



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS  
PARKS COMMISSION REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 04/03/2023

ITEM NO: 1

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**MINUTES OF THE PARKS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
February 6, 2022**

The Parks Commission of the Town of Los Gatos conducted a Regular Meeting on February 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. via videoconferencing.

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

**CONSENT ITEMS**

1. Approve Minutes of the Parks Commission Meeting of December 5, 2022.

**MOTION:** Motion by Commissioner Gleason to approve Consent Item 1.  
**Seconded** by Commissioner Buncic.

**VOTE:** Unanimously

**VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Bill Crites, Los Gatos resident, commented on the Capital Improvement Project for Tennis Court Resurfacing for the fiscal year 2023/24. The repairing of the cracks, resurfacing, and re-stripping for pickleball only, current dual-use tennis and pickleball court. Prior to resurfacing keep the existing tennis net and install four permanent pickleball nets. Did some research and they are \$400 to \$800 per set, but this does not include the installation. From a material standpoint, would be an additional \$1,600 to \$3,200 for the cost of repair, resurfacing, and re-stripping. The priority I would like to share with the group is that work to be done as soon as possible. The cracks that are present on the court are continuing to increase in size during this winter season. So many of the new players that are joining us are much older, less mobile, and more at risk of tripping and falling due to the cracks. I would like to make this suggestion for improving our pickleball experience at La Rinconada Park.

Ursula Kelly Tolley, Los Gatos resident, commented pickleball is the fastest-growing sport in the US today and a lot of us are out there enjoying it. Unfortunately, Los Gatos is not providing facilities for us to play other than the cracked court at La Rinconada. Many communities around us and around the United States have state-of-the-art facilities which, unfortunately, we do not. We are not asking for those to be put in right away, that would be in the future. But

access to the courts would be greatly appreciated. Over at Blossom Hill Park, there are currently six tennis courts that are not fully utilized. We request an immediate fixture for the pickleball community in that we over-strip the tennis courts like they are done at La Rinconada and we get access to play at Blossom Hill Park. It could be done through Los Gatos Rec department with an open play on certain days of the week. We are not asking to take over a full court, but four courts could be available as soon as next week if the stripping was done. At Blossom Hill Park there are lights, and we could into the evening time which we cannot do at La Rinconada. Thank you for your consideration.

The commission discussed the verbal communication comments.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### 2. 2023 Chair & Vice Chair Elections

**MOTION: Motion** by Chair Stephenson to nominate Commissioner Gleason as Vice-Chair of the Parks Commission. **Seconded** by Vice-Chair Ober. Commissioner Gleason accepted the nomination.

The Commission discussed.

**VOTE: Motion passed 6/1. Commissioner Gleason abstained.**

**MOTION: Motion** by Commissioner Corenson to nominate Chair Stephenson as Chair of the Parks Commission. **Seconded** by Vice-Chair Ober. Chair Stephenson accepted the nomination.

No discussion.

**VOTE: Motion passed 6/1. Chair Stephenson abstained.**

### 3. Return to In-Person Meetings

Jim Harbin, PPW Superintendent, and Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, verbally reported on this item.

The Commission discussed this item.

### 4. 2023 Spring into Green

Jim Harbin, PPW Superintendent, verbally reported on this item.

The Commission discussed this item.

5. PPW Director's Report

A. Park Operations

Jim Harbin, PPW Superintendent, and Jerett Blaskey PPW Park Services Officer, verbally reported on this item.

B. Vegetation Management – Open Space

Jim Harbin, PPW Superintendent, verbally reported on this item.

C. Belgatos Projects

Jim Harbin, PPW Superintendent, verbally reported on this item.

The Commission asked questions on this item. Jim Harbin, PPW Superintendent, and Jerett Blaskey, PPW Park Services Officer, responded to the questions.

D. Events

Jim Harbin, PPW Superintendent, and Jerett Blaskey, PPW Park Services Officer, verbally reported on this item.

The Commission discussed this item.

6. Youth Commission Report

Youth Commissioner Emami, verbally reported on this item. The Youth Commission is working on e-bike legislation. They are bringing a draft proposal to Town Council in two weeks.

The Commission discussed this item.

7. Beautification Committee Liaison Report

Commissioner Corenson commented on this item. The first meeting is this Thursday at 5:30 p.m. and is headed by Dick Konrad. The Committee is looking for volunteers.

The Commission asked questions on this item. Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, and Commissioner Corenson, provided feedback on the questions.

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DATE: March 13, 2023

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

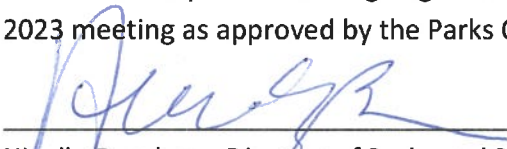
Vice-Chair Ober thanked Jim Harbin for the quick responses during the January storms. There was flooding at Creekside Sports Park during the January storms and Vice-Chair Ober was able to unclog the drains.

Commissioner Gleason thanked for all the cleanup; a big tree came down at Bachman Park. Last time I brought up the possibility of a cleanup of the French broom at St. Joseph's Park with Midpen. The coordinator went out there and it is a bigger can of worms than they thought. They will need to do professional removal of the bigger stuff on the steeper slopes between the area of Novitiate Park and where the Jones trail goes up before they will be able to do a volunteer event.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the February 6, 2023 meeting as approved by the Parks Commission.

  
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Nicolle Burnham, Director of Parks and Public Works