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**Town of Portola Valley
Parks and Recreation
Committee Meeting
Tuesday, July 23, 2024
7:30 p.m.**

**Patty Dewes, Chair
Karen Askey, Member
David Bailey, Member
Lindsay Bowen, Member
Jon Myers, Member
Cindy Rowe, Member**

VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION VIA ZOOM

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1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Speakers' time is limited to two minutes.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. June 18, 2024

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Request to turn on water faucet at Town Center Playground Sand Box

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Zotts to Tots/Town Picnic Update: Hats, Band, 60th Anniversary Event, WHS Robotics Booth
- b. Game Night Update
- c. Discuss Hawthorns Property Planning Status
- d. Discuss Town Court Outstanding Topics: Proposal for a permanent PB Court, Court #3 Painting
- e. Review updates on Dog Park
- f. Discuss status of request to Town Council for a study session on recreational facilities
- g. Discuss PV Recreational Facilities Opportunities Status
- h. Review and Discuss updates on CA Sate Grant/Ford Field Bathroom

6. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting date is Tuesday. August 20 @ 7:30 p.m.

Land Acknowledgement:

The Town of Portola Valley acknowledges the colonial history of this land we dwell upon—the unceded territory of the Ramaytush (rah-my-toosh) Ohlone, Tamien Nation, and Muwekma (mah-WEK-mah) Ohlone, who endured a human and cultural genocide that included removal from their lands and their sacred relationship to the land. Portola Valley recognizes that we profit from the commodification of land seized from indigenous peoples and now bear the ecological consequences. We seek to understand the impact of these legacies on all beings and to find ways to make repair.



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Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:38PM

Roll Call: Members present: Patty Dewes, Jon Myers, Karen Askey. **Members absent:** Dave Bailey, Lindsay Bowen, Cindy Rowe

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were approved unanimously.

Oral Communications: None

New Business: None

Old Business:

- a. **Zotts to Tots/Town Picnic – Saturday, September 21st:** Most of the vendors/rentals for the picnic are in process. The committee felt it would be good to have music and suggested asking the local schools if there were “student band” options. Hats were considered the best options for Zotts and it was suggested to use the 60th anniversary logo.
- b. **Game night:** Jon suggested Singo/Bingo, which we will look into.
- c. **Hawthorns Planning.** The decisions made at the last PAWG meeting regarding the proposed entrance/parking/trails, etc were reviewed. As it pertains to Parks and Recreation, all trails were approved for hiking, equestrian and dogs on leash. Certain trails were approved for mountain biking. The process now moves to the Mid-Pen PNR group and ultimately to our Town Council where committee and community members can provide feedback if they have concerns and/or support for the proposals.
- d. **Town Courts:**
 - The Town has approved the purchase of a courtside AED. We are working to coordinate a training session when this is received.
 - Waiting for the status of the re-striping on Court #3
- e. **Dog Park:**
 - Karen has drafted a survey; she will send it out to all for comments/feedback. We plan to put it on the PVForum and she will work with town staff to publicize through Town communications channels, and put the survey link on the website.
 - Patty is still trying to find out from Town legal counsel if the agreement with Springdown allows us to fix the existing fencing at Spring Down and whether dogs are prohibited.
 - Jon presented the option of using the Rossotti’s field as a dog park since it is not being used by youth soccer due to the parking issues. This generated a lot of discussion with many pro’s and con’s and will be continued as part of this overall idea.
- f. **Parkland and Recreational Facility Dedication:** The proposal has been submitted to the Town Manager with a request that it be added to the agenda for a future Town Council meeting.
- g. **PV Recreational Facilities Opportunities:** No update



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- h. CA State Grant:** Regarding the Ford Field bathrooms, the Planning Commission was consulted and since this is Town owned land, there is a lot more latitude in making decisions about what can be built and where. Patty will look into whether we can use the grant money to develop an engineering proposal.
- i. Parking at Rossotti's/Ford Field:** No update

Town Staff Action Items:

1. **Sharif:** Agendize the Parkland and Recreational Facility Dedication proposal for a Town Council meeting.
2. **Howard:** Get status on Court #3 repainting.
3. **Sharif:** Get status on Rossotti's parking lease renegotiation.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 16 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Patty Dewes, Secretary



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Jeff Epstein

Fri, Jul 12, 5:08 PM (2 days ago)

to me

Patty,

I hope you're having a great summer.

I'm sending this to you because you are Chair of the Parks & Recreation Committee,

My granddaughters love to play in the sandbox at the town center playground.

Of course, building a sand castle in a sandbox requires water.

The water faucet in the sandbox has been turned off.

I emailed the town (see below) and they referred me to you.

I respectfully request to turn the water on so children can build sand castles in the sandbox.

I'm sure the amount of water used is very small.

Thank you !

All the best,

Jeff

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