



Village of Taos Ski Valley  
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting  
April 23, 2024

2 pm Location: Village Offices, 7 Firehouse Road, Taos Ski Valley  
Zoom link also provided

Call to Order	Woodard
Minutes March 26, 2024 Meeting	Woodard
Committee Chair Remarks	Woodard
Annual Plan update	
Spring Cleanup Day May 28, 2024	
Ideas and Plans for grant applications	Woodard
-Trails +	
-Bridge at Bull of the Woods Trail--?	
-Rebuild of Kachina Vista Park--?	
-Wetlands Boardwalk—engineering--?	
-other ?	
-other grant opportunities	
-playground structure	
-other?	
Presentation on TSVI Community Day –request for PARC support	Mona Nozhackum
Presentation on Kachina Basin Landscape Plan and discussion of property boundaries in kachina Basin	Peter Talty
Comments from Village staff	
Memorial Benches	
Report of task force	Scovil
Adjourn	

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting – March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 2pm

Daniel Vaughn, Patrick Nicholson, John Avila, Ryan Scovil, Anne Marie Wooldridge – no quorum

Two members of the public

Memorial Bench –written proposal of terms for a program was presented

Maps, locations, prices are next step

Patrick Nicholson verbal report:

Rocky Mountain Youth Corps will be in TSV for two weeks in June – complete build-out of trails that were initiated last year.

“Lake Fork” trail – traverses from Porcupine Road to Kachina Road above some houses along the creek

Also fifteen trail signs and three picnic tables

Trail Maintenance – JR Ramming trail

Plan to conduct initial scouting of Amizette to Bull of the Woods trail

Proposed location on forest service land (100 foot swath corridor that was cleared last year)

Kachina Wetlands Trail –how can restoration of wetland trail to relocated Williams Lake trail – from Kachina road to Lakeview

Patrick asserts that the arch is located on public land – RMYC wants to lay it in July – possible boardwalk?

The boardwalk would run about a quarter of the way in on the north, wedding venue side

In lieu of fining TSVI for encroaching, the request is for Taos Ski Valley to fund landscape architect so that we can have a shared vision. Relocate wedding venue? Signs 5' x 8' to be posted just south of the arch to wedding venue on Deer Lane pathway; John Kelly had indicated TSVI work on landscape plan. Six month delay in expected review of those plans; placement of sign is a concern – on TSVI property.

Opens meeting act (John Avila) – Ann Marie is drawing up a resolution to bring more formality to PARC –agenda posting, open meetings etc.

Adjorn 2:46pm

VTSV PARC  
Annual Plan FY25 (2024/25) Updated April 20, 2024

[PARC requested \$18,500 from Lodger's Tax Board; granted \$10,000 and remaining \$5,000 is contingent on the Lodger's tax revenue.]

Village Core Beautification (also considering accepted TIDD projects to understand needs)

- hanging baskets--- ~\$2000 to build; ~\$1000 to water through summer----will explore interconnection with drip watering system for road landscaping; wire baskets are in PARC storage unit; Petri will build and mature the baskets; wire frame baskets have been delivered to nursery; put up baskets no earlier than June 21; take baskets down ~Sept 18; baskets started at Petri April 9, 2024—cost is ~\$1950.
- landscaping along Sutton Place--- will explore collaboration with TSVI
- River walkway landscaping --- landscaping on TSVI land—will explore their sustainment plans; explore with TSVI signage “Rhoda’s River Walk” and possible site for memorial bench
- Budget \$4000 for beautification on Sutton Place (requested from LTB)

Inventory of existing trails, open space, parks, facilities, recreation

- explore VTSV GIS system – PARC explore existing system and explore use of location specification tool owned by VTSV Public Works

Sustainment

-Hiker parking pit toilets

- Cleaning-weekly cleaning -- \$500-800 for summer/fall (toilets locked during winter and early spring-\_VTSV unlocks toilets ~May 1.) Cleaning starts May 1 and ends Oct 31.
- Pumping---\$1000 for two pumpings – one July and one end of October before locking
- Budget \$1500 for Hiker Parking routine maintenance (requested from LTB)

-JW Ramming Trail maintenance

- Trail maintenance-- Review in May and determine needs; requested RMYC work hours for this
- Oil ski lift benches and new stands if needed -- ~\$780
- no trail signage---at east entrance ~\$500
- update visitor information flyers
- Budget \$1000 for JR Ramming (requested from LTB)

-Recreation facilities

- Disc Golf--- \$2300 to set up—very popular –most sought after summer activity based on Chamber feedback; TSVI agreed to disc golf in village core area; Evan Firestone does set up for a fee of \$2300.
- Volleyball-need to re-establish ---\$5000 for sand and reestablishment of court after construction; ask TSVI to spread; purchase a storage box for volleyballs and new volleyballs (\$100-200)

-Budget \$7500 for recreation (requested from LTB)

-generate list of ideas for recreation for base of chair 1 and Kachina basin—

-Corn Hole—existing, should we buy more?

