



**MINUTES OF THE PARKS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
August 7, 2023**

The Town of Los Gatos Parks Commission conducted a Regular Meeting on August 7, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Stephenson, Vice-Chair Gleason, Commissioners, Buncic, Corenson (absent), Mapara, Ober.

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve Minutes of the Parks Commission Meeting of June 5, 2023.

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

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

No verbal communication.

OTHER BUSINESS

2. Role of the Ad Hoc Committees

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

- Ground rules
- What they should be
- What they should not be

The Commission asked questions and discussed this item.

Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, responded to the questions.

3. Pickleball Ad Hoc

Chair Stephenson, verbally reported on this item.

MOTION: Motion by Chair Stephenson to dissolve the Pickleball Ad Hoc Committee in favor of putting Pickleball on the agenda going forward. **Seconded** by Commissioner Buncic.

VOTE: Unanimously

Opened Public Comment.

- Teri Kent

I am a homeowner on Hilow Ct. which backs up to the beautiful green lawn at Blossom Hill Park. I am not sure where the new Pickleball facilities are being proposed, but a rumor was that it might be behind our fence at Blossom Hill Park. That green space is used daily for many outdoor activities enjoyed by a wide variety of age groups. Activities such as youth soccer classes, volleyball games, badminton games, pick-up football, birthday parties, dog training, picnicking, mommy and me music classes, and many, many more activities. These are wonderful, healthy ways to enjoy the outdoors at Blossom Hill Park. We would hate to see this gorgeous green space which is so limited in our Town be paved over with cement.

- Ursula Kelly Tolley

I am here on behalf of the Pickleball community and representing as a Pickleball player. I would like to see Pickleball on the agenda going forward every month. I think that it is an amazing sport for the members of our community. We need to fix the courts at La Rinconada, we need to consider where else in Town we can provide courts. Whether it is a portion of the tennis courts already available at Blossom Hill and over-stripping them and giving us the same access to sport in our community as the tennis players already enjoy.

- Connie Kirby

Founding member of the Pickleball club that Joel kicked off in 2018. I want to highlight what Ursula said in terms of the availability of Pickleball courts equal to that of tennis. I guess I raise the philosophical question of the extent to which, tennis players have dedicated tennis courts, but Pickleball players don't have courts at all. I don't understand that, and I also don't understand why tennis players can play for free and Pickleball players can't. I would also like to save how significant how seriously the courts at La Rinconada need to be resurfaced in terms of now there are tree roots growing into the back corner court from the trees and this is causing trip hazards. The cracks are opening in such that we get divots, again it is easy for people to trip and hurt themselves as people are prone to do. I know the budget is tight and I am not sure who

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to talk to about that. I'm here as a spokesperson to advocate for resurfacing those courts because they are not safe. Also, I would like to know, when you went to the courts and talked to the residents. Can you please highlight or summarize what you discovered, and what your report would be?

Closed Public Comment.

Chair Stephenson, responded to the public comment question.

Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, responded to the public comment question.

The Commission asked questions and discussed this item.

Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, responded to the questions.

4. Trail Connectivity – Mission Statement

Vice-Chair Gleason, verbally reported on this item.

The Commission and Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director asked questions and discussed this item.

Vice-Chair Gleason responded to the questions.

5. Town Parks and Public Works Report (Verbal Report)

A. Park Operations

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

The Commission asked questions.

Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, and Jim Harbin, PPW Superintendent, responded to the questions.

B. Vegetation Management

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

The Commission asked questions.

Nicolle Burnham, PPW Director, and Jim Harbin, PPW Superintendent, responded to the questions.

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C. Events

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

Commissioner Ober gave an update on Fiesta de Artes and asked a question about Labor Day events.

Meredith Johnston, PPW Administrative Technician, responded to the question.

6. Beautification Committee Liaison

No report was given.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Ober commented on three more Music in the Park shows for this season.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the August 7, 2023 meeting as approved by the Parks Commission.



Nicolle Burnham, Director of Parks and Public Works