

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
GRANITE PEAK PRE-SEASON MEETING
JANUARY 31, 2025

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE	Peyton Brookshire and Cherrie McAlexander. Committee members that were not present were Danen Johannes and Cole Waltner. There was no one representing the Highschool or Granite Peak Little League.
SIDELINE IN PERSON	Webb Mandeville, Becky MacEwen, Philip Holten, Travis West
MINUTES APPROVED	The minutes were approved for the last meeting from February 26, 2024. DUE TO NO QURUM THE MINUTES SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN APPROVED.
PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:	NONE
	<p>Travis thanked the city for spending the money to get the field in great shape. The only thing left before the season is to get the infield rolled. Travis asked if the city might have the equipment to roll the field. The mayor stated that the original budget for the renovations was \$19,000 and the city ended up spending over \$42,000. He thanked all those who helped with the project. Travis is concerned with allowing the Adult Softball League to play on the field with all the new renovations. Cherrie mentioned the option of the Adult Softball League using the High school softball field. The agreement with the city and high school, the city can use the field after their high school season. Travis stated that would be ideal but would never happen. After reviewing the agreement Crawford field is only allowed for Highschool Softball. The city can use the Practice Field and Mandeville Field not Crawford. The mayor stated that the field belongs to the city. The mayor stated that it would be nice to have some representative from the high school at this meeting. There was lots of discussion on who can use Mandeville Baseball Field. Cherrie asked what the purpose is of having all these User Agreements for different groups to use the park when none of them follow their agreement. Peyton suggested the user agreements might be to help with time and scheduling of the park. Travis asked if the soccer association will be using the outfields for games or practice. Becky replied not at this time. It was stated that the middle school uses the soccer fields for football practice. Becky stated that the Adult Softball League is aware of the issues with using Mandeville Field for their games and practices. Becky stated that the Adult Softball League is willing to work with whatever for their season. Travis mentioned that a lot of the issues from last season have been resolved, and we are in a better position for this season. Philp Holten said that he can handle taking care of Mandeville Field during the high school season. Cherrie reminded everyone that there are user agreements that spell out who is responsible for what, but no one follows them. Travis stated that the high school will prep the field before their games. Peyton Asked if the other teams that play at Granite Peak for baseball get charged a fee. Travis said no and stated that a lot of parks do charge a fee to play on their fields. Cherrie mentioned that all agreements are not allowed to do any third-party subletting. Becky mentioned that this happened to her last year. She had to pay Granite Peak Little League 15% of the money she raised for her organization. The mayor asked if operationally things went well. Travis said yes.</p>

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	<p>Peyton stated that the soccer field was an issue. It was not getting water when it should have. The timer for the water is on the high school well and it was getting watered at stupid times. The city needs to figure out this issue so we can access the water timer. The two sprinkler systems are connected to high school and Granite Peak wells. This issue needs to be fixed. Travis asked if there might be a possibility of getting a water hook up to water the infield. There was discussion on how to get that completed. Becky asked if she might be able to get a copy of the mowing schedule so she can get the goals off the field. Philip said he could do that. Becky asked if she could have a copy of the high school baseball schedule. Travis said he would get her a copy. Cherrie spoke of the different user agreements for Granite Peak and which ones are expired. Peyton spoke about some of the contradicting issues with the user agreements. Peyton mentioned Port A Poti's at Granite Peak and who is paying for them. Becky suggested that any issues be added as an action item for the School Board Meetings. Let the new superintendent know of the issues. The mayor mentioned the issues with the signs hanging at the ball fields. The funds that are generated from these signs are earmarked for maintenance at the park. There was a person that wanted to hand a sign on the outside of the fence when all the other signs were facing inside. This is causing 2 issues; one other people will want an outward facing sign and two the Montana Department of Transportation does not like signs on the outside of the fences. The mayor thinks that we need to establish some regulations on the sign placement, size, color, etc. Lots of discussion on signs and what could be done to improve the signs at Granite Peak.</p>
COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA	None
ADJOURNMENT	Meeting was over at 11:02 am