-Volleyball--- existing, need refurbishment

-Crossnet

-Badmitten

-Horseshoes

-Giant checkers

[Committee members should seek ideas to add to this list.]

-Kachina Vista Park

-Major cleanup and rebuild needed---10 foot high and 80-100 foot long pile of dirt & rocks, at least two old pieces of rusty equipment ---discuss with Public Works

-Grading of road---discuss with VTSV - use of road for emergency & snow.

-Add picnic benches—perhaps 2 locations—near locations of log benches

-Create map signs for visitors

-Interpretive signage—view toward Kachina Peak, view toward village core and Gold Hill; local flora and fauna

-One of two benches was stolen---filed a police report 3/14/24; secured second bench with cable and anchor on April?

-Signage at both ends of trail—municipal park sign at both ends and signage on dog conduct needs updating and posting at both ends.

-Add parking at both ends

-Budget \$4000 for refurbishment of Kachina Vista Park for as much cleanup as affordable (requested from LTB); initiate grant applications for other aspects of work

New and continuing projects

-Rocky Mountain Youth Corps –signs and completion of trails started in 2023; \$36,200 matching from post-ordinance Impact Fees promised to RMYC for summer 2024; note that director of RMYC has left and replacement is TBD

-Check previous work to identify fixes needed—e.g. trail off Porcupine above Zaps to Kachina Vista

-North south trail along steep hill above Lake Ford creek---roughed in, easement unclear on plat; on very steep hill above a home with historic issues of hill slides and rock damage to house--current route to be reviewed by PARC committee members May 2024

-Wetlands trail –in 2023 TSVI created a trail from venue entrance to Kachina Road---if another trail is desired there is no map or written plan; unclear if easements are needed; property boundaries are unclear and a map is needed (TSVI has provided some maps); coordination with Kachina basin

property owners needed; consider other possible trails for access and education about wetlands

-Monitor 2024 work—no existing written scope of work for 2024; engage with RMYC to understand designs and scope of 2024 work (have attempted to invite to the April PARC meeting, but our contract primary point of contact has left RMYC)

-Spring Cleanup day set for May 28, 2024 and TSVI has agreed to collaborate—also coordinate with Chamber and use event for community input on strategic plan

-Consult with EPA and Army Corps of Engineers regarding regulation and oversight of boardwalk in wetlands; identify source for study of wetlands flora and fauna;

-Amizette to Village Core connector trail---informal planning underway; engage to ensure planning involves broad community input; collaborate with staff to develop written plan

#### Memorial benches

-identify locations

-installation and security (bolt into concrete)

-explore use of village contractor for installation

#### Spring cleanup

-date set as May 28, 2024; collaboration with TSVI and Chamber

-lunch to be provided by PARC—need volunteers to coordinate, purchase and setup.

-consider using lunch informal discussions and paper survey to gather input for strategic plan; need volunteer

#### Planning

-Strategic Plan development

-Focus topics—trails, Recreation facilities (popularity of disc golf, volleyball; children's playground); Parks; open space; beautification

-Community engagement & input---consider a session in June or July

-Meeting facilitation & documentation---committee members to facilitate input sessions, and draft documentation

-Funding Source identification & development—state and other government grant sources; state appropriations; private grant sources----develop grants information document with dates, scope, funding levels, etc

-2025/26 Annual Plan development – develop in fall based on strategic plan

## WELCOME SPRING!

Spring is officially here and the wildflowers are coming.



The best time to pick up trash is now...through the month of May before winds blow it further away and foliage makes it harder to get to!  
Help keep our village pristine!

Spring Clean Up is here!!!

The Village of Taos Ski Valley Parks and Recreation Committee in collaboration with Taos Ski Valley Corp. and the TSV Chamber host the annual Spring Clean-Up Day

**Spring Cleanup Day**  
Tuesday, May 28, 2024  
Come by the Upper Plaza  
at 9:00 am

to pick up trash bags and picker-uppers

Return loaded trash bags & picker uppers at the luncheon sponsored by the Lodgers Tax Board.

Lunch starts at 11:30  
In the Upper Plaza



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