



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

Combined Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, May 1, 2025 @ 5:30 PM

AGENDA

1. REMOTE PARTICIPATION

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I. CALL TREE BOARD MEETING TO ORDER

Roll Call

II. BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting (August 7, 2025)

V. CALL COMBINED PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING TO ORDER

Roll Call

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the [April 3, 2025] Meeting Minutes

[Combined Parks & Recreation Advisory Board - 03 Apr 2025 - Minutes - Pdf](#)

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IX. DEPARTMENT REPORT

1. Parks and Recreation Report

[Agenda Brief - Parks and Recreation Department Monthly Report - Pdf](#)

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Project update

2. Open board seat

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss change in meetings for Combined Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

XIII. NEXT MEETING (AUGUST 7, 2025) AT 5:30 PM

XIV. ADJOURNMENT



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AGENDA BRIEF

MEETING: Combined Parks & Recreation Advisory Board - 01 May 2025

FROM: Darren Lewis, Parks & Recreation Director

PROJECT: Parks and Recreation Department Monthly Report

ACTION: Information

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Recreation:

In March, we had a total of 940 participants in our free or donation-based community center classes. These included open pickleball, open gym, drop-in volleyball, yoga, and dance, in addition to new sessions of Chinese Medicine and Emotional Freedom Techniques lectures.

Our youth sports programs continue to expand. Our newest program, flag football for 6-8 year olds, already has a waiting list after maxing out at 32 kids. This program will begin on April 25, and we're excited to work with our volunteer coaches to ensure its success.

The staff remains actively involved with the Pagosa Area Recreation Coalition (PARC) and has had productive discussions with task force members regarding the key impacts of recreation in our area, such as access, infrastructure, and management.

Our next in-person meeting will be held on April 17th, 3:30-5:30 pm at the Community Center, and all are welcome to attend and discuss the survey results.

Registration for KIDS camp, Summer Bike Camp, and Adventure Camp opened on April 1st. We are offering these "adventure-based" programs for the first time to provide activities for older children this summer.

We are still planning our Arbor Day celebration for April 25th at 10 am, during which we will plant trees at Centennial Park. Staff is developing a "get-a-tree" program for children attending the celebration. Additionally, the CSU extension office will be present to provide educational information.

Park

The Parks Department staff have been busy throughout the parks performing early spring cleanup as well as tree and brush trimming. Staff have started their training for the CO applicators license, with a possible testing date at the end of April, or early May. Parks staff have poured concrete pads and installed 5 of the 6 bollard lights on the River Center Riverwalk. Staff are currently working on installing conduit for the "Hippy Dip" security camera. The current opening in the Parks Department has been posted on the Town's website and staff are anticipating starting a new team member around the first of May. Parks received their newest truck last week unit#141, replacing Unit # 108. Unit #140 will be upfitted with a flatbed. Parks staff have been working with the Recreation Department and AmeriCorps for the possibility of one day a week having 8 to 10 volunteers helping the Parks Department accomplish current projects or tasks designed for them. Centennial Park landscaping is starting. Rocks have been placed; tree's will be planted as well as grass seed