



Town of Ridgefield Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 6:30 pm

Meeting held via Zoom

APPROVED

PRESENT: P. Kearns, P. Nichols, K. Hulber, D. DiPinto, M. Knox, E. Cipolla, A. Platt

These minutes are a general summary of the meeting and are not intended to be a verbatim transcription. A recording of the meeting will be available for 45 days post:

<https://www.ridgefieldparksandrec.org/about-parks-recreation/commission>

Meeting called to order by Chair at 6:40pm. In the absence of a quorum, no votes were taken at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved to February

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved to February

BUSINESS UPDATES

Chairperson's Report – Phil Kearns

Report covered under the Budget & Policy Committee report.

Director's Report – Dennis DiPinto

1. Met with Rudy, Kevin and Alison this morning to review FY2025 budgets. Next step will be first round BOS review on January 31st.
2. Future Pickleball Courts Project: Dennis met with Planning & Zoning in December to discuss special permit(s). Funding is included in the proposed FY2025 budget. A more formal presentation will be scheduled with P&Z in February.
3. Met with RAC and Verdi Construction regarding Phase II of the Barlow Mountain Pool Improvement project which is slated to begin in Summer 2024.
4. Attended monthly revenue meeting; P&R is looking favorable
5. Bob and Dennis met with a resident who's interested in working with P&R more closely as it relates to native species on the Rec Center walking trails.
6. Joyce Dynia has announced her retirement as Wellness Operations Supervisor on January 31st. We will work to fill that role as soon as possible.

Financial Update – Eileen Cipolla

Ms. Cipolla provided the monthly financial report. Revenue to budget numbers are still very favorable. Expenses are on-target.



Assistant Director of Parks' Report – Dennis DiPinto reported on behalf of Bob Schneider

- Tree work and parks/fields clean-up continues between snow removal

Assistant Director of Program Operations' Report – Mary Knox

- Focused on promoting our winter programs and gearing up for planning Spring/Summer activities
- Phil asked when we will start hiring for summer staff. Mary confirmed this will begin in early spring.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marketing & Promotions – Evie Bottali (absent)

Nothing new to report.

Membership – Kim Hulber

Nothing new to report.

Aquatic & Programs – Barbara Dobbin (absent)

Nothing new to report.

Budget & Policy – Phil Kearns

- Continue to meet monthly to review results and finalize the budget proposals for FY2025; Budget review meetings start late January and conclude in April.
- Currently reviewing Commission committee responsibilities for 2024, and will share more on this in the coming months.

Buildings & Grounds – David Shofi (absent)

Nothing new to report.

Special Services & Community Outreach – Pete Nichols

Nothing new to report.

With no further business, Phil Kearns moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:59pm.

REMINDER: Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 6:30 pm via Zoom.