



**Town of Green Mountain Falls
Parks, Recreation, and Trails Meeting Minutes
10615 Green Mountain Falls Road
Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present

Chair Jesse Stroope
Vice Chair Jay Kita (4:05)
Member Nancy Dixon
Member Don Walker

Board Members Absent

Member Philip McIntire

Secretary

Member Nancy Dixon

Town Staff Present

Trustees Present

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Parks, Recreation, and Trails meeting called to order at 4:01pm by Chair Stroope.

2. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CORRECTION TO THE AGENDA

Dixon moved to approve the agenda. Walker seconded. Motion passed - 3/0.

3. SPEAKERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No public comments.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Dixon moved to approve the meeting minutes from July 26, 2023. Stroope seconded. Motion passed - 4/0.

Action items reviewed:

Dixon has submitted advice memos to town staff regarding downed tree on Conn Trail and concerns about the high flow of water on Catamount Creek. Walker will check with public works about the tree on Conn Trail.

A list of concerns on the stilling basin from McIntire and Walker are still needed for an advice memo to town staff and Planning Commission.

An advice memo regarding playground equipment still needs to be written to town staff. The smaller piece of equipment does not need the orange mesh since the other side had been designed to be open. The larger piece of equipment needs a panel which has been ordered. The order needs to be checked on.

Kita: inventory the memorial benches to assess their conditions.

5. BUSINESS

- a. Committee discussed the draft stilling basin landscaping plan. The following was agreed on: take off the two extra paths from Ute Pass Ave, add a pathway from Stop sign to the social trail, have the Stop sign area be drought tolerant and low growing plants so they do not obstruct drivers line of sight. Chair Stroope will ask Carla Chapman to incorporate these changes before the public meeting on August 16th. Chapman has donated her time to make these plans. How to water the area? Possibly water from a private residence. **Kita will check on the viability of the water hydrant on the stilling basin site.** Is there landscaping around the boulders? Could the boulders be dropped to lower their profile? **Dixon and Chair Stroope will work on the power point for the public meeting.** Chair Stroope will present the revised plan by dividing it into quadrants for discussion. It was agreed by the committee that 2-3 public meetings on the stilling basin should be sufficient.
- b. Chair Stroope and Walker will meet to discuss the RFP for the Gazebo bridge grant on Friday, August 11, at 9:00am at the Greenbox offices.
- c. Creek Week 2023 will be October 7th. Kita moved to recommend to the Board the Creek Week proclamation and that the town will be participating on Saturday, October 7th. Dixon seconded. Motion passed - 4/0. **Dixon will write an advice memo for the September Board meeting.**
- d. Chair Stroope reiterated about the HGMFF gift to the town for the 250th birthday of America and the 150th anniversary of Colorado. They are wanting to reinvision pool park with PRT's assistance. This could include year round public restrooms and a welcome center. PRT will pull ideas together and engage the community with public meetings. The funding could also be used for matching funds for other grants. Dixon asked about the timeline. The following was planned:
Present-January 2024: PRT has 3 precept workshops to define scope.
February-August 2024: Engage community. Meet with other town committees.
September 2024-August 2025: Engineering design. Order equipment.
September 2025: Break ground.
May 2026: Ribbon cutting.
Chair Stroope will present a PRT committee report regarding this project at the next Board meeting.
Conn Trail easement should be a project that PRT continues to work on as the Pool Park project is being done.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

An email from Deacon Patrick was about concern on the Thomas Trail crossing the falls and a flooded piece of trail at the beginning of the Garden of Eden. CSU has been unresponsive to requests about reducing water flow from the reservoirs. Kita suggested more high water signs at Thomas. **Dixon will provide to Kita.** Friends have been mitigating the clogging of the creek to reduce the flooded trail.

Chair Stroope received a phone call from the El Paso County deputy about a woman who has 2 dogs that was threatened by a man on the Wallace Reserve. The man has a large dog that was unleashed and the woman sprayed his dog with bear spray. He then threatened to spray her with bear spray. Wallace Reserve is located in unincorporated El Paso county but the trails are on the GMF town trail maps. Chair Stroope will post more signs and make a presence when the man regularly hikes. **Dixon will provide Chair Stroope with Bark Ambassador posters.**

7. REPORTS

Walker reported that the pool had 90+ people at the pool, there has been adequate staffing and more donations made. Pool is still operational with the help of bandaids. Suggests that volunteers be trained next year. **Chair Stroope asked that Walker write a draft pool budget for 2024.** Mayor Dixon had obtained a lifeguard schedule that was helpful. Pool parking lot fence is finished. There is room for 3-5 parking spaces plus the handicap space inside the fence. PRT's budget includes \$2,000 to repaint the pool fence. Walker asked for input on having a planter in one of the corners of the fence. **Kita will revise the pool parking site plan and send it to Chair Stroope.** Chair Stroope would like to have the PRT sponsor an end of summer town celebration at the pool with a food truck and a suggestion to wear Hawaiian shirts. **PRT set a date of September 9, 4-8pm.**

Kita and Zeh mitigated musk thistle on HGMFF Joyland property but there is much more to mitigate.

9. ADJOURNMENT at 5:44pm.