



**Town of Green Mountain Falls
Parks, Recreation, and Trails Meeting Minutes
10615 Green Mountain Falls Road
Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present

Chair Jesse Stroope
Vice Chair Jay Kita
Member Nancy Dixon
Member Philip McIntire
Member Don Walker (3:07)

Board Members Absent

Secretary
Member Nancy Dixon

Trustees Present

Town Staff Present

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

Chair Stroope approved the agenda.

3. SPEAKERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No comments.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Kita moved to approve the meeting minutes from September 27, 2023. McIntire seconded.
Motion passed - 4/0.

5. BUSINESS

- a. Chair Stroope shared the new Recreation Tab on the town website which includes the new town trail maps, pool, trail ambassadors and skyspace. Shelly Scott-Nash (volunteer IT assistance), Bo Ayad (town clerk) and Julie (PocketPals) have been instrumental in getting this new tab set up. Parks Info and Fishing Info will be added to this tab also.
- b. Dixon reported CSU is repairing South Catamount Reservoir and is closing access to the reservoirs on their land from October 15, 2023 to April 30, 2026. Kita reported he had attended a meeting about this subject and CSU will not allow partial openings during the repairs or to have alternative trails used. The new town trail map will be revised to show closures on CSU property. PocketPals will be informed of the change. **Stroope moved that Dixon compose an informational sheet to inform GMF hikers of the closure which will reinforce that all of the GMF trails are open, only trails on CSU property**

are closed. This sheet will be used on the town website (new Recreation Tab), trailheads and as a town press release. McIntire seconded. Motion passed - 5/0.

- c. PRT will meet on Wednesday, October 25th, to have an in depth discussion on their 2024 budget recommendation to the Board. Walker has made a 2024 pool budget. Also, to be added: survey of Pool Park, matching HSA grant money and engineering for the Gazebo bridge. The 2023 Park Maintenance Plan will be reviewed and updated for 2024. The Board has invited PRT to present their budget on November 14th, 5:45-6:00pm. The committee agreed that an end of year PRT report to the Board would be beneficial to keep Board members informed on various PRT projects.
- d. Chair Stroope relayed that the Kirkpatrick Fund is wanting the town to ask for the Pool Park grant based on community engagement/ideas. KFF would like to see permanent bathrooms, using the pool/pool house year round as a Welcome Center with equipment rentals. Ideas suggested were: dog park, designated pickleball courts, splashpad, artificial boulder, cornhole, horseshoe, connecting Pool Park with Gazebo Park, more engaging family activities. All agreed that the park needs to be renamed but wanted to think about it. Committee liked the theme of outdoor fitness and wellness for all ages.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence from 4th grade UPES teacher regarding plans for their Adopt a Garden project was in the agenda packet.

7. REPORTS

Walker and McIntire will meet after the PRT meeting to produce a list of hardware connections for the dumpster blind project for the bidding contractor.

McIntire has sent an email to Joe Goody, structural engineer, about helping with the HSA grant and has received no reply. Chair Stroope will reach out also.

Walker reported that the pool cover for winter was lost in shipping but expecting it to arrive next Monday. He has finalized winterizing the pool. He reported \$2700 in donations for the 2023 season and 1,500 patrons used the pool. Dixon asked for his September in-kind hours.

Walker reported that the composting bathrooms in Gazebo park need to be replaced. He recommends renting Portapots instead. The composting bathrooms will be closed for the winter in mid-October. He also said that the composting bathroom needs to be maintained 2/3x per week and the town does not have the staff to support this. These types of bathrooms are designed to be in remote areas due to the smell of the byproduct. The bathrooms at Gazebo Park have a leak in the basement which is a biohazard. PRT will research other bathroom alternatives and make a recommendation to the Board. **Dixon will write an advice memo to the town to recommend renting Portapots and that the PRT is looking into alternatives.** Chair Stroope wanted to make sure the town was also aware that the Portapot that had been located at Gazebo Park was moved before Bronc Day and never replaced.

9. ADJOURNMENT at 4:57pm.