

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
 GRANITE PEAK PRE-SEASON MEETING  
 JANUARY 29, 2026**

<b>MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE</b>	Peyton Brookshire, Cole Waltner and Cherrie McAlexander. Committee members that were not present were Danen Johannes.
<b>SIDELINE IN PERSON</b>	Joe Morse, Becky MacEwen, Philip Holten, Travis West, Ron Osborne, Casey Klasna, Ashley Thorson, Kimberli Peterson, Trista Meier, Kim Rebin, Tom Chamberlin, Jayson Emmett, Kaci Popp and Brenda Kircher
<b>MINUTES</b>	The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. No questions or comments.
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:</b>	Casey Klasna stated that he was at this meeting to learn more about item six in the school's user agreement. He wants more information on why the school must pay a fee when they maintain the field during the summer.
	<p>Travis West gave a list of supplies that will be needed for the baseball field. Travis said that the baseball field is in really good shape after all the work done last year. Travis thanked the city for all the hard work put into the baseball field. Cole Waltner stated that the sooner weed spray can be applied to the fields the better. He noticed lots of weeds towards the end of the season last year. There was discussion on goat heads, how to handle them for the upcoming season. Discussion on the maintenance that needs to be done to the practice pitching and batting areas. Philip Holten stated that he could drag the fields after the season is over a few times a week to keep the weeds down. Tom Chamberlin let Philip know that he can use the drag machine anytime. Cherrie McAlexander mentioned that the city is starting the process of updating its Capital Improvement Plan and on her wish-list were improvements to Granite Peak Park and Itch-Kep-pe Park. She stated that she would like anyone with ideas to email her. Cole Waltner mentioned that the infield for the Granite Peak softball field needs to be redone. That field has major drainage issues, and the grass needs to be cut back about two feet. Philip Holten stated that he was going to try to cut the grass back and refill the infield. Travis West stated that the baseball team purchased a turtle that will help eliminate the fly ball issues. Cherrie asked if the repairs needed for the softball field would be like the repairs that were done at the baseball field. She is trying to figure out the cost. Travis stated that he did not think it would be as expensive as the baseball field was. Cole said that the dirt on the softball field is ten times better than the dirt that was on the baseball field. Ron Osborne stated that the school got a quote of \$120,000 to re due the high school softball field. Ron Osborn stated that he has never seen the school's agreement but would like to know who is allowed on the high school field. Cole asked if he was talking about the high school softball field. Ron replied yes and stated again that he had never seen the agreement in 20 years. Cherrie gave Ron and Casey both a copy of the school's user agreement. Ron stated that there are people on the field after the season is over and no one is dragging it or maintaining it. Cole stated that it is not just the high school softball field, but all fields have people on them. Cherrie stated that the fields are public. Ron asked what could be done about that. There was discussion about all the fields and who can use them, types of user agreements and size of fields. There was discussion of options to add an additional field for softball or baseball and land</p>

