

## Public Can Participate Live During Virtual Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meetings

In order to protect residents, staff, and elected officials from COVID-19, Longmont residents are urged to provide public comment from the comfort and safety of their homes by watching the meeting via livestream (links below) and by calling in on a phone number to provide public comment when prompted to do so during the meeting.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will hold their regularly scheduled meeting at 6:30p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2020, via remote virtual meeting. Comments are limited to three minutes per person. Information will be displayed and announced during the live meeting directing the public on how to call in to the meeting and when to do so.

As public participation is an integral part of any government and deeply valued by Longmont's elected officials, the City has changed to a new software for remote meetings in order to allow for public comment to be made during the meeting.

City staff continues to work with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to ensure that [agendas are balanced during the COVID-19 crisis](#). Topics that are controversial or those requiring additional community involvement have been tabled to future meeting dates.

The [monthly Board agendas](#) are posted on the City's website. The Parks and Recreation advisory Board meetings are live-streamed and can be [viewed on the City's YouTube channel](#), on [LongmontPublicMedia.org](#).



## AGENDA

# Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

**Date: June 8, 2020**

**Time: 6:30 pm**

**Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting site**

1. ROLL CALL
  - A. Meetings Are Being Held Remotely Due To The Governor's Safer At Home Order That Went Into Effect On April 27, 2020 [D 2020 044 (II)(H)(3)]. Watch The Meeting Livestream At: <https://bit.ly/LongmontYoutubeLive>- OR - <https://Longmontpublicmedia.Org/Watch/>
  
2. CHAIR REMINDER TO THE PUBLIC
  - A. Anyone Wishing To Speak During "First Call – Public Invited To Be Heard" (Item 5), "Final Call - Public Invited To Be Heard" (Item 8), Will Need To Watch The Livestream Of The Meeting And Watch For Instructions For How To Call In To Provide Comment At The Appropriate Times. Instructions Will Be Given During The Meeting And Displayed On The Screen When It Is Time To Call In To Provide Comments.  
  
Comments Are Limited To 3 Minutes Per Person And Each Speaker Will Be Asked To State Their Name And Address For The Record Prior To Proceeding With Their Comments.  
  
(Please Remember To Mute The Livestream When You Are Called Upon To Speak.)
  
3. Approval of Agenda
  
4. Approval of Previous Months Minutes
  - A. March 9, 2020 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Regular Meeting
  
5. Public Invited to be Heard
  
6. New Business
  - A. Modification to the Open Space Disposition Ordinance
  
6. Items from Staff
  
7. Items from Board
  
8. Public Invited to be Heard
  
9. Adjournment

If you need special assistance to participate in a Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting, please contact Aurora Black or Veronica De Santiago at 303-651-8404 in advance of the meeting to make arrangements

**MINUTES**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**March 9, 2020**

**1. Roll Call**

Present: Manoj Gangwar, Paige Lewis, Rob Pudim, Katja Stokley

Absent: Sue Ahlberg, Jeff Ellenbogen, Dan Ohlsen, Council Liaison Aren Rodriguez

Staff Present: Jeff Friesner, David Bell, Steve Ransweiler and Aurora Black

**2. Approval of Agenda**

A motion by Rob Pudim to approve the March 9, 2020 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Agenda. Paige Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. Approval of Previous Month's Minutes**

A motion by Rob Pudim to approve the February 10, 2020 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes. Paige Lewis seconded the motion. Katja Stokley abstained as she was not present. The motion passed 3-0.

**4. Public Invited to be heard**

Dan Jones, 825 Hillside Ct., Longmont, CO

A big chunk of Sandstone Ranch was not playable and had to move about 50 games to Tom Watson Park in Boulder, thus taking away business from local businesses.

**5. Old Business**

**6. New Business**

**A. Use of Public Spaces Process – Ben Wagner, Recreation Area Supervisor**  
PowerPoint Presentation by Ben Wagner

Jeff Friesner added that there's about 1,500 reservations a year that do not go through the process. Ben included that dozens of shelters are rented every weekend from mid-April through November.

