

in front of the Covered Treasures Book Store on the north side of Second Street.

Delays in administrative approvals of Phase 1 of the town's downtown sidewalk project grant money (80 percent of the funding) by the Colorado Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, and the governor's office, plus a bidding process of up to five weeks, have delayed the start of sidewalk construction until July. Phase 1 construction should take about four months.

Some of the items that Tom Tharnish, Public Works Department director, reported were:

- The staff will start the town sidewalks survey requested earlier this year by the Board of Trustees.
- Town of Monument water production for the west side of I-25 in March was 6.8 million gallons—591,000 gallons or 8.0 percent less than for March 2013.
- He is performing an internal water audit of commercial accounts.
- The new town bulk water filling station at Old Denver Highway and Wagon Gap Trail is 95 percent complete.

Police Chief Jake Shirk noted that an accident review along Jackson Creek Parkway was initiated in response

to a board request. The review period was March 2013 to March 2014. There were 25 accidents reported, including 19 accidents while the roads were dry and six when there was ice or slush. The primary violations for these accidents were: 11 careless driving, one improper start from stop, one speeding, one improper turn, two failure to obey traffic control device, two following too closely, two weaving, and four with no citation given.

Shirk added that a review by Kassawara indicated that there is no design aw with the road.

Town Manager Pamela Smith reported that the staff will be conduct an internal review of the marketing contract with PR consultant firm Blakely and Associates prior to renewal. The results and contract will then be brought to the board for review. Several contracts which were reviewed this year resulted in the following changes: new auditors and IT and building cleaning responsibilities will be taken over in-house.

Smith said that the skate park is on the town's capital improvement plan list for 2015 upgrades. She cited several issues such as vandalism and lack of community involvement to date while responding to trustee inquiries about citizen complaints in going forward with improvements. Possible grants and/or a new location will be looked into

for 2015.

Smith stated that the town's planned Mount Herman run had been canceled. Smith explained that the Forest service has not signed off on the permit and it is too late to continue planning the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on May 5 in Town Hall at 645 Beacon Lite Road. Meetings are normally held on the first and third Monday of the month. Information: 884-8017 or [www.townofmonument.org/meetings/board-of-trustees/](http://www.townofmonument.org/meetings/board-of-trustees/)

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*Monument Planning Commission, April 9*

## Code amendments approved; landscaping proposal tabled

*By Kate Wetterer*

The Monument Planning Commission approved a variety of amendments to the municipal code at the April 9 meeting, primarily code changes and clarifications, which will be considered by the Board of Trustees. The landscape requirements proposal regarding the removal and replacement of trees was tabled for revision. The following amendments were recommended unanimously.

### Preliminary and final plats

The preliminary and final plat review and approval criteria would now reference the most recent version of the town's water standards, or the Triview Metropolitan District's water standards.

### General provisions

According to the revised code, anyone who owes any money to the town through any sort of delinquent taxes, court fines, or property liens would be unable to obtain any town permit or permission, or be paid consideration from the town.

### Definition of rear setback

The rear lot lines of triangular lots would officially be drawn 10 feet from the place where the two side property lines converge. No current regulations exist for such lots.

### Removal of signs and temporary signs

If these code changes are confirmed by the board, signs erected in Monument without a permit, abandoned signs, and nonconforming signs, would have to be removed five days after a notice of the violation is received, as opposed to the current 15 days. As before, if the owner of the signs fails to comply, the town would remove the delinquent banners and bill for the cost of doing so. Also, there will now be an additional display area for use by the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce.

### Regency Park zoning and development standards

Standard off-street parking spaces and garages/carports in Regency Park could measure 9 feet by 18 feet instead of 9 feet by 19 feet and still meet code.

### Landscaping requirement changes tabled

Under the proposed changes, no new commercial properties would be allowed to install sod or grass, but would be required to install xeriscaping with trees, shrubs, mulch, ground cover, and rocks that don't need as much watering. New residential landscaping would be allowed up to 25 percent sod, decreasing from 33 percent. Also, instead of having to go through the Board of Trustees to remove trees, residents would go to the director of Development Services.

The other staff proposal would require that all trees greater than four inches in diameter that are removed be replaced by trees of an equal diameter to the tree removed, with two such trees planted for each one removed. This doesn't apply to plants officially deemed noxious, which can be removed at the property owner's discretion. This item was tabled for future discussion.

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The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. May 14 at 645 Beacon Lite Rd. Meetings are normally held on the second Wednesday of the month. Information: 884-8017 or [www.townofmonument.org/meetings/](http://www.townofmonument.org/meetings/)

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