



**Town of Portola Valley
Special Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
Monday, October 5, 2020 – 7:30 pm**

Zoom Videoconference

SPECIAL VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING AGENDA

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1. Call to Order
2. Oral Communications Persons wishing to address the Committee on any subject, not on the agenda, may do so now. Please note however, the Committee is not able to undertake extended discussion or action tonight on items not on the agenda. *Two minutes per person.*
3. Approval of Minutes: August 3, 2020
4. Parks & Rec Membership 2021
5. Update on Fields/Courts/Sports Leagues
6. State of California Parks & Recreation Per Capita Program
7. Adjournment

Next Meeting – November 2, 2020



TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
Date: August 3, 2020
7:30 PM Historic Schoolhouse
765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA

Parks and Rec Committee Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM

Roll Call:

Members Attending via Zoom: Jon Myers, Patty Dewes, Lindsay Bowen, Heriberto Diarte, Chris Hsu

Members absent: Shruti Haldea

Guests Attending via Zoom: Gwen Masada

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Oral Communications: None

Old Business:

2020 Town Picnic and Zots to Tots Race: It was agreed that despite our desire to find some type of compromise that would allow us to do “something,” under the current Covid19 environment, it was not feasible. Therefore, this event has been cancelled. 2021 look out!!

Update on Fields/Sports: All Summer and Fall Leagues are cancelled. The Town of PV and the Leagues are working together to develop a plan for what they can/cannot do under current State/County guidelines. The Town is focused on adherence to those guidelines while minimizing liability.

Kate Campbell, President of Alpine Strikers has developed a very comprehensive plan/document for the resumption of activities that all parents/participants must sign and adhere to. It was suggested that the Town and other Leagues use this document as a framework.

State/County guidelines do not allow any “organized sporting events” on public fields. The Strikers have announced that, in August, they will begin skills clinics which will meet the guidelines of social distancing, etc. If this is successful, it could be a framework for other sports.

Pickleballers have been very vocal about opening the tennis courts for their use. They are putting together a framework that might fit into the guidelines, e.g. sign-ups only (no drop ins), someone has a key to the courts and is responsible for setting up and closing. Some challenges still exist; do they allow singles only from same HH (as in tennis)? Doubles are more fun and popular but likely would not meet same HH requirement. The Town is reluctant to allow as others might see the courts as “open.” And the Town cannot commit resources to monitoring and policing, nor take on the liability risk.

We all realize that it is vitally important to get the kids (and most parents) outside and active. Chris feels strongly (going on record!) that the Parks & Rec Committee should have a stated position that we will support everything that we can to “open” up access within guidelines. We can’t allow the lack of monitoring/policing to take away the opportunity for the majority who would not abuse it.

Annual Report: Jon presented this to the Town Council, it was rec’d favorably without comment.

New Business:

- Ann is not running for Town Council re-election. We will miss her active participation and avid support

of our programs and initiatives.

- Parking at Windy Hill has become a significant issue; however, this is handled by the Traffic Safety Committee.
- It has been announced that Springdown will be selling some of its property (I think this is the vacant lot on Portola Road, yes?). The Town is expected to be interested in purchasing this lot and if it comes to pass, will likely appoint a committee to provide recommendations as to how to use the land. While it would be a boon to open it up as additional Parks and Rec space (i.e. more fields, courts, etc.), it's fairly certain that Springdown will apply conditions to the property, e.g. must remain open space, activity can't bother the horses. . .

There will be no September meeting as the first Monday falls on Labor Day.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.