

**Town of Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation Commission  
Minutes from Wednesday, February 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:* Sally High, Mike Le Roux, Scott Miller, Mike Musgrove, Ed Simpson, and John Steinert. Maddie Beserra, Mat deGraaf, and John Perea were absent

*Staff:* Tom Carosello, Jim Miller, and Town Manager David Mitchem.

*Announcements:* Commissioner Musgrove announced that the first Reservoir Hill Rail Jam would be held the coming Saturday at the Spa Trailhead, starting at 4 p.m.

A motion was received from Commr. Steinert that the minutes of the January 15, 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 youth basketball was 60% complete for the year, to be finished the first week in March, after which adult basketball would commence. Also in mid-March the second session of gymnastics would begin. He added that curriculum for the summer outdoor program for young people was under development. Then Jim Miller gave the parks report, stating that the skate pond was closed after an excellent season. He reiterated his confidence that work on a sixth river feature would begin soon. He replied to a question from Commr. Musgrove, stating that he would inspect the Yamaguchi skate park for damage reported to have resulted from someone removing snow with a steel implement.

**New business**

Tom Carosello read the resolution establishing meeting times for 2014, which keeps those dates and times the same as 2013. Then the resolution was signed by the Commission Chair, Mike Musgrove.

**Old Business**

Jim Miller stated that construction on the new gazebo was moving steadily toward completion on Reservoir Hill. He added that six large benches had been built from the hazard tree removed by Parks Department personnel. Then he asked for guidance regarding the potential for grant-funded forestry work to be undertaken by J.R. Ford. A discussion of the needs, costs, and methods to be employed resulted in a consensus that Mr. Miller should continue to pursue options for forest stewardship on the hill while exercising the utmost sensitivity to the importance the citizens of Pagosa Springs place on the wild character of the hill as it is presently enjoyed. Mr. Miller stated that he would employ every possible option to ensure that the aesthetic impact be minimized while protecting the health of the resource. Then Tom Carosello mentioned the support from members of the Town Council for the construction of a vaulted toilet to serve users of the Hill. He gave cost estimates of different types of facilities and received input from the Commissioners regarding the size and location of the proposed toilet. Then Commissioner Musgrove reported that the new trail map signage was ready to be ordered and opened a discussion about funding and installation. David Mitchem stated that he felt that the new signage would have a positive affect on the numbers of people using the Hill. The Mr. Musgrove asked if the 6<sup>th</sup> St. pedestrian bridge would be the priority for the first GOCO grant application of 2014. Mr. Mitchem responded that such would be the case, but that to his knowledge there would be no competition from other Town projects that would keep an application for funding phase two of the skate park from being submitted in late summer.

**Other Business**

Commissioner High stated that a scheduled meeting had been postponed, making it necessary to delay her announcement of funding for the Geothermal Greenhouse Project. Commissioner Musgrove asked Mr. Mitchem if more all-board work sessions with the Town Council would take place. Mr. Mitchem responded that it was anticipated that training, planning for a consensus prioritization of projects, and future discussions between the Council, Department Heads, and members of Town Boards and Commissions would take place after the April election.

At 6:48p.m. a motion was receiver from Commissioner High that the meeting be adjourned. It received a second from Commissioner Steinert 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 March 12, 2014 at the Pagosa Springs Town Hall.

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**Mike Musgrove, Chair**

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