**B. Review Recreation Cost Recovery Policy – Jeff Friesner**  
Handout by Jeff Friesner

Recreation is required to recover 80% of every \$1 spent, excluding capital over \$5,000, free community events, sport field maintenance and youth enrichment programs. All salaries, cost of doing business and utilities are included in the cost recovery. Recreation has averaged 90-95% cost recovery each year since the opening of the Longmont Recreation Center. Facility maintenance and operations does a lot of the maintenance for recreation facilities and it's not part of cost

recovery because it's not in the budget. At some point in time, the city manager will move those costs into recreation because he believes it's important to demonstrate to the public what it really costs to run a recreation facility.

**C. McLachlan Open Space Acquisition – David Bell**

The property is back on the market and the county is taking on the upfront costs. The city's goal is to participate in half the acquisition costs. Staff will be taking this proposition to city council on May 19<sup>th</sup>. When the county sells the property back to the city, they would hold a conservation easement to make sure the city holds the conservation values. A motion by Paige Lewis for PRAB to recommend to city council that the city proceed with a cooperative agreement with Boulder County for the McLachlan Open Space Acquisition. Rob Pudim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**D. Discuss Field Trip Date and Locations to Visit**

In lieu of the July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, the board will have a field trip and get a tour of the new Dickens Farm Park area.

**7. On-Going Items**

Paige Lewis asked about the Olander property and David Bell replied that they found someone else that met their price range.

**8. Items from Staff**

Steve Ransweiler mentioned that Longmont has adopted a new brand and it will be integrated with the parkway system. It's in partnership with Downtown Longmont Authority and visit Longmont. Clover Basin is going to council study session on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Legal has asked for conservation easement language to be updated when selling a property. Wertman Park is looking for a naming convention of Latino descent.

Jeff Friesner mentioned that the Clerk's office would like for board members to have an email for board communication.

**9. Items from Board**

Paige Lewis suggested to have a survey of attendance for PRAB meetings.

**10. Public Invited to be heard**

Dan Jones, 825 Hillside Ct., Longmont, CO

Asked about Affolter Park upgrades and Steve replied that the main part of the project is rebuilding the bathrooms and ballfield work.

**11. Adjournment – 8:00pm**

A motion by Rob Pudim to adjourn. Manoj Gangwar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**MEETING DATE: July 7, 2020**

**ITEM NUMBER: <ITEM\_OUTLINE>**

**SECOND READING: N/A**

**TYPE OF ITEM: Study Session**

**PRESENTED BY: Dale Rademacher, Deputy City Manager, 303-651-8355**

**David Bell, PWR Natural Resources Manager, 303-651-8992**

**Dan Wolford, PWR Land Program Administrator, 303-774-4691**

**SUBJECT/AGENDA TITLE: Approval of an Ordinance of the Longmont City Council to modify the language of Ordinance O-2011-10, an Ordinance on the Disposition of City Open Space.**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The City Attorney's Office is recommending a language modification to the ordinance adopted by City Council in 2001 for the Disposition of City Open Space. This language modification would allow the City to dispose of a property interest or component of the acquisition, therefore giving the City the flexibility to dispose of elements of an Open Space property that would prove to be beneficial to the property and the Open Space Program. Examples of such a disposal would include the disposal of a domestic water tap that is not being utilized on a given property, or the disposal of a residential lot or houses that don't serve to benefit the Open Space program and the selling of the property fee on a particular property while retaining a conservation easement thus safeguarding the initial intent of the original acquisition. These are just three examples of current scenarios. Any revenue generated by these dispositions would be reserved and placed back in to the Open Space Fund for future land acquisitions and program expansion or for development of improvement on existing Open Space properties.

**COUNCIL OPTIONS:**

1. Approve the Ordinance modifying the existing language in Ordinance O-2011-10 for the Disposition of City Open Space
2. Provide staff with modification to the proposed Ordinance language.
3. Do not approve the Ordinance modification.