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that might be available for that. Someone mentioned the middle school practices football on the high school softball practice field. Cherrie stated that there are no user agreements with the city for football. There was discussion on parking, road use and creating a multi-use playing area. Someone asked how could we move forward in making the high school softball practice field a multi-use area. Travis stated there would probably have to be a user agreement drawn up with the city. Cole mentioned that he gets lots of calls about the parking situation at Granite Peak. There was discussion about how to communicate to people about parking and other issues. There was more discussion about a football agreement with the city. There was discussion on how everyone will communicate with each other during the season. The high school softball and baseball schedules were discussed. Cole mentioned that the Sheriff's Labor Detail helped with the fields last season a lot. Cole gave a short list of things that that labor detail helped with. Someone asked if this was communication between the different users of the fields or parent communication. Cherrie stated that this discussion is about the different users with agreements and how they plan to communicate with each other and the city. If parents have questions, they will need to communicate with the group they will be participating in. A parent stated that she was new to the community and was struggling with where to find information out. Peyton talked about the improvements that will be made to the concession stand for this upcoming season and how the user agreement will be handled for the concession stand. Cole asked if that would include a few outside spickets for water. Peyton stated it could. Someone asked if there could be locks added to the outside spickets to keep the kids from messing with them. There was discussion on spicket locks. Cherrie stated that currently the concession stand is part of the Granite Peak Little League User Agreement. They would have to agree to remove the concession stand from their agreement so the city could create an agreement separately for the concession stand. Travis asked if Granite Peak could keep the concession stand in their agreement. Cherrie replied yes. Tom Chamberlin stated that Granite Peak Little League wants nothing to do with the concession stand and that he is fine with making an amendment to their agreement. Tom stated that the little league and high school will still need access to the building. Cherrie stated that it will not be an issue. Travis asked if the high school would want to do concessions during their season. PAWS will be running the concession for the entire season. Coles asked if there would be an amendment to the Granite Peak Little League Agreement removing the concession stand and creating a new one for PAWS to run the concession stand. Cherrie replied yes. Peyton asked PAWS if they had any questions on the document he gave them about the operator's responsibilities. PAWS replied no and asked about a time frame when the concession stand would be ready. Someone asked if there was a grant or Capital Improvement money available that would get things done to the concession building. Cherrie stated the current building would be demolished and a new building would be built with restrooms and a concession side if funding became available. Peyton asked that before PAWS does any painting or improvements that they get with him or Philip to get approval first. Cherrie stated that there is a little pressure on the PAWS organization to run this concession stand good. The city council approved \$12,000 for the improvements to make this happen for PAWS or any other

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	<p>organization that comes along. The city council thinks this is good for the community and will help keep the children safe by having better options for food and drinks at the park. Someone asked if the city is looking for grants to help with improvements at the park. Cherrie replied yes and gave a brief explanation of how the grant process works. There were several side conversations going on at the same time. A discussion started about AEDs and how many will be at the park and where they will be located. Someone asked about the plumbing that will be added to the concession stand. Peyton explained what plumbing would be provided and the type of sink. There was discussion about the sanitation department and the concession stand being compliant. There was discussion about what food items would be sold. Peyton and PAWS met with the sanitation department to make sure compliances will be met. Ron Osborne stated again that he had never seen the agreement but is questioning why they must pay a fee. He wants to know when it is the school's responsibility to maintain the fields. Ron stated that they are maintaining the fields all year long. Mowing, watering, lining for games. He wants to know if this is what they are supposed to be doing on the baseball field too. Ron stated that they had never paid until last year. Ron stated he is having a problem understanding why they have to pay. Joe Morse stated that a long time ago Granite Peak had a committee that ran the fields up there. They split all the expenses between the different sports and the number of kids playing each sport. That was before the city got involved. Joe stated that maybe the user fees need to be worked out a little bit. User fees were to help pay for some of the expenses. There was some discussion on who pays for what. Ron stated that his maintenance guys are over there mowing two days a week. Peyton stated that Philip is up there just as much. Philip stated that he mowed the baseball field all season last year even when the high school was using it. Philip stated that he does not touch anything west of the soccer field all year. Travis stated that the school guys prep the baseball field for his games. Cherrie suggested that since Casey is fairly new and Ron is not new but has never looked at their user agreement, maybe we should have a separate meeting to discuss the user agreements. Cherrie mentioned that anyone with a user agreement and wants to review can arrange a meeting with the city. There was discussion about porta poties and who is responsible for what. Tom stated that everyone should work together to get the toilets there sooner. Tom suggested having the toilets delivered no later than March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Trista Meier stated that she was here for the adult league if anyone had any questions for her. Cherrie stated that she would be in touch with her when the time got closer. Cole stated that it would be nice to have another adult softball field. Cherrie agreed with Cole. Travis asked the school about a capital improvement fund for a future baseball field. Travis stated that Mr. Bermis mentioned it before he left. Casey said that there is no fund. Travis asked if that was something that the school is looking at doing. No response from the school.</p>
<b>COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA</b>	None
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	Meeting was over at 10:48 am