



**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MEETING TO BE HELD VIA ZOOM
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026 AT 9:00 AM**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

(Woodard)

The chair called the meeting to order and noted the members present: Steve Hoxie, Janet Ratliff-Thomas, Dan Vaughan, and Joan Woodard. A quorum was noted. In addition, a resident was present via virtual connection and the chair invited them, if they were in the village, to come to the village office since the trail review involved some printed maps.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(Woodard/All)

A. April 28, 2026

The chair presented the minutes from the last meeting, April 28, 2026, for review and approval. After motion and second, the minutes were approved with one change, to reflect the cancellation of the May 26, 2026 meeting, due to the Spring Cleanup Day.

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

(Woodard)

The chair reported that the flower baskets were installed in the upper and lower plaza and thanked some local volunteers. The summer recreation equipment will be deployed by the resort corporation in the Kachina Basin. The chair expressed appreciation for the partnership with the corporation.

4. REVIEW OF PARC COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

(Woodard/All)

The chair introduced the topic of the draft comprehensive plan prepared under contract by Enchanted Circle Trails Association (ECTA). The chair thanked ECTA for the impressive work on this draft plan. She also stated that because of scheduling delays, this draft was prepared without discussions with individual landowners and managers, as originally planned. Therefore, the next step will be discussions with each of these parties, followed by revisions of the plan based on those discussions. The chair also stated that this plan is a draft by ECTA, and now PARC must start the process of turning this into a Village draft plan.

The committee reviewed the general concept of loops and connectors and reviewed each trail segment. The committee also reviewed the proposed park areas in the draft which leverage the small individual parcels of land owned by the Village.

The draft proposes the general concept of an end-to-end loop pathway that connects Amizette area to Kachina Basin area. This loop is estimated to be 8 miles. While the ECTA draft proposal includes trail segment additions that required access to privately owned and managed land, the committee discussions noted that this loop can be achieved using alternative existing trails and some trail additions in National Forest land which would be brought to the Carson NF leadership. This grand loop would provide connectivity that has been identified by the Village as a need for decades. Further deliberation after the

owner and manager discussions is required to update the grand loop strategy. It was also stated that the goal is to make this loop accessible to bicycles.

The draft also proposes a variety of connector trails which connect business areas and neighborhoods to the grand loop. The discussion highlighted that these connectors vary across a range of difficulties to implement, and across a range of priorities. Further discussion is required to identify priorities for connectors.

The draft proposes areas for small parks. After much discussion, there was an agreement to do an on-site review of one area and to add two additional areas as potential parks.

Finally, the draft proposes some connectors and bridges across Lake Fork, some trails in areas slated for possible future construction or requiring easements from private landowners, and development of recreation in areas owned and managed by others. The committee discussed each and concluded that such ideas should be included in the report in appendices clearly stating that many are out of the scope of the Village plan but included for consideration by the appropriate authorities. The committee also felt that the various additional improvements in existing trails which are included in the draft proposal plan should be included in an appendix but identified as next steps to improve the basic grand loop.

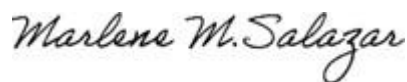
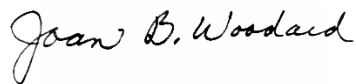
The next steps are the meetings with landowners and managers, and reconfiguration of the document with maps capturing the baseline for the pathways, basic connector trails, and parks, accompanied by appendices with ideas for consideration by other parties, ideas for recreational development on others land, and ideas for improvements of the basic grand loop and additional connectors.

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

07-28-2026-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 July 28, 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>.

6. ADJOURNMENT

ATTEST:



Committee Chair, Joan Woodard

Village Clerk, Marlene Salazar