**RECOMMENDED OPTIONS:** Option 1.

**FISCAL IMPACT & FUND SOURCE FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Sale of a component or the disposition of an element of the property interest could generate additional revenues for the Open Space program, which then could be used to further the program goals such as additional land acquisition or further enhancements of existing properties.

**BACKGROUND AND ISSUE ANALYSIS:**

When reviewing the possibilities of carving off two residential lots from the Newby Open Space property, the City Attorney's office commented that due to the existing language of the Ordinance, the City in no event shall the sales price or transfer cost be less than the original purchase price. This language prohibited the City from disposing of any of the numerous assets or bundled rights without disposing on the entire property.

An original purchase of an Open Space property is made up of a bundle of rights, the City may want to sell any one of those. This could include trees, houses, buildings, grain bins, agricultural rights, grazing rights, domestic water taps, or developable lots, and each of these items has a value that contributed to the overall purchase price. It is the intent of this ordinance modification to assure that the Open Space fund is made whole by requiring that the rights sold and the portion retained would have a combined value equal to or greater than the original purchase price.

Therefore, the City Attorney's office has included language modification in the revised ordinance in Section 14.52.030 – Process: paragraph C. Compensation, paragraph 1. Sales or transfer to include the fair market value of the property interest conveyed to remedy this ability.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- **Ordinance O-2011-10 on the Disposition of City Open Space**
- **Proposed Ordinance O-2020 Amending Chapter 14.52, Section 14.52.030 of the Longmont Municipal Code on Compensation for Disposition of Open Space Property**



1 water;

2 4. District parks devoted to low-impact recreational uses;

3 5. Implementing greenways and open space policies or strategies of  
4 the Longmont Area Comprehensive Plan;

5 6. Urban shaping buffers between or around municipalities or  
6 community service areas and buffer zones between residential and non-residential  
7 development (Goals).

8 C. There may be instances when these Goals may be furthered  
9 through an exchange of interest in city land for property that has a higher open  
10 space program value, or by sale of a parcel having limited open space value to  
11 another landowner or a city fund, and utilizing the proceeds to obtain land that  
12 more clearly meets the Goal without expending additional limited open space  
13 funds.

14 D. It is in the interest of the city that the council retain the ability to  
15 take advantage of opportunities to expand the open space property inventory and  
16 the quality of land preserved.

17 14.52.020 Purpose.

18 The purpose of this chapter is to give the city the flexibility to dispose of  
19 open space purchased or otherwise obtained pursuant to the provisions of section  
20 4.04.130 of this code where such action will result in the city obtaining greater  
21 acreage or land that more directly meets the purposes of that section.

22 14.52.030 Process.

23 A. Disposal of open space should be for a public purpose as

1 determined by city council.

2 1. Public purpose includes, but is not limited to, use of the property  
3 for right-of-way and easements for city roads, utilities, and life-essential  
4 infrastructure, and the sale or exchange of property interests that result in a net  
5 benefit to the open space program.

6 2. The disposal should be sensitive to the integrity of the property  
7 features and sensitive habitat, and generally should not adversely affect the  
8 remainder of the property.

9 B. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommendation.

10 1. Before taking final action on any request to dispose of open space  
11 land, the city council shall refer the request to the Parks and Recreation Advisory  
12 Board (PRAB), and other advisory boards the city council feels necessary, for their  
13 recommendations.

14 2. The PRAB shall schedule a public hearing on the request no later  
15 than 60 days from the date of the referral. Notice of the public hearing and  
16 request for comments on the request shall be published on the city website and in  
17 a newspaper of general circulation following city council referral.

18 3. All comments received from the public shall be included in the  
19 material provided to the PRAB prior to its public hearing.

20 4. The PRAB shall forward its recommendations to the city council  
21 following the public hearing.

22 C. Compensation.

23 1. Sale or Transfer.

1 a. The sales price of any open space land to another landowner or the  
2 transfer cost to another city department shall be based on its fair market value as  
3 determined by the city council. However, in no event shall the sales price or  
4 transfer cost be less than the original purchase price.

