



**Town of Green Mountain Falls
Parks, Recreation, and Trails Meeting Minutes
10615 Green Mountain Falls Road
Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present

Chair Jesse Stroope
Member Nancy Dixon
Member Don Walker (Zoom - 3:45pm)

Town Staff Present

Nate Scott
Becky Frank (Zoom)

Board Members Absent

Vice Chair Jay Kita
Member Ron Gans

Secretary

Member Nancy Dixon

Trustees Present

Katharine Guthrie

At 3:09pm, there was not a PRT quorum but Chris Aaby, Southern Frontrange Program Officer for GOCO, gave a presentation on grants available from GOCO. Chris covered who can apply for GOCO grants, what various grants are available and the grant process. There are three yearly opportunities to apply for grants, August, October and February. More information is on <https://www.goco.org/programs-projects/our-grant-programs>. As a Program Officer, Chris is there to help guide applicants through the grant process. He suggested signing up for the GOCO newsletter. His contact info is: caaby@goco.com.

At 3:45, member Walker logged on to Zoom to provide a PRT quorum.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Parks, Recreation, and Trails meeting called to order at 3:45pm by Chair Stroope.

2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CORRECTION TO THE AGENDA

Chair Stroope accepted the agenda.

3. SPEAKERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Resident Blasi commented that he was present for any questions related to the Friends of Ute Pass Trails agreement with the town. He gave kudos to Scott for the map he made regarding the Thomas Trail fire mitigation effort.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Stroope moved to approve the meeting minutes from March 2 and March 9, 2022. Dixon seconded. Motion passed - 3/0.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. COGO presentation had been held earlier.
- b. Member Gans and Trustee Guthrie have time conflicts with the current PRT meeting time at 3:00pm. **Since Member Gans was not present to discuss times that would work for him, Dixon moved to table this item.** Stroope seconded. Motion passed - 3/0.
- c. Thomas Trail fire mitigation effort report done by Walker was reviewed. Scott had updates which included that the MHYC would be working Tuesday-Friday not Monday-Thursday and would manage the fences. Scott said he would be meeting with MHYC reps on April 25th, 9:00am, if any PRT members wanted to join. Dates that the work would be taking place are May 24-August 12 with a possible three more weeks in the fall. Dixon recommended that PRT compose a press release for the town to use. Scott said the press release would be posted on the town website, FB and the post office. It was recommended that it also be posted at the various trailheads. Frank wants to coordinate with the town marshal to keep him informed. **Stroope moved that the PRT recommend to the Board that Thomas Trail be closed Tuesday-Friday, May 24-August 12, and that PRT compose a press release for the town to use.** Dixon seconded. Motion passed - 3/0.
- d. The town agreement with Friends of Ute Pass Trails (FoUPT) to maintain the hiking trails on town property was discussed. Stroope said he had read multiple times and thinks it is a good contract. Dixon mentioned that the town trails have been neglected for 3 years and this would help sustain them. Walker said that Friends have experienced trail workers and that the town is getting a bargain. Stroope brought up that the requested PRT 2022 budget had not been added as a 2022 town budget line item. He did a cost comparison between the Friends and MHYC where MHYC is double the price. Trustee Guthrie said that town legal would review the contract. **Dixon moved that the FoUPT agreement be recommended to the Board.** Stroope seconded. Motion passed - 3/0.
- e. Stroope reminded PRT members that mandatory CIRSA training is April 19, 7:00-9:00pm, at the Sallie Bush building. Scott said there will be YouTube live streaming also.
- f. Stroope talked about ribbon cuttings for the Fitness Court and ADA fishing pier project. He didn't know if the town had had one before and wasn't sure how to proceed. **Dixon felt it was a Board decision and moved to recommend the ribbon cuttings to the Board.** Stroope seconded. Motion passed - 3/0.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Catamount Trail update - Stroope had passed an easement agreement from HGMFF legal to the town manager that afternoon.
- b. Wayfinding Signage update - Welcome Center sign is 2 weeks from completion. Refurbishing the current town signs will be taking place when weather permits. Dixon, as the Trail Ambassador rep, is excited about the Welcome Center sign to guide and educate hikers when the Ambassadors are not available. Stroope mentioned that the signage on Red Butte will be cohesive with the new town signage and will come before the PRT.
- c. Gazebo Park renovation - Town Manager Frank said that the Board approved the contract and that the contractor has been notified. A pre-project meeting will be set up, date TBD. Hoping to have the Stilling Basin RFP for the Board at the May 3rd meeting.
- d. Pool Park bathrooms - Town Manager Frank said that the Board had earmarked money for the bathrooms but the budget is for the building only, not the installation. Dixon replied that since the bathrooms will not be available and pool bathrooms are only for pool patrons, then Porta-potties need to be put at Maple Street for hikers. Walker said he had looked at the pool bathrooms and thought a reno on those bathrooms would be feasible. Frank replied there were concerns about the pool patron safety if the bathrooms were open for anyone. Also, the septic capacity is a concern. Walker replied there is an asset there and we need to use it. Stroope reminded that the town is responsible for public bathrooms as a part of the Fitness Court MOU.
- e. Bear proof trash cans update - the town has 3 bear proof trash cans, 2 at Gazebo Lake and 1 at the tennis courts. Town manager Frank said an average cost of a bear proof trash can is about \$2200.
- f. Fitness Court installation update - Stroope said that the install date will be May 23rd and the town provided WiFi should be available by May 26th for testing of the Fitness Court app. Dixon asked if there should be "Coming Soon" signs for curious people. **Stroope said he would provide the signs. He will also provide a press release that would include the soft opening and ribbon cutting information.**

7. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

8. REPORTS

Dixon provided a Trail Ambassador report. Gearing up for the 2022 season. Recruitment posters have been posted. Recommended that a more visible trailhead sign be installed at the Catamount trailhead. Stroope said he had signage information that they are using on Red Butte that could be used at Catamount as well. This would include QR codes that use the WAZE app so no internet is needed. The QR codes could link to trail maps. Dixon also recommended that since all known trail encumbrances have been resolved that making a real trail map that could be used by Ambassadors would be helpful. Scott offered to make a trail map. Stroope suggested that PocketPals be used to keep the trail maps consistent.

3. ADJOURNMENT at 4:40pm.