



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
PARKS COMMISSION
MONDAY, AUGUST 07, 2023
233 BLOSSOM HILL RD
OAK MEADOW PARK AREA 4
LOS GATOS, CA
6:00 P.M.**

*Rob Stephenson, Chair
Craig Gleason, Vice-Chair
Mike Buncic, Commissioner
Brant Corenson, Commissioner
Chirag Mapara, Commissioner
Matt Ober, Commissioner*

This meeting will be held in person at Oak Meadow Park Area 4 at 233 Blossom Hill Rd. Members of the public may only provide public comments for the agenda item in person.

PARTICIPATION IN THE PUBLIC PROCESS

The Town of Los Gatos strongly encourages your active participation in the public process, which is the cornerstone of democracy. If you are interested in providing oral comments during the meeting, you must attend in person and complete a “speaker’s card”. If you wish to speak to an item on the agenda, please list the item number. The time allocated to speakers may change to better facilitate the Board meeting. You are welcome to submit written comments via email to ppwcomment@losgatosca.gov.

Public Comment During the Meeting:

- When called to speak, please limit your comments to three (3) minutes, or such other time as the Chair may decide, consistent with the time limit for speakers at a Town meeting.
- Speakers at public meetings will be asked to provide their full name and to state whether they are a resident of the Town of Los Gatos. This information is optional and not required.

Deadlines for Public Comment and Presentations are as follows:

- If you are unable to participate in person, you may email ppwcomment@losgatosca.gov with the subject line “Public Comment Item #_” (insert the item number relevant to your comment). Persons wishing to submit written comments to be included in the materials provided to Board must provide the comments as follows:
 - For inclusion in the regular packet: by 11:00 a.m. the Friday before the Commission meeting
 - For inclusion in any Desk Item: by 11:00 a.m. on the day of the Commission Meeting
- Persons wishing to make an audio/visual presentation on any agenda item must submit the presentation electronically, either in person or via email to ppwcomment@losgatosca.gov, by 11:00 a.m. the day of the meeting.

RULES OF DECORUM AND CIVILITY

The purpose of the meeting is to conduct the business of the Town in an effective and efficient manner. For the benefit of the community, the Town of Los Gatos asks that you follow the Town's meeting guidelines while attending Town meetings and treat everyone with respect and dignity. This is done by following meeting guidelines set forth in State law and in the Town Code.

The Town does not tolerate disruptive conduct, which includes but is not limited to:

- addressing the Commission without first being recognized;
- interrupting speakers, Commission or Town staff;
- continuing to speak after the allotted time has expired;
- failing to relinquish the microphone when directed to do so;
- repetitiously addressing the same subject.

Town Policy does not allow speakers to cede their commenting time to another speaker. Disruption of the meeting may result in a violation of Penal Code Section 403.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

CONSENT ITEMS (TO BE ACTED UPON BY A SINGLE MOTION)

1. Approve Parks Commission Regular Minutes of June 5, 2023. (Attachment)

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS *(Members of the public are welcome to address the Personnel Board on any matter that is not listed on the agenda. To ensure all agenda items are heard and unless additional time is authorized by the Chair, this portion of the agenda is limited to 30 minutes and no more than three (3) minutes per speaker. In the event additional speakers were not able to be heard during the initial Verbal Communications portion of the agenda, an additional Verbal Communications will be opened prior to adjournment.)*

OTHER BUSINESS *(Up to three minutes may be allotted to each public speaker on any of the following items.)*

2. Role of the Ad Hoc Committees (Verbal Report)
3. Pickleball Ad Hoc (Verbal Report)
4. Trail Connectivity Ad Hoc – Mission Statement (Verbal Report)
5. Parks and Public Works Report (Verbal Report)
 - A. Park Operations
 - B. Vegetation Management – Open Space
 - C. Events
6. Beautification Committee Liaison Report (Verbal Report)

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting scheduled: October 2, 2023

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**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
PARKS COMMISSION REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 08/07/2023

ITEM NO: 1

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARKS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
June 5, 2023**

The Town of Los Gatos Parks Commission conducted a Regular Meeting on June 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Stephenson, Vice-Chair Gleason, Commissioners, Buncic, Corenson (arrived 6:02), Mapara, Ober, and Youth Commissioner Emami.

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve Minutes of the Parks Commission Meeting of April 3, 2023.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Ober to approve Consent Item 1.
Seconded by Vice-Chair Gleason.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Buncic abstained)

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

No verbal communication.

