



**Town of Green Mountain Falls
Parks, Recreation, and Trails Meeting Minutes
10615 Green Mountain Falls Road
Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present

Rebecca Ochkie
Clay Gafford
Jesse Stroope

Town Staff Present

Matt Gordon

Board Members Absent

Goody Goodwin
Don Walker

Secretary

Matt Gordon

Trustees Present

Dyani Loo

Regular Meeting:

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 7 pm.

2. Additions, Deletions, or Corrections to the Agenda

Vice Chair Ochkie requested additions that included, Member Gafford's recommended park names and dangerous ice flows on Catamount Trail.

Member Stroope moved to add the items to the agenda. Seconded by Member Gafford. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Persons Present Not on the Agenda: 3 Minutes per Speaker

Resident Bratton had requested to speak but was not available. Vice Chair Ochkie expressed that should Resident Bratton join the meeting later, that he could share his comments.

Member Gafford requested that Town Clerk/Treasurer Gordon complete and upload the meeting minutes a week before meetings.

4. Consent Agenda

Member Stroope moved to approve. Seconded by Member Gafford. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Old Business

Vice Chair Ochkie opened the discussion with a focus on setting consistent meeting dates and times. Member Stroope and Member Gafford expressed that they were open schedule wise. Member Stroope recommended moving the meetings from 7pm to 3pm and to hold 2nd meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Vice Chair Ochkie, Member Gafford, and Town Clerk/Treasurer Gordon expressed desire to change the meeting date. Motion to accept the new

meeting dates and times tabled for another meeting. Discussion continued and members agreed to hold their next meeting on the 3rd Wednesday at 3pm.

6. New Business

Vice Chair Ochkie made a motion to elect Matt Gordon as Secretary. Seconded by Member Gafford. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Ochkie tabled the discussion on Bike Parts for Tots and Park names for the next meeting.

Vice Chair Ochkie went on to open the discussion regarding ice flows on Catamount Trail. Vice Chair Ochkie made recommendations to place ice flow awareness signage on the bottom of Hondo and Belvedere. Member Stroope shared agreement that the ice flows are a safety risk and recommended that the BOT place signage, potentially close that section of the trail, and to contact Colorado Springs Utilities.

Discussion continued regarding the ice flows on Catamount Trail. Vice Chair Ochkie shared that she communicated with Town Manager Sprang regarding the ice flows. Vice Chair Ochkie went on to ask how the PRT could make recommendations to the BOT. Town Clerk/Treasurer Gordon detailed the process for that.

Member Stroope moved to close sections of Catamount Trail and to contact Colorado Springs Utilities for mitigation and to make a formal recommendation to the BOT. Seconded by Member Gafford. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Correspondence

None.

8. Reports

Member Stroope reported on multiple estimates he gathered. Those estimates included goose repellent for \$309 for a 2.5-gallon container, a backflow preventer at Flagpole Park for \$1500 with the disclaimer that other costs may arise due to irrigation system issues, and lastly tree removal for a large tree by Gazebo Lake for \$1260.

Vice Chair Ochkie moved to support recommending to the Town Public Works to purchase goose repellent. Seconded by Member Gafford. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Ochkie moved to recommend a backflow preventer at Flagpole Park to the BOT. Seconded by Member Gafford. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Ochkie tabled the discussion, at Member Stroope's request, on tree removal for a future meeting.

Resident Bratton arrived at the meeting and shared public comment on agenda item 5.

Trustee Loo requested that future meeting agendas include discussion related to the Trail Ambassador Program. Vice Ochkie confirmed that that topic will be a focus in the future.

Town Clerk/Treasurer Gordon detailed the requirements related to attendance for PRT Committee members and that if members miss three meetings they can be removed from the Committee. Discussion continued on potential Chair's for the committee and well wishes for the current Chair, Chair Goodwin.

9. CIRSA Annual Training Video

Members intently watched the CIRSA Annual Training Video.

10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm.

Jesse Stroope

Head Chair

Matthew Gordon

Matthew Gordon (May 27, 2021 16:20 MDT)

Secretary