support for completion of the project.

Jennifer mentioned incorporating edible gardens in public and private spaces. The group recommended this conversation occur with the Transition OurWay group and individual Homeowner's Associations.

Sara mentioned insuring good trail connectivity to and from the future dog park property. The committee talked about the dog park and potential costs for fencing, shade structure, road base and gravel for road extension, etc.

Rick mentioned to the group the "Diamonds in the Rough" program to celebrate local heroes, and he is working with an independent committee and may check in with the Parks Committee to locate the "Diamonds".

VI. Identify Priority Projects for Establishing Volunteer Adopt a Park Program to initiate in 2012

VII. Adjourn

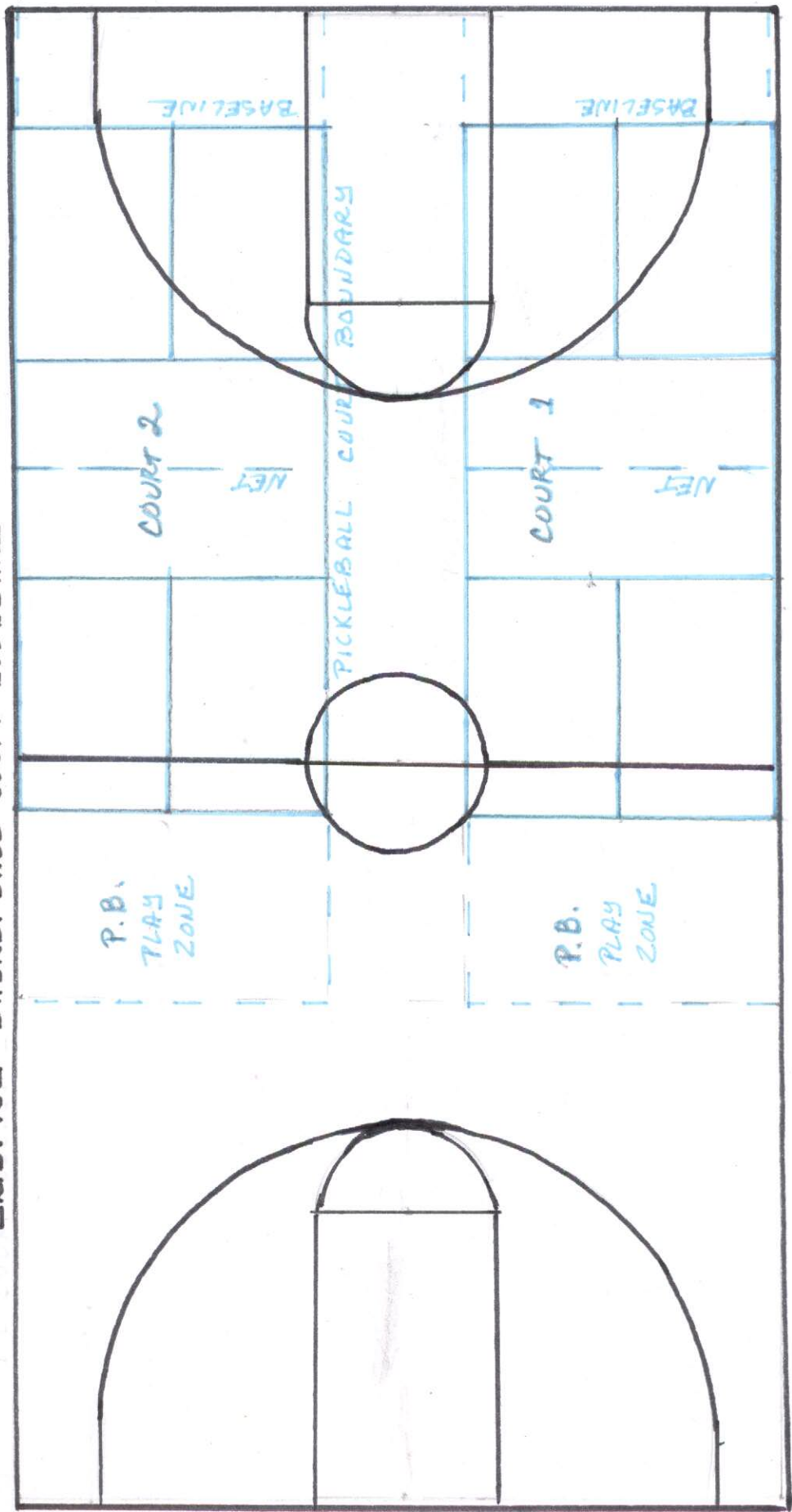
Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday Sept. 26th 5:30 - 7:30 PM

SUGGESTED PICKLEBALL COURTS LAYOUT

CHAIN-LINK FENCE



EXISTING BASKETBALL COURT BOUNDARY



SCALE - 1" = 10'