5 b. The proceeds of any sale or transfer of open space land shall be  
6 placed in the open space fund.

7 2. Land exchange. The city council may approve an exchange of  
8 existing open space land for other property if it determines that the value of any  
9 land to be obtained in the exchange is of equivalent value, taking into account the  
10 relative size of both parcels, the ecological value of the parcels, and whether the  
11 obtained parcel would better meet the purposes of the open space program than  
12 the current parcel.

13 D. The transfer of open space land to another city department shall be  
14 by motion approved by majority vote of the city council. Any conveyance of title  
15 to open space land must be made by ordinance approved by a two-thirds majority  
16 vote of city council pursuant to Section 13.2 of the Longmont Municipal Charter.

17 Section 2

18 To the extent only that they conflict with this ordinance, the Council repeals any  
19 conflicting ordinances or parts of ordinances. The provisions of this ordinance are severable, and  
20 invalidity of any part shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the rest of this ordinance.

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22 Introduced this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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24 Passed and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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8 NOTICE: THE COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS ORDINANCE AT  
9 7:00 P.M. ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2011, IN THE  
10 LONGMONT COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

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File: 8116

1 ORDINANCE O-2020-

2 A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14.52, SECTION 14.52.030 OF THE  
3 LONGMONT MUNICIPAL CODE ON COMPENSATION FOR DISPOSITION OF OPEN  
4 SPACE PROPERTY

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6 THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGMONT, COLORADO, ORDAINS:

7 Section 1

8 In this ordinance, ellipses indicate material not reproduced as the Council intends to leave  
9 that material in effect as it now reads.

10 Section 2

11 The Council amends section 14.52.030 of the Longmont Municipal Code, by adding  
12 italicized material and deleting stricken material, to read as follows:

13 14.52.030. – Process.

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15 C. Compensation

16 1. Sale or transfer.

17 a. The sales price of any open space land to another landowner or the transfer cost  
18 to another city department shall be based on ~~its~~the fair market value of the property  
19 interest conveyed as determined by the city council. ~~However, in no event shall the~~  
20 ~~sales price or transfer cost be less than the original purchase price. Such sales price~~  
21 ~~or transfer cost must be for an amount equal to or greater than the original purchase~~  
22 ~~price unless the City Council determines that a bona fide public purpose is served~~  
23 ~~by conveying the property, or a portion or interest thereof, for a sum less than the~~

1 original purchase price, based upon a finding that the sale or exchange of the  
2 property interest will promote the environment health, safety, or general welfare of  
3 the residents of Longmont and will result in a net benefit to the open space program  
4 by conserving the original open space goals intended by the initial acquisition of  
5 the property; and

6 Section 3

7 To the extent only that they conflict with this ordinance, the Council repeals any conflicting  
8 ordinances or parts of ordinances. The provisions of this ordinance are severable, and invalidity of  
9 any part shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the rest of this ordinance.

10 Section 4

11 The Council deems passage of this ordinance to be for the immediate preservation of public  
12 peace, health and safety. This ordinance shall take effect five days after final publication, provided  
13 at least three-fourths of the Council approve this ordinance on final reading.

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33 LONGMONT CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

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5 ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY

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CA File: 20-000769

**Meeting Date: June 8, 2020**

**Agenda Item: On-going Items**

**Subject: Recreation Update**

**Presenter: Jeff Friesner**

**Suggested Action: Information**

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The following summarizes Recreation programs for the past month:

COVID-19 response escalated to the closure of all recreation facilities on Friday, March 13 and continued throughout into May. The bulk of all Recreation staff continue to work.

