

Minutes for OVPSA Board Meeting 5 May 2025, 7:00 pm, Eden Park Bowery

Board Members: Lon Child, Chris Phipps, Greg Graves, Tim Brown, Charlie Graff, Artie Powell, Emily Phillips, Heather Lowe, and Marshall McGonegal.

Roll Call

Lon Child - present
Chris Phipps - present
Greg Graves - present
Tim Brown - present
Charlie Graff - present
Artie Powell - excused
Emily Phillips - excused
Heather Lowe - present
Marshall McGonegal - present

Approve 21 April 2025 minutes (voice vote)

Charlie made the motion, Greg seconded, approved unanimously.

Statement regarding allegations against board member Greg Graves

An Ogden Valley Parks Board member has been cleared after questions arose regarding a potential conflict of interest in a recent project bid. The company selected, J-U-B, had previously employed board member Greg Graves, prompting concerns about fair procurement procedures.

However, records confirmed that Graves retired in April 2022 - months before the bid invitation in December and the selection in May 2023. The board reviewed three bids and, while J-U-B's proposal was slightly higher than the other two (less than 1% higher than the second highest), their experience and proposal was deemed strongest. Graves' prior experience and relationship with the firm were seen as assets, and he was asked to serve as a liaison for the project.

The board emphasized its commitment to transparency, community collaboration, and refining processes for enhanced efficiency and clarity.

For the record Tim Brown is a signer on our account with Golden West Credit Union, along with Lon Child. These are the only two names on the account.

Also for the record, there was an approved motion to go into a closed session at the last meeting, but before the public vacated there was a recommendation for the board to look into how money for youth league registration was handled and to investigate whether a portion of registration fees are being used for personal gains. Chris and Tim independently reviewed registration revenue and expenses. Both concluded that money raised is being used entirely for the programs themselves.

Shea Shumway, Parks and Recreation Coordinator - activity report

- Liberty Park update: All sprinklers, backfill, utility access points and gravel skirting are complete. Final expenditure for sod/seed for delivery. Schedule and coordinate with volunteers for project completion.
- Address concrete skirting around Liberty Park Bathroom
- Grant opportunity and research for local pathways project
- Tax-deductible receipts for event donors
- Scouting/Grand Slam Event on May 2nd was a success! Great partnership! Eden bathrooms in use by the public.
- Finalized Little League registration - payouts and donations.
- Coordinate connex organization, benches installed at eden park. Park benches need to be addressed along the west side of the playground - Eden committee (reimbursement from Lon).
- OVR sitemap and wireframes in progress.

Following the activity report, the board discussed the Liberty Park Bathroom Project and whether to approve \$15,000 for elements of the Phase 1 master plan. Specifically, the request is to install a concrete apron around the bathroom (~\$7,500) and sod repair (\$4,500). Lon clarified that sod repair was part of the RAMP grant, so covered in that budget. This reframed the question to be whether to approve \$7,500 for the concrete apron.

The existing condition around the bathroom is that 1" to 3" gravel rocks surround it. The concrete apron would keep the bathrooms cleaner, and make the approach to the bathrooms safer. It's not a matter of whether this needs to happen, but when.

The board discussed that completing the project would make the bathrooms better for the public and more functional. The board speculated the Ragnar users would appreciate the concrete ribbon, and then the board learned that Ragnar had cancelled.

Charlie pointed out that Ragnar cancelling reduces revenue by \$10,000 and that the budget will change in the amount of \$17,500 if we approve the apron.

Chris made a motion to approve \$7,500 for the concrete apron, Marshall seconded. Charlie voted no, everyone else voted to approve \$7,500 to be used for the concrete apron.

Heather then reviewed the draft **Ogden Valley Parks Service Area (OVPSA) Board Meetings Rule on Electronic Attendance**.

Chris made a motion to approve the Ogden Valley Parks Service Area (OVPSA) Board Meetings Rule on Electronic Attendance. Marshall seconded the motion. Lon suggested that the primary reason for this policy is to ensure board participation. All were in favor, none opposed.

Public Comments *To respect the time of all participating, public comments will be limited to 2 minutes per person.*

Ron Gleason raised a concern about the bright lights on all night at the Liberty Park bathroom. He will volunteer to add motion detection and bring the lights into compliance with the Dark Sky guidelines for the Valley.

Shea shared that Chris Allen is working with the bathroom installers to replace those lights.

Ron also brought up the 7 acres at the north end of Trappers Loop and recommended OVPSA board discuss with the County about adding that land to our inventory. Marshall updated everyone that the County recently decided that they want to maintain control of that land and use it for parking.

The board then discussed the **Parks and Recreation Contractor job description**. The board debated the benefits and drawbacks associated with a well-defined position or a position that had more flexibility to pivot and respond to unanticipated opportunities. There is uncertainty with the amount of direction and oversight allowable for an independent contractor, and at what point the role becomes that of an employee. More discussion about this position is necessary.

Heather made a motion to close the open meeting. Greg seconded the motion. All approved.

Closed Session Chris motioned to close the closed session, Heather seconded, all were in favor. At that time the closed session was closed and the public meeting reopened only to be adjourned seconds later.