

OVP&A Public Meeting & Public Hearing Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2025

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order.

Roll Call

- Charlie Graff – Absent
 - Artie Powell – Absent
 - Lon Child – Present
 - Heather Lowe- Present
 - Emily Phillips – Present
 - Tim Brown – Present
 - Chris Phipps – Present
 - Greg Graves – Present
 - Marshall McGonegal- Present
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General Board Business

- **Approval of August 4, 2025 Meeting Minutes-** Lon Child motioned to approve, Chris Phipps seconded, the board then voted unanimously to approve the minutes.
 - **Resignation of Clerk:** Charlie Graff submitted his resignation from the clerk position. Heather Lowe motioned to accept the resignation, Greg seconded the motion, then the board voted unanimously to accept his resignation.
 - **Appointment of New Clerk:** Heather Lowe motioned to nominate Marshall McGonegal as the new clerk. Gregg seconded the motion, then the board voted unanimously to approve the nomination.
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Legal Counsel Interviews and RFP Process Discussion

- **Recommendation:** Tim Brown recommended moving forward with Rachel Anderson as legal counsel.
- **Motion:** Heather Lowe motioned to hire Rachel Anderson. Gregg Graves seconded the motion.

- **Vote:** The board unanimously approved the hiring of Rachel Anderson as legal counsel.
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Liberty Park Restroom Issues

- **Update:** Greg Graves reported that the water line servicing the new restrooms appears undersized, causing operational issues.
 - **Next Steps:** The board will pursue a warranty claim. If not covered, repairs could cost up to \$10,000.
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Adjournment of General Meeting

The general meeting was called to a close.

Public Hearing

Opening of Public Hearing

- **Motion:** Greg Graves motioned to open the public hearing, Lon child seconded.
 - **Vote:** All board members voted in favor to open public hearing.
 - **Purpose:** The public hearing was held to discuss a budget amendment.
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Public Comment

- Chris Allen (Liberty Park Committee Member) expressed concern about broken playground equipment and asked whether it should be included in the budget amendment.
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Closing of Public Hearing

- **Motion:** Heather Lowe motioned to close the public hearing.
 - **Second:** Greg Graves seconded.
 - **Vote:** The board voted unanimously to close the hearing.
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General Public Meeting

The meeting was called to order.

Budget Amendment Discussion and Vote

- **Board Discussion and Agreement:** Heather Lowe requested that all board members agree on topics and questions before sending them to legal counsel. The board unanimously agreed.
- **Next Step:** Tim Brown will contact legal counsel with the first request regarding best practices for board–counsel interaction.
- **Motion:** Chris Phipps motioned to approve the budget amendment.
- **Second:** Greg Graves seconded.
- **Vote:**
 - Emily Phillips – Yes
 - Marshall McGonegal – Yes
 - Chris Phipps – Yes
 - Greg Graves – Yes
 - Tim Brown – Yes
 - Heather Lowe – Yes
 - Lon Child – Yes

Result: The budget amendment was approved unanimously.

Valley Trails Project

- Tim Brown suggested considering passing the project to the Trails Foundation.
 - Marshall McGonegal recommended adjusting the proposed trail location to better integrate with existing and planned trails.
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Skatepark Location Discussion

- Tim Brown emphasized the need to create a list of considerations for selecting a skatepark location.
 - Emily Phillips suggested using an existing park with infrastructure (parking, restrooms, utilities). She noted a potential large donor who requires the inclusion of restrooms and water fountains to ensure accessibility.
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Future Amenities Discussion

- Emily Phillips stated that the OVPSA survey indicated strong support for a skatepark.
- Greg Graves questioned the survey’s role, noting it was not intended for public release.

- Tim Brown concluded the discussion, stating it would be revisited in a future meeting.
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Adjournment

- **Motion:** Tim Brown motioned to adjourn the meeting.
 - **Second:** Chris Phipps seconded.
 - **Vote:** The meeting was adjourned unanimously.
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Key Takeaways & Action Items

- Contact Liberty Park restroom contractors to review warranty coverage and remedy options.
- Add considerations to the list for selecting a skatepark location.
- All communication with legal counsel must be approved by the board. Tim Brown will make the initial contact.
- Heather Asked Emily to provide the list of amenities to consider when building a skatepark that Powder Mountain Shared with her, and to pass along the name and contact info of the person who shared the information in case there is a need for clarification or further conversation