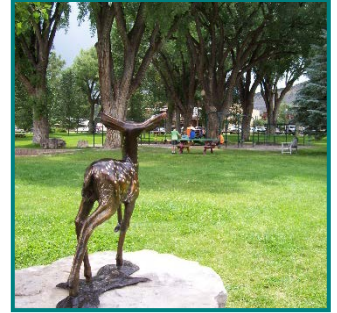

**PARKS, TRAILS, OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
AND TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
MAY 1ST, 2018
6:00 – 7:30 PM
TOWN HALL**



Committee: Jen Coates, Jared Coburn, Nick Williams, Doug Canright, Lois Zeimann, Mayor Pro Tem Eric Johnson, Town Councilor Robb Austin

- I. Call to Order
- II. Meeting Minutes from March 6th, 2018 meeting
- III. Meeting Minutes from April 10th, 2018 meeting
- IV. Update from Community Garden on proposed locations for garden – Ridgway Community Garden
- V. Request for support and funding for musical instruments to install in public spaces (www.freenotesharmonypark.com) - Public Art in Ridgway Colorado (PARC)
- VI. Presentation of Dog Park ideas and locations – Ruth Stewart
- VII. Discussion of playground equipment donation
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Adjourn

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



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 9th, 2018 meeting
Lois moved to approve the minutes from January 9th, 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 1st 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 22nd 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.

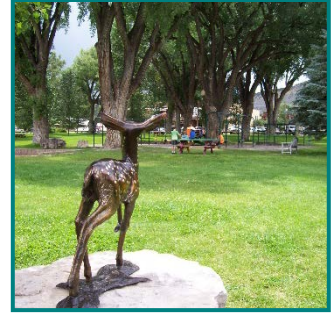
Nick reported that the greenway trails in the 16-acre space in Solar Ranches need rebuilt and asked on behalf of the Solar Ranches Homeowner's Association if the Town would participate in the effort. There was discussion of what would be required for the trail maintenance. Nick suggested that the trails 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.

**PARKS, TRAILS, OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
AND TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
APRIL 10, 2018
6:00 – 7:00 PM
TOWN HALL**



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

Committee Attending: Jen Coates, Doug Canright, Robb Austin, and Eric Johnson

Committee Absent: Lois Zeimann, Nick Williams, Jared Coburn,

Public Attending: Agnieszka Preszlowaska, Chris Lance, Judi Chamberlain, Kurt Johnson

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

II. Discussion of community garden and Green Street Park

Jen reported on the status of the GOCO grant not being awarded and on conversations with GOCO about the application. In summary, the current application does not seem to be competitive with GOCO unless significantly modified and potentially decreased to a mini grant, making activation of the Green Street Park difficult.

Kurt reported that the community garden group is ready to get moving and has \$20-25k to activate 1/3 of an acre for a garden. Agnieszka reported that \$25k is committed and potentially another \$10,000 may be available to get moving on the garden sooner.

The committee discussed possible locations on various town-owned property, including property at the south end of the Athletic Fields and the Green Street Park.

Additional funding sources may be:

Musser – possibly qualify for up to \$25,000 in grant funding, but is very competitive

Telluride Foundation - \$5,000

Cliff Bar - \$7,000

CO Garden Foundation – some added funding

All told, may be able to access up to another \$25,000 from these funding sources.

It was agreed by all parties to not return to GOCO in Fall for an LPOR grant or possibly even a mini-grant because of programming requirements that are difficult for the small group to meet. The committee suggested that the Community Garden explore locations in the Green Street Park and the Athletic Fields and put some figures together for very basic improvements to get the garden efforts started. The Community Garden was asked to report back to the Parks Committee at the next regular meeting on May 1st.

III. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

From: [Jennifer Coates](#)
To: "[coburnjw@gmail.com](#)"; "[Doug Canright](#)"; "[Eric Johnson](#)"; "[Nick Williams](#)"; "[Robb Austin](#)"; "[Ziemann, Lois -FS](#)"
Subject: FW: Playground equipment?
Date: Sunday, April 15, 2018 12:21:00 PM

Committee,

Below are photos of the playground equipment we discussed at the regular March Parks Meeting, and an email to John Clark providing some additional information. It sounds like the playground is now removed so we no longer will do a road trip to Ouray during the May 1 meeting, although I don't know where it is now. I've asked John to pass along the contact information so we can find out where the wood is now, understand dimensions and look at it as you had requested in March. I have this on the May 1 meeting agenda.

Thanks,

Jen

From: John Clark
Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 10:19 PM
To: Jennifer Coates <jcoates@town.ridgway.co.us>
Subject: Re: Playground equipment?

Here are the photos they sent us a couple months ago:





From Judy Yeo in February - Bill and I worked with Susie Opdahl to develop the Weehawken Children's Garden in Ouray. At the time Bill and I lived in a condo just across the street. He built the swing set that is on the garden site as well as the picnic tables and bridge. Along with Susie, I planted trees, flowers & bushes. The property is still owned by the owner of the Biota Building on the north end of Ouray which was where the original Weehawken dance studio was. The owners said that Weehawken could use the spot and Weehawken carried the insurance on it. It was a great space for the little dancers to wait for their parents and play after their classes were over. In the time that I worked on the garden, it got a lot of use from not only local kids, but also visiting ones from nearby an RV park. Since Weehawken, Bill & I have moved to Ridgway, it seemed impractical to try to maintain the garden. As of this coming spring, Weehawken will no longer sponsor the garden and will not provide the insurance coverage. Since we are no longer living across from the garden, it is no longer feasible to check and maintain the swing set equipment. However, since Bill built the swing set the specter of liability is a concern, so we are planning on dismantling the set. My question is do you know of anywhere that Ridgway could use the set? Or can you think of anyone who could use it or any of its parts? Like I said, we need to get this done before spring.

The set is free, but it would be nice to have someone help to transport it. Also, our storage is limited, so even if there is no immediate use in sight, if someone was willing to store the pieces would be helpful.