### **Roosevelt Programming Area**

1. May was a full month getting prepared to switch gears from Child Care for essential city employees to providing care for the community. Additional approval was sought and obtained – with in person inspections - by Longmont Fire Inspections, Boulder County Health Department, and the State of Colorado Childcare Licensing for using three additional classrooms in the Memorial Building for childcare so that each base group of 10 children have their own, unique, home classroom. We are using the Aspen Room, the Wellness and Spruce Rooms, and the former basement weight room accessible via the stairs from the gymnasium as base group classrooms. Room camera for the basement room was installed. Child Care was one of the few programs that were allowed to hire new employees and getting both the new hire and returning staff trained prior to opening on Tues, May 26, was a priority. Requirements related to COVID and social distancing created new challenges to staffing, programming, and fundamental staff/parent/child interactions. The first four days of camp were more of a soft opening (only 11-14 youth a day) thus allowing staff to better fine tune procedures during the day.
2. Over 90 percent of original enrollees into the Longmont Summer Camp withdrew from the program in late April/early May as COVID restrictions and rebranding the Camp into Summer Child Care were made widely known. E-blasts and focused marketing on working families resulted in new families, including CCAP eligible families, enrolling into the Child Care. Daily enrollments beginning in June are near/at capacity (40 youth) each day. The new rollout of using ePACT for online storage of camper packets is going well.
3. Maintained and expanded the aid for golf schedule. Recreation temporary and part time staff have been filling over 150 shifts per week cleaning carts, monitoring the parking lot and golf course to educate and inform about social distancing. Memorial Building has built

and maintained the schedule as it has grown. It now includes Union and McIntosh weekend social distancing ambassadors doing a similar job to golf.

4. Maintained staffing and schedule for fleet assistance so mechanics could work alternate shifts to avoid any type of outbreak.
5. Worked with Union Reservoir to get Union Annual Passes available for sale online for the first time ever. Due to COVID, annual passes are only able to be purchased online and then the receipt presented at the gate Mon-Fri for the stickers.
6. Callahan house had air conditioning replaced and was deep cleaned by custodial staff in May.

### **Centennial Programming Area (Aquatics & ICE)**

1. Drained all outdoor pools of winter water and removed all organic debris in preparation for the Outdoor Pool season. Began repairs to outdoor pool equipment that parts were purchased for at the end of last season.

### **Quail Programming Area**

1. General maintenance, including cleaning and sanitizing of supplies has taken place throughout the Longmont Recreation Center. Babysitting room has thoroughly cleaned all items including dolls, toys and markers. The climbing wall has cleaned all holds while resetting an array of new climbing routes. A video of the disinfection process has been produced to provide patrons an inside view of the extensive cleaning process taking place during the closure.
2. All diamond ballfields have been leveled and base anchors reset in alignment on 17 different fields within Longmont. Athletic Maintenance staff have also completed work on rebuilding mounds, edging infields and reorganizing supply areas for more effective use.
3. Athletic Maintenance staff have participated in weekly safety training videos including heavy lifting, defensive driving and small equipment operations.
4. Asset inventory of all concession equipment and supplies, including cleaning and reorganization was completed by custodial staff.
5. Fitness Team has continued to provide online workouts for the public
6. Network cable put into the fitness room to get ready for offering Virtual Fitness classes
7. Administration has continued to field calls from the community and process membership and program refunds; support with staffing at Union Reservoir for reopening, and continued staffing at golf course.
8. Quail campus acted as the distribution hub and managed allotment of over 1500 masks for city employees.
9. Quail campus staff have developed and recorded a promotional video aimed at educating the public on who Recreation staff are at the campus and welcoming customers to the facility.
10. Developed signage detailing all that has been done to clean and secure the facility ready for customers return.
11. Installation of plexi-glass at Front Desk. Continued developing reopening plans.

**Meeting Date: June 8, 2020**

**Agenda Item: On-going Items**

**Subject: Parks and Natural Resources Ongoing Items**

**Presenter: David Bell**

**Suggested Action: Information**

The following summarizes Parks, Open Space & Trails' happenings for the past month:

**Park Development** (includes only active projects led by Park Development Project Managers)

- 1. Button Rock Preserve Management Plan** (Danielle Levine, Updated 6/1/20) – Public survey #3 is ongoing online. A third and final public meeting is delayed until fall. As always, keep an eye on the [Button Rock Engage](#) page for the latest project news, news articles, public surveys and results, and past public meeting information.