OTHER BUSINESS

2. Recommend 2023/24 Parks Commission Work Plan for Submittal to Town Council

Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, verbally reported on this item.

1. Inventory of Park Assets – Evaluate existing amenities and potential future needs.
2. Trail Connectivity – Consider ways to connect trails between open space areas.
3. Street Tree Program – Develop an understanding of how this program functions, including the list of approved trees.
4. Meeting Schedule – Consider converting to a monthly meeting cycle to improve communication and outcomes.
5. Park Use Fees and Agreements – Reviewing use agreement terms and associated fees.
6. Pickleball and Tennis Court Usage and Requirements for Play – Evaluate options for reducing the impact on adjacent residents of Pickleball play at La Rinconada Park. This

Other Business Item #2 – continued

may include changing the mode of play, limiting hours of play or identifying potential new court locations.

7. Art in Parks – Connecting with the Arts and Culture Commission to consider the addition of art in public parks to enhance the user experience.

The Commission discussed this item.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Corenson to create an ad hoc committee for trail connectivity. **Seconded** by Vice-Chair Gleason.

VOTE: Unanimously

Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, responded on how an ad hoc committee works.

The Commission had a further discussion of this item.

MOTION: Motion by Chair Stephenson to create an ad hoc committee to advance and promote Pickleball. Identifying other locations or a new location within the Town for the Pickleball community. **Seconded** by Commissioner Ober.

VOTE: Unanimously

The Commission discussed this item further.

3. Town Parks and Public Works Report (Verbal Report)
 - A. Pickleball – Nicolle Burnham

Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, verbally reported on this item.

Opened Public Comment.

Joel Korelitz, Resident

- Representing the United States Pickleball Association and the LGS Pickleball Club. Concerns over safety and injury issues we are experiencing at La Rinconada Park. 20 to 25 hours of Pickleball is being played per week and about an hour's worth of tennis. Which represents about 100 to 120 Pickleball players per week and maybe two or three tennis players. A lot of use going on and the courts are in bad shape. A lot of cracks, and people are falling. It is my understanding that the Town does not have the funds to do the necessary repairs. It is about \$13,000 to \$15,000 to fill in the cracks and to put permanent Pickleball nets in. Is there a way that we can provide the funds to do those repairs?

Other Business Item #3A – continued

Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, responded to the donation question.

Joel Korelitz, Resident

- I have heard about the issue with noise, and I have talked to a company that provides noise reduction along the residential side of the fence. 10 feet high by a 120-foot-long noise abatement shield and will cost about \$13,000. Some other safety issues around the courts. There were 16 people playing and 12 people waiting to play and they all wait in the same place on the courts and eventually, someone is going to get hurt. It would be nice to have a gate opening where we store the nets in the box so people can stand outside the gate rather than inside the courts. People are getting hit by balls and the next thing they will be hit by rackets. Whatever we can do to keep the injuries down.

The commission asked questions and discussed the item.

Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, responded to the questions.

Debbie Pinkston, Resident

- The community is not in favor of a desirous shared plan. We feel that beggars cannot be choosers and we would like to enhance what we have to the best ability. We would like to share the same benefits as the rest of the Town shares in terms of recreational use and not pay for it and have dedicated facilities. This is a multi-year plan. This is not looked at by painting some lines and going. This should be looked at as what are we going to be doing in 2023 and what are we going to be doing in 2024. When does it start getting to be dedicated to Pickleball? There is nothing else to look at that we could ask for. We are asking with an eye that exists. In a lot of people's views, lots of space at La Rinconada to drop a dedicated Pickleball court without touching the tennis court. There is a lot of space at Blossom Hill Park to drop a Pickleball court. There are other locations where a Pickleball court could be added. Then it becomes a money issue. If money is the issue, then we need to talk about it. Where can we have in the next 12 to 24 months a dedicated space for Pickleball?

Joel Korelitz, Resident

- What would be the procedure as far as funding and repairing the existing court?

Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, responded to the questions.

The commission discussed this item further.

B. Kiwanis Meeting

Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, verbally reported on this item.

C. Shannon Road

Gary Heap, PPW Town Engineer, verbally reported on this item.

The commission asked questions and discussed this item.

Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, and Gary Heap, PPW Town Engineer, responded to the questions.

D. Upcoming Events

Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, verbally reported on this item.

Commissioner Ober gave an update on Music in the Park and Jazz on the Plazz.

4. Youth Commission Report

Youth Commissioner Emami, verbally reported on this item.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the June 5, 2023 meeting as approved by the Parks Commission.

/s/ Nicolle Burnham, Director of Parks and Public Works