

**Town of Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes from Wednesday, April 16, 2014**

The acting chair, Scott Miller, called the meeting of the Town of Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 5:30p.m. The following were present:

Commission Members: Maddie Beserra, Mat deGraaf, Sally High, Mike Le Roux, Scott Miller, John Perea, Ed Simpson, and John Steinert. Mike Musgrove was absent.

Staff: Tom Carosello, Jim Miller, and Traci Bishop.

Announcements: Vice chair Mat deGraaf announced that Mike Musgrove was absent to attend a Trails 2000 meeting at which he was to present the updated Reservoir Hill signage plan for that organization's review.

A motion was received from Commr. Perea that the minutes of the March 12, 2014 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting be approved as read. The motion received a second from Commr. Simpson and passed with unanimous approval.

Department Head Reports

Tom Carosello reported that adult basketball would be complete at the end of this week, and that this would be the last year the Parks and Recreation Department would conduct that program. He stated the reason for this change was to open up gym space to conduct youth volleyball, a popular program that had been cancelled this year for lack of gym availability. Commissioner Perea commented that "Kids come First", a sentiment shared by the other commissioners. Mr. Carosello also mentioned that T-ball signups were complete and that games would begin in two weeks, with four teams participating. He added that youth baseball registration would take place in three weeks. Then Jim Miller gave the parks report, stating that the repair of the meadow on Reservoir Hill and cleanup from the spring forestry work was proceeding quickly. He stated that he had concerns the number of events already scheduled at the new gazebo would make it very difficult to revegetate the meadow and asked for input from the Commission. The consensus was that Miller should do his best to accommodate the numerous visitors to the hill. Traci Bishop added that a fee schedule had been developed to help defray the expense of the increased maintenance work necessitated by the creation of such an attractive amenity. It was also concluded that road signage on the hill was unnecessary, given that authorized drivers were either attending special events whose organizers could provide directions, or work crews who already knew the hill's layout. Mr. Miller concluded his presentation by saying that the chairlift had been sold and shipped to its new location, resulting in a net profit for the Town.

Old Business

Sally High reported that grant funding for the Geothermal Greenhouse Project had been received, making it certain that infrastructure work would begin this summer in Centennial Park. She passed around copies of a background report and funding update and took questions from other Commissioners.

Other Business

Commissioner deGraaf was congratulated on his near-victory in his bid for a seat on the Town Council. He mentioned that he'd noticed work beginning on the extension of the Wetlands Trail. He asked if the work meant that the Town Council was committed to the Sixth St. Bridge project, "come hell or high water". Tom Carosello replied that the success of the Town's application for GOCO funding for the bridge should be known in another month, but that his understanding was that if the grant were denied, the town would build the bridge anyway out of existing funds. Commissioner Beserra asked if the new Town Council would continue to seek input from the Boards and Commissions. She was told that an all-board and commission work session with council was scheduled for the 25th of April at the South Conference Room of the Ross Aragón Community Center at 8am.

At 7:05pm a motion was received from Commissioner Perea that the meeting be adjourned. It received a second from Commissioner High and passed with unanimous consent. The next regularly-scheduled meeting of the Town of Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation Commission will be at 5:30p.m. on May 14, 2014 at the Pagosa Springs Town Hall.

Mike Musgrove, Chair

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