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**PARKS, TRAILS, OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE  
AND TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 6, 2018  
5:30 – 7:00 PM  
TOWN HALL**

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*Three or more Council Members are on this Committee and may be present to constitute a Town Council Meeting.*

Committee Present: Jen Coates, Jared Coburn, Nick Williams, Doug Canright, Lois Zeimann

Committee Absent: Eric Johnson, Robb Austin

- I. Call to Order  
*Meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm.*
- II. Meeting Minutes from January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting  
*Lois moved to approve the minutes from January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Jared seconded the motion.*
- III. Discussion of relocating playground structure from Ouray Weehawken Garden - Jen  
The committee is interested in looking into this but would like to explore the structural integrity of the structure and identify a desired location in Ridgway for the structure. It will require a soft landing and some additional work if not located in an existing playground. The Committee decided to take a field trip at the next meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup> to look at the structure and potential locations.
- IV. Green Street Park update and GOCO grant status (attachment) - Jen  
Jen shared that the GOCO grant was not awarded and asked the Committee if they would like to explore alternatives. The Committee feels the Green Street Park plan remains important and also the best location for the Community Garden. Jen shared that she is meeting with the Community Garden crew to discuss next steps on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 am if anyone on the committee wanted to participate.
- V. Request to stripe tennis courts in the Athletic Fields for Pickleball (attachment) – Gordon Reichard  
Gordon introduced members of the pickleball club: Don Jones, Donna Jones, Althea Turner, and presented diagrams of tennis courts and pickle ball courts with a proposed diagram for 2 pickleball courts on one tennis court. Gordon stated the pickleball lines will be a different color than the tennis court lines. The pickleball players would yield to the tennis court players to manage any potential conflict, in deference to the tennis courts as the primary use. They play about 3 times /week for 2-3 hours on Monday, Wednesday, Fridays from about 8:30 – 11:30 am. They would put the more seasoned players in the tennis court area. There are currently 3 pickleball courts on the basketball court in the Athletic Park. They proposed to paint the pickleball lines on the one tennis court, and not paint over the tennis court lines, but leave the tennis court lines as the primary lines on the court. The Committee directed the pickleball club to reach out to tennis players and report back to the Town on the outcome.

There was discussion of the need to use professional paint for the striping that is appropriate for the existing professional surface so as to not create maintenance issues for the Town.

**VI.** New Business

Doug presented that it has been reported to him that there are Spruce weevils in Town. Doug will identify the extent of the problem and report back to the Town.

Nick reported that the greenway trails in the 16-acre space in Solar Ranches need rebuilt and asked on behalf of the Solar Ranches Homeowner's Association if the Town would participate in the effort. There was discussion of what would be required for the trail maintenance. Nick suggested that the trails would not need a full reconstruction but some additional screened gravel placement. Jen agreed to explore maintenance obligations for the trails in the 16-acre parcel and report back to Nick.

Jared shared that the Dennis Weaver Memorial Park trails need some maintenance as well, specifically the first 100' of the entrance area.

**VII.** Adjourn

Doug made a motion to adjourn. Nick seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.