Miles is continuing to gather trail and parking lot counter data on a monthly basis. This count data, along with the Sleepy Lion meadow wildlife camera data from Sept.-Nov. 2019, will be reported in the final management plan.

- 2. Button Rock Preserve Forestry Work** (Danielle Levine, Updated 6/1/20) - Forestry work in the Log Jam Unit (40 acres) will move forward later in 2020. This work is funded with a 40k SFA forestry grant and a 40k match from the Water fund.

2a. Natural Resources applied but was not awarded a 2021 forestry grant through CSFS to do a joint forestry mitigation project with Boulder County Parks, Open Space and Trails in the forest and meadow complex areas on the east end of the Preserve and the west portion of Hall Ranch. We plan to apply to one or two other grants later this year if funding ends up being available.

2b. This joint forestry mitigation project is considered the demonstration project for the St. Vrain Forest Health Partnership consisting of agency and private stakeholders and led by Lefthand Watershed Center.

- 3. McIntosh Lake Interpretive Signs** (Danielle Levine, Updated 6/1/20) - Final design was completed on 5/19 and sent to fabrication. The theme for the three signs is interpreting the present-day urban ecology at McIntosh Lake.
- 4. Spangler Park Pedestrian Bridge Replacement** (Kathy Kron, Updated 6/1/20) No new updates. This project is ready to bid. Bidding and construction is being held off pending potential budget cuts related to the COVID-19 pandemic crisis.

5. **Loomiller Park Renewal** (Kathy Kron, Updated 6/1/20) Staff will be reviewing a 90% complete bid drawing package in June. Construction for this project may need to be held off pending potential budget cuts related to the COVID-19 pandemic crisis.
6. **Affolter Park Upgrades** (Kathy Kron, Updated 6/1/20) Bids were received on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, however award of the bid and start of construction was held off due to COVID-19 pandemic budget concerns. Staff has been given approval to proceed with awarding the contract to Krische Construction and will begin construction as soon as possible.
7. **Carr Park Playground Replacement** (Kathy Kron, Updated 6/1/20) Substantial Completion of the project was issued on May 18, 2020. The Contractor continues to work on punch-list items and the playground remains closed due to COVID-19 City-wide playground closures.
8. **Dickens Farm Nature Area** (Steve Ransweiler, Updated 6/2/20) – The project is complete and the Contractor is working on a small punchlist. The project is open to the public and is being heavily used.
9. **Wertman Neighborhood Park** (Steve Ransweiler, Updated 6/2/20) –Design is at approximately 60% and construction documents are anticipated to be completed in 2020 for a bid for construction.
10. **South Clover Basin Neighborhood Park** (Steve Ransweiler Updated 6/2/20) –Design is at approximately 50% and construction documents are anticipated to be completed in 2020. The project may be bid for construction in the fall of 2020 after land acquisition and adjacent development has been completed, but it may be delayed due to coronavirus funding and priority changes.
11. **St. Vrain Greenway Phase 12 (Golden Ponds to Airport Road)** (Steve Ransweiler, Updated 6/2/20) – The City is finalizing land acquisition. A design scope is being compiled to design to the eastern side of Airport Rd. Design will start in 2020 and construction in late 2020.
12. **Resilient St. Vrain Project** (Steve Ransweiler/Danielle Levine, Updated 6/2/20) – City Reach (CR) 1 (between Main St and LH Creek) is complete. CR2a (Main Street to west of S Pratt Parkway) is essentially complete. CR2b (around the BNSF RR crossing) is under construction, with completion expected in late summer 2020. Izaak Walton Phase 1 (between the BNSF crossing and Boston Avenue) is at 95% design, with bidding to occur in Q3 2020. An agreement with Army Corps of Engineers for design/construction of Izaak Walton Phase 2 (Boston Ave to Sunset St.) is being finalized, with design in 2020 and construction sometime in 2021.
13. **Oligarchy Ditch Trail** (Steve Ransweiler, Updated 6/2/2020) - Design of the trail segment from Main Street to 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue has been placed on hold until the coronavirus impact on staffing and the economy becomes more clear.

