



Town Hall - 551 Hot Springs Blvd.  
Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

Combined Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting  
April 3, 2025 @ 5:30 PM

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## MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Combined Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was called to order on April 3, 2025, at 5:30 PM in the Town Hall - 551 Hot Springs Blvd..

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Council Member deGraaf, Sally High, Larry Lynch, Kevin Metzler, Mike Musgrove, and Chantelle Jordan

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Jenny Highum and Veronica Medina

1. REMOTE PARTICIPATION – A zoom link is made available, however the Town does not and cannot guarantee internet service or online broadcasting. Remote attendance is at the risk of the attendee as the public meeting will continue in person regardless of the Town's broadcast capability.

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- 1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER – A regular Combined Park and Recreation Board meeting was called to order on April 3 2025, at 551 Hot Springs, Blvd-Town Hall
- 2 PUBLIC COMMENT – No Public Comment
- 3 **BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS**
  - a) **Arbor Day reminder April 25th, 10 am Centennial Park**
  - b) **Recreation Supervisor Amanda Gadomski informed the board that she had spoken with County Commissioner Veronica Medina, who informed David Harris that they did not have a commissioner for this board representation. She would talk to Darren, and he would speak to David further to see how they would go about this.**
  - c) **Chair Mike Musgrove informed the board that the Pagosa Peak Open charter school is trying to build a playground that will be open to the public during non-school hours. They have received funding for seven hundred thirty-seven thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine dollars. They are short sixty-eight thousand dollars. They have gone to the County Commissioners to help fill that gap in that funding. I was hoping there was a county commissioner here today to see if this board thinks it's worth suggesting to the county to build that gap in the funding to get this playground built. With all the new housing going into Aspen Village and the Pagosa West Subdivision, there is no current planned open space in Aspen Village for a playground, which is an obvious need. Building this playground will take care of that. The school will be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance. Kevin Metzler asked where this playground is located. Musgrove said the playground is on school property on the west side of that building.**

Sally High informed the board that Geothermal Green House Partnership needs to renew its 10-year lease.

There have been discussions of the use of the Goodman Property in which is already Park property.

The conversation that has come to my attention is about projects that can be done on that property. I have attempted to slow down that conversation in order for the Parks department and the advisory board can make recommendations and to have a defined plan before anyone talks about projects. Endangered skyrockets plants may be found in the adjacent shale and needs to be considered prior to any projects.

Earth Day will be celebrated in Centennial Park on Saturday, the 19th.

Recreation Supervisory Amanda Gadomski reminded the board that she will be at Earth day as a town representative. Nick the Park supervisor and I worked hard this year to get a bunch of Red maple tree saplings. We will be able to give these to the kids during Arbor Day celebration.

**4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a) Approval of the March 6, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

**5 DEPARTMENT REPORT**

**a) Parks Report**

Recreation Supervisor Amanda Gadomski informed the board that staff have been doing spring cleanup. We did get the newest truck in. This will be helpful in the summer for watering parks that don't have irrigation.

**b) Recreation Report**

Recreation supervisor Amanda Gadomski informed the board that we still have many people using our free programming, and I am trying to add more free programming, including talks and lectures.

Our flag football season is maxed out and will begin in the next few weeks. The Pagosa Recreation Coalition group has a community recreation survey out. This survey ends on the 9th, and all data will be collected. The facilitator group will be here on the 17th to present that information.

Kids camp has kicked off on April 1st and is filling up very quickly. We had to up our prices to cover expenses and staff. I will be having an adventure camp for the older kids. This will be a partnership with the San Juan Mountain Association and a bike camp partnering with Dust 2.

Town Councilman Matt Degraaf ask if we have a gage for the response rate on that Park survey so far. Gadomski said it's around a thousand so far.

**6 NEW BUSINESS**

**a) PARC (Pagosa Area Recreation Coalition) - Amanda Gadomski**

Recreation Supervisor Amanda Gadomski said this kind of rolls into what we were talking about. Leadership Taskforce has been working on how we do this. About a year ago, at the joint board meeting with Todd Weaver, we talked about how difficult and time-consuming to make a recreation district. I believe that the results of the survey will give us direction. How do we keep the parc organization going, and is a special district the only way to go? We have explored non-profit ideas and partnership ideas, and how we can make parc exist and how can we cover this whole area.

Larry Lynch informed the board that the park has two recreational planning directions: summer and winter recreation. A task force has been formed for each of these. We have a meeting on the 17th and are hoping for a good turnout from the task force. At that meeting, we will go over the survey results. The following meeting will be about town and county parks and recreational opportunities.

**b) Public Arts Update - Amanda Gadomski**

Recreation Supervisor Amanda Gadomski informed the board that we are down to our last five artists, and they have until April 15th to submit their final drafts. The report I have gotten is that the geothermal building is starting to be prepped and out to bid for outside repairs, ensuring we are ready for the artist we pick. The sheep sculpture is still being worked on. We received a grant from Colorado Creative Industries and received around three thousand dollars to interpret the signage. I have mockup signage of some aspen trees that will go next to the sheep herder, and it will have pictures of arbor glyphs taken by local historians. Installation will be in June, and the celebration will be in July. We are looking into a shop art program with the LPEA that will allow us to paint the electrical boxes.

In our community center, we started an art display in our hallway, starting with the high school art show and ending with a little reception in one of our conference rooms.

**7 PUBLIC COMMENT**

**8 NEXT MEETING (May 1, 2025) AT 5:30 PM**

**9 ADJOURNMENT – By motion duly made, this meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.**