

**Town of Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes from Wednesday, March 12, 2014**

The chair, Mike Musgrove, called the meeting of the Town of Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 5:35p.m. The following were present:

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

Members of the Public: Jerry Hilsabeck and Christine Funk.

Staff: Traci Bishop, Cheryl Bowdridge, Tom Carosello, Darren Lewis, and Jim Miller

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

It was suggested that the agenda be adjusted to accommodate presentations from a member of the public in attendance. It was agreed to discuss New Business first.

New Business

Jerry Hilsabeck presented a request for support from the Commission for his proposal to begin selling snack items from a mobile cart along the Riverwalk the coming summer. He stated that as the owner of a successful restaurant and a participant as a vendor in various special events held in the Town's parks, he had a good idea what sort of items could be successfully sold. He realized that being in competition with "bricks and mortar" businesses in the area would be a bad idea, and felt he could fill a niche without adversely affecting existing businesses. The Commissioners discussed their concerns about liability, other vendors during special events, trash and infrastructure. They reached a consensus that Mr. Hilsabeck should consult with Zach Richardson, the Town Building Inspector, on design parameters for the proposed cart. The Commission also mentioned the potential market for such a service at Yamaguchi Park during soccer season. They asked Mr. Hilsabeck to return after his discussion with Mr. Richardson and bring a rendering of the design for his cart. They were generally supportive of his proposal.

Department Head Reports

Tom Carosello said that the youth basketball program was over for the year and that adult basketball would begin the following week. He also mentioned that registration for spring gymnastics was underway. Jim miller reported that forestry work on Reservoir Hill was ongoing, that the new gazebo was finished, and that the new river feature at the upper end of Yamaguchi Park was complete. He discussed the policy on memorial benches that had been established by the Parks and Recreation Commission, noting that a press release from the Friends of Reservoir Hill could be construed to permit the placing of memorial plaques on newly-created benches without specific review by the Parks and Rec Commission. Christine Funk responded that she had would solicit input from the Commission before beginning any actual work on the benches.

Old Business

Cheryl Bowdridge discussed the proposed increase in fees for the use of Reservoir Hill, stating that the improved amenities and increased interest in scheduling various events there would justify an increase in revenues to be generated to offset the impacts associated with the events and increased maintenance needed by the new facilities. A number of related issues were discussed and the Commission reached a consensus that supported further research into the adoption of fee increases. Then Commssioner Musgrove presented an overview of the progress made on the new signage for the hill, saying that proofs will be available at the time the order for the signs is placed, and that they will cost just under \$900. Jim Miller reiterated that he would provide the posts for the signs and the manpower to install them. Finally Sally High reported that the she would attend the Colorado Water Conservation Board meeting the following Tuesday to hear about the success of the application of the Geothermal Greenhouse Project for funding to get infrastructure work started this year in Centennial Park.

At 7:20pm a motion to adjourn was received from Commr.deGraaf. It received a second from Cmmr. Perea and passed unanimously. The next regularly-scheduled meeting of the Town of Pagosa Springs Parks and recreation Commission will be at 5:30pm on April 16, 2014 at the Pagosa Springs Town Hall.

Mike Musgrove, Chair

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