#### **Volunteer Program** (Danielle Levine – 6/1/20)

1. One-time events will largely be starting up in July with the exceptions of Rose Garden and Educational programming that started in May.
2. The Educational Summer Class series featuring monthly classes taught by BOCO Extension staff started May 26<sup>th</sup> and has one class per month through Sept. The May 26<sup>th</sup> and June 18<sup>th</sup> classes are being held online.
3. As far as ongoing volunteer groups – Clean Up Green Up Kick Off has been postponed from April 4<sup>th</sup> to September. The Rose Garden Season training was cancelled on May 1<sup>st</sup>, but the regular season started on May 11<sup>th</sup> with restrictions in place to adhere to social distancing guidelines (masks, staying six feet apart).
4. We had 15 applicants for the Temporary Volunteer Coordinator position, but are not moving forward with hiring. This will be a savings of \$37k of discretionary funding that can go toward COVID-19 response instead. We will look to hire this position in 2021.

#### **Open Space** (Dan Wolford) – 6/1/2020.

1. Jim Krick, Natural Resource Project Manager II, has been given the charge to lead an inter-disciplinary team on developing a management strategy for **maintaining the City's Natural Stream Corridors**. He continues to prepare the final document and assessing budget needs for the 2021 budget and work plan.
2. **Land Acquisition:** Staff is working with outside attorneys to prepare documents and Land Use processes with Firestone to purchase the **Adam's Dairy** (149 acres, \$5.5 million) as Open Space in partnership with

BOCO. Staff will be presenting to City Council in July the partnership with BOCO to acquire the **McLachlan** Property (78 acres, \$750,000) to the west of Clover Basin Reservoir. Staff presented to PRAB in March and will be provide PRAB's recommendation to Council. Finally, the owner of the Olander property notified the City that they have decided to not sell the property to the City and instead private party. City Council will be weighting in on the recommended modification to the **Disposition of Open Space Ordinance** on June 16<sup>th</sup>, the draft Council Communication is in your packet for PRAB discussion and recommendation. Once modification to the Dispositions of Open Space has been completed, we will be looking at selling the fee to the **Double 6 Ranch**, while retaining a Conservation Easement. In July, Staff will be taking the **Newby Farms** Conservation Easement to City Council for approval, which will grant further protection to the property and will be held by Longmont Conservation District. The City will be paying the Conservation District a fee of \$5,000 to hold that easement.

3. We are playing a role in the Management Plan for **Button Rock Preserve** that kicked off in Feb. 2019 and will continue through Dec. 2020.
4. Staff continues to be involved in planning and developing volunteer activities with a COVID-19 twist. Volunteer activities should start up after July.
5. Land Management / Open Space is now down two **Natural Resources Temporary Technician** and replacement is not likely due to COVID-19 financial impacts.
6. We are preparing for the 2021 budget year. Additional capital equipment is being reviewed for purchase in 2020 as we focus on acquiring **electric vehicles and charging stations**.
7. A variety of new **Capital Projects** are currently underway which we are participating in, including Spring Gulch #2 Trail Development and creek restoration, RSVP Reach 2B and Izaak Reach.
8. The demolition of the small, white house on the **Newby Property** has been completed. It was in very poor shape. On June 16<sup>th</sup> City Council will consider combining the two parcels of the Newby Farm property to one and carving off two individual parcel around two fo the residences, with hopes to sell those lots.
9. Staff is in the process of the second round of this year's annual begin weed control activities focusing on koshia and thistle. A reminder that notices for weed spraying activities can be viewed on the City's webpage under weed and pest management.
10. Fish with a Fireman, scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled due to COVID-19. This would have been our 4<sup>th</sup> annual program.
11. Land Management staff continues to work on plant propagation; we have re-oriented our hoop house and intend to expand our slat house, back behind the main building at the Natural Resources Complex.
12. Land Management along with Parks Operations s will be evaluating the Bike Course construction that has taken place along Left Hand Creek. We anticipate some form of public discussion during the summer with restoration in the fall of 2020.

