

Minutes for OVPSA Board Meeting 2 June 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 - excused
Chris Phipps - excused
Greg Graves - present
Tim Brown - present
Charlie Graff - excused
Artie Powell - present
Emily Phillips - excused
Heather Lowe - present
Marshall McGonegal - present

Approve 5 May 2025 minutes (voice vote)

Greg made the motion, Heather seconded, Artie recused himself because he wasn't present at the May meeting. The motion was approved by the four other board members present.

Tim then shared the Parks and Recreation Coordinator activity report.

May 6 - May 31

- Concrete skirting installed on monday, May 12
- Sod delivery Monday afternoon, volunteer sod install on Tuesday at 6:00 PM.
- Helped sod driver unload semi-truck, distributed sod throughout the park
- 35 volunteers + sod cutter + 3 kubota tractors laid over 11,000 sq. ft. of sod.
- Small concrete pad poured by the bowery. Backfill around bathroom, raised a utility access point.
- Meeting with the principal at Valley elementary to discuss a possible opportunity to partner on a workshop. 4-6 graders to help design a playground at Liberty Park. The idea is that students will learn about playground design at an assembly presentation, then those who are interested will do a site visit at Liberty Park, followed by guided curriculum with guest speakers. The school will put field trip funding toward a visit to a new park equipped with the latest innovative amenities.
- Proposed 'Giving Machine' idea to CFOV - presented at Wednesday Meeting to committee. If this campaign is pursued, what does the park need? Donate to boulders, fix the broken slide at Huntsville Park, donations for playground equipment, trees, grass?
- Liberty park site visit with Pack Attack to address sprinklers, two spots of sod starting to die, we need to reroute sprinklers around the bathroom. Justin is providing a bid on this.
- Mountain West Precast - Tyler to meet in person with Greg and I to fix the list of bathroom needs (doors, toilets, leaking sink, fans, lights, paint)

- Pathways project - preliminary meetings held with Trails Foundation.
- Fence repair and gravel cleanup from concrete additions
- Completion Report for Liberty Park Bathrooms due June 30th.
- Got two RAMP signs for the bathroom at Liberty and the baseball field at Eden.

A few questions came up after reading the activity report.

1. There's a request to reimburse diesel to volunteers? The board has asked for a list of who would get reimbursed and for how much.
2. To thank the volunteers, it is proposed to submit an article to the Ogden Valley News. All board members will have a chance to review a draft article and provide comments before it is sent to the OVN.
3. The board would like more information about the playground design effort.
4. A future board meeting we will discuss how to direct Giving Tree contributions.

The board discussed the Liberty Park bathrooms in more detail. A meeting is scheduled with Tyler from Mountain West Precast to address the many problems with the bathrooms. The board will be represented by Greg Graves at this meeting. Worth noting is that oversight of this project fell on the Parks and Recreation Coordinator because other support evaporated. The board discussed many lessons learned from this project in regards to our relationship with park committees, timing of projects, use of volunteers, and the need to involve skilled and experienced people with oversight of construction projects.

Related to the bathrooms is the need to reroute two sprinkler heads and possibly the associated lines. Pack Attack is willing to do this. The board asked that we follow our procurement policy and if the cost estimate merits putting the project out to bid, then we will do so.

This led to a discussion about the need to discuss the relationship between park committees and the board. It was recommended that this be a focus of our July meeting and that park committee members be invited to attend. The board also discussed the need to approve the Parks and Recreation Coordinator position and there was an argument for this being the priority at the July meeting.

There was a discussion about whether or not we're paying the contractor, the roles and responsibilities of park committees and their relationship to the board and the contractor.

After agreeing that the reason for having a closed session needs to be included on the agenda, that public statements need to have board approval, that we would ask Suzanne Shaw to resubmit her GRAMA request and address it accordingly, and discussing the format of board minutes, Marshall asked what the focus of the upcoming RAMP grant would be. We have not

yet determined how to prioritize possible projects. Given the RAMP deadline, it was recommended that this be a priority and the focus of the July board meeting.

The meeting was then adjourned.