



**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
MEETING TO BE HELD VIA ZOOM  
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026 AT 10:00 AM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

(Woodard)

The chair called the meeting at 10 am. The members present were Steve Hoxie, Kent Kiehl, Janet Ratliff Thomas, Dan Vaughan, and Joan Woodard, chair. The chair announced that a quorum was present. The chair offered an addition to the agenda--under the chair's report an item was added for the report from the NFS meeting on Kachina Basin use management. The committee approved the agenda as amended.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

(Woodard/All)

A. -March 24, 2026

The minutes of the March 24, 2026 meeting were approved unanimously. The chair described to the committee the special recognition at the April 16, 2026 Village Council Meeting for past PARC chair, Katherine Kett, who was appointed, by the Village council, as an emeritus member of the committee.

**3. CHAIR'S REPORT**

The chair asked Steve Hoxie and Henri Hammond-Paul to report to the committee on the NFS meeting on Kachina Basin use management. At the meeting on April 22, 2026, the four page implementation section was discussed as well as roles. It was noted that most of the items were responsibility of NFS or Taos Pueblo. Quarterly meetings are planned.

A. Discussion of pilot VTSV adopt a trail program (Woodard)

The chair presented a draft description of the VTSV adopt a trail program. The committee discussed the draft and the committee voted unanimously to adopt the pilot for the summer 2026. Volunteers are encouraged.

B. Spring Cleanup May 26, 2026 (Woodard/Hoxie)

The chair reviewed the plans for cleanup day. Steve Hoxie report that TSVI will provide the main course for the lunch, and will connect the chair with Food and Beverage to align the village supplied elements of lunch. The chair asked for volunteers to help with the cleanup day. Henri Hammond Paul will be able to help.

**4. REPORT ON TRAILS+ GRANT MATCHING-FUNDS**

A. Kachina Vista Park cleanup (Hammond-Paul)

The village administrator reported that the Public Works schedule does not provide time for the park cleanup work. The chair reported that the matching funds for the Trails+ grant needs matching of about \$20,000. (Note volunteer hours are valued at \$34.79). She requested volunteer hour reports be sent to add to the list being compiled. Henri Hammond-Paul suggested that ideas of small projects in the park be submitted to him, and he would discuss with PW for consideration this summer.

B. JR Trail ski lift benches—slat replacement status (Woodard)

The chair reported that the ski lift benches on Ramming Trail are being refurbished with new slats and metal rub. Three of the seven benches have been completed. Volunteers are openly welcome—please contact the chair.

**5. PARC COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING---STATUS**

The chair reported that the draft comprehensive plan is delayed. Enchanted Circle Trails Association, under contract for the plan, reported that additional site visits as well as discussion with neighbors in areas proposed for trails will be contacted. The new draft completion date is May 29, 2026. The chair proposed that the committee schedule a special meeting the week of June 8 for discussion and considerations.

**A. Priority Framework draft for implementation**

The chair presented to the committee a draft of a framework for prioritization of projects that may arise from the comprehensive plan. The committee discussed the draft and offered a suggestion to separate appeal to people, from attractiveness & beautification, making these two separate items in the list of goals. The committee supported going to the next step and defining a process for evaluation.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DATE, TIME & PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

The regular May 26, 2026 meeting will not be held due to the VTSV Spring Cleanup which starts at 9 am.

06-23-2026-REGULAR MEETING. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee of the Village of Taos Ski Valley will be held as a hybrid in-person and on-line meeting on June 23, 2026, at 10:00 am in Room 102, 9 Firehouse Rd., Taos Ski Valley, NM and the Agenda, Agenda attachments, and Zoom Meeting link will be available to the public on the Village website at <https://www.vtsv.org>. [On June 4, 2026, the committee decided to move the regular meeting of June 23 to June 16 to review the draft trails, etc. comprehensive plan.]

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

ATTEST:

*Joan B. Woodard*

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Board Chair, Joan Woodard

*Marlene M. Salazar*

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Village Clerk, Marlene Salazar