#### **Union Reservoir** (John Brim) 06-03-2020

1. The current elevation is 27.75 feet with 6.05 CFS currently being released from the Reservoir. The reservoir is full
2. Sales of season passes are currently available to longmont residents only. The swim beach, dog beach, pier, shelter and playground remain closed. Union is reaching capacity by 10:00 am on weekends.
3. Revenue is down \$90,000.00 compared to this time last year.

#### **Button Rock Preserve** (John Brim) – 06-03-2020

1. Miles is the only seasonal currently at Button Rock and is now working 40 hours per week. Union staff patrols Button Rock 2x per week and assists with the Reservoir operations. Parks staff and Longmont police are assisting on the weekends
2. The preserve is seeing extremely high numbers of visitors, additional no parking signs have been installed and a message board is located in Lyons to notify visitors when the parking lot is full.

3. Ralph Price fishing permits have been sold out ( 600 )

#### **Parks and Forestry Operations (Timber Toste) - 6/1/2020**

Overview- The primary focus for the month of May was charging irrigation systems, starting mowing operations and responding to the changes resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Although we continue to respond to our regular scheduled work, the impact to the City Parks and Trail System from COVID-19 is unprecedented. Over the last month, we began opening the following areas: wheels parks, tennis courts, pickleball courts, basketball courts and roller hockey courts. We are anticipating opening shelters and playgrounds in the next several weeks as Colorado transitions to the Safer at Home in the Great Outdoors phase.

#### **Facilities and Irrigation Maintenance (Chris Davis) - 6/1/2020**

1. Parks operations have all irrigation systems operational and running at full capacity.
2. The Stone Shelter at Roosevelt Park has been enclosed. The contractor is working on a few punch list items such as touch painting.
3. The contractors have installed both raw water filters at 3<sup>rd</sup> avenue and Clark Park.

#### **Horticulture Maintenance (Ben Gratton) – 6/1/2020**

1. Working on turf conversion to “Dog Tuff” grass in a small location at Roosevelt Park and Sunset Campus as a proof of concept to reduce water usage and maintenance costs. Areas will be planted early June due to nature of the grass.
2. Grant approved for turf conversions to wheat grass along Hover Road and at the Service Center. Will go to Council for approval and project started in late June.
3. Contracted mowing and landscape maintenance started at the end of April.
4. Community parks mowing and maintenance started at the end of April.
5. Robotic mowing will continue in June with the assistance of Left Hand Robotics.

#### **Forestry (Brett Stadvold) – 06/01/2020**

1. The spring tree planting season is complete and Forestry was able to plant roughly 2/3 of the trees purchased for planting. The remaining 1/3 will be used this fall to replace newly planted trees from 2019 that did not survive. This was a big task, since we had intended to hire a contractor to plant all the trees, but had to switch plans due to proposed budget cuts.
2. Field staff is actively working on pruning projects in Old Town, along Main Street. Rotational pruning in parks and at City facilities will follow.
3. Davey Tree is working on an ash treatment contract to treat 378 ash trees that are mostly in Old Town. This is the second round of treatments for the trees in this cohort.
4. EAB continues to spread through the City, but irregular growth patterns from a late frost is impact Forestry’s ability to gauge the infestation on the west side of town.

**Other** [other City projects and efforts that are related to parks, trails, open space, etc., but not being led by our division. Instead of attempting to provide these updates, lead staff, division & links are provided]

1. **Spring Gulch #2 Greenway (Engineering Services)**

- <http://longmontcolorado.gov/departments/departments-n-z/parks-open-space-and-trails/park-trail-development/spring-gulch-2>

2. **Left Hand Creek Greenway** (Engineering Services)

- <http://longmontcolorado.gov/departments/departments-n-z/water/stormwater-drainage/left-hand-creek-sediment-project>

3. **Resilient St. Vrain** (Josh Sherman, Engineering Services)

- <http://longmontcolorado.gov/departments/departments-n-z/water/stormwater-drainage/resilient-st-vrain>