

Town of Green Mountain Falls Parks, Recreation, and Trails Meeting Minutes 10615 Green Mountain Falls Road Wednesday, October 8, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Committee Members Present

Chair Jesse Stroope <u>Committee Members Absent</u>

Vice Chair Jay Kita

Member Nancy Dixon Secretary

Member Dani Hainds Member Nancy Dixon

Member Mark Scott-Nash

Trustees Present

Town Staff Present

PW King-Peters

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Parks, Recreation, and Trails meeting called to order at 3:00pm by Chair Stroope.

2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CORRECTION TO THE AGENDA

Kita moved to amend the agenda to add 5e: Dog Waste Receptacles. Scott-Nash seconded. Motion passed - 5/0.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Kita moved to approve the meeting minutes from September 24, 2025. Hainds seconded. Motion passed - 5/0.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS: 3 Minutes per Speaker

Valerie King-Peters, Public Works (PW), thanked the committee for their work and requested that 3 dog waste receptacles be placed around Gazebo Lake. There currently are none which results in a lot of dog poo pickup.

5. BUSINESS

- a. The committee discussed who is writing narratives for wayfinding signs:
 - i. History of Water Collection: Tabled
 - ii. History of Catamount Trail: Kita
 - iii. History of Hummingbird Cottage: Dixon
 - iv. Flora/Fauna in the area: Hainds
 - v. GMF Hotel and GMF History on Old Parks Rules sign by Land Office: Scott-Nash
- b. No update about the new dumpsters for Gazebo Park. Public Works would like 2, if funding is available.
- c. The committee reviewed the Gazebo Rental to edit for Leave No Trace principles.

Dixon will incorporate edits and send it to town staff for incorporation.

- d. Crystal Falls footbridge has been completed. Chair Stroope moved to recommend to the Board for approval that the name of the bridge be "Eley Bridge" and signage to acknowledge the volunteers who built it: "Thank you to the Town Volunteers and Friends of Ute Pass Trails led by Don Walker". Kita seconded. Motion passed 5/0. **Dixon will compose an advice memo to the Board for the November meeting.**
- e. Committee discussed where the 3 new dog waste receptacles should be located in Gazebo Park. King-Peters asked that they be placed by the Lake Street Trailhead and by the fishing line disposals on the bank and by the fishing pier. **Chair Stroope will research the receptacles.**
- f. Kita brought up the CSU meeting on October 14th that will discuss the North Slope Recreation area. He will be attending and asked if he could represent the GMF PRTAC. The committee agreed that he could speak for PRTAC and asked that his talk include a thank you to CSU and the economic impact on GMF if hiking access to the reservoirs and Ring the Peak is not reopened. **Kita will share his comments with the committee for approval through an email.**
- 6. CORRESPONDENCE None
- 7. REPORTS

Dixon reported that 2025 Creek Week was a success with 11 volunteers and support from PW King-Peters. Invasive weeds were mitigated, saplings were trimmed and a lot of debris at the lake outlet was removed. Also a large, dead willow branch was cut down and removed. Hainds said that with the raising of the Conn Trail to prevent flooding, a large willow branch will become an overhead hazard. Chair Stroope will contact Katie Davis Gardner since the tree is on private property. The committee discussed options on how the limb could be removed.

The Friends of Ute Pass Trails September 7th and 27th Trail work day reports were reviewed. Chair Stroope thanked the Friends for their hard work to improve the town's trails.

Dixon went over the list of activities generated by the teachers that UPES will be doing on their all-school service day on October 10th. The committee and PW asked that the memorial benches not be stained since there is a wedding on the 11th. And that nothing be done on the bank of Fountain Creek by the Earth Benches since it is in a floodplain. **Dixon will let the teachers organizing the service day know.**

It was noted that there is damage to one of the Earth Benches. Chair Stroope has been in contact with the artist and has information on how to fix the bench.

The Fitness Court had an inspection and there are some loose tiles. The Keith Haring license will expire in 2027.

8. ADJOURNMENT - 4:07pm. Next meeting: November 12 at 3pm.