

Carmel Valley Recreation and Park District
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
29 Ford Road, Carmel Valley, CA 93924
Minutes April 8, 2026

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Alex Gray @ 6:31 p.m.
2. Board Members Present: Steve Goodman, Alex Gray, Karolyn Stone, Mike Thatcher and Tam Voss, quorum is met.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: By Christine Jensen closing hours of the restrooms. Answer was 7:00 p.m.
4. ACTION ITEM:
 - a) Continued Consideration of Recreational Activities, Bicycle Pump Track and Half Pipe with Board Voting on Submitted Proposals. Alex Gray, President, explained that the proposals have been discussed previously. At this meeting people are invited to speak for five minutes to explain why they are a proponent for the proposal, in opposition due to problems and cost, or other proposal comments.
 - Rachele Winstedt of the CV Pump Track Crew (CVPTC) submitted reasons for proposing the pump track and half pipe. The pump track is proposed for the east gravel parking lot and half pipe in the former volleyball court no longer used in the west side of the park. Local people (240) have indicated the need for such activities. Project will be funded by the CVPTC now a non-profit to ask school students to give community service hours to build it and do on-going maintenance. They have interacted with the City of Marina regarding their pump track. It will be a positive place for kids to belong and enjoy. Kids would not have to ride bikes on streets or public parking lots. They are open to scaling the size to not disrupt usage of the parking lot. Safety includes helmets and fencing around it to provide visibility.
 - Alan Crockett spoke for himself and the Kiwanis (Alan is Kiwanis current president) that they donate \$60,000 annually most of which is for community youth. This is done through fundraising. The parking lot is needed for Fiesta and other fundraising events. As submitted, they are not favor of the pump track and the proposed location.
 - Leslie Cooley said circulating more information may allow better understanding of both proposed activities.
 - Village Green residents present did not change reasons previously provided in opposition.
 - Christine Jensen said no explanation of how expenses of each activity would be covered without increases in the annual Benefit Assessment. She was not in favor of increasing the Benefit Assessment.
 - Bill Buffalo explained that as a Special District financially supported by a Benefit Assessment usage by those outside the district would likely affect and increase the costs to the annual assessment. The is reviewed annually and paid by property owners within the district.

After listening to these commentators, the board each gave a comment prior to voting. Unanimously board members agreed that providing for youth activities was a good intention and just that these proposed activities would be in the wrong place. These are summarized below.

Alex Gray: The CVPTC have tried to assure they would cover costs for the pump track and to a less extent the half pipe. These have been well-intentioned but vague promises for essential funding

which must be considered. Loss of over 50% of available parking is not acceptable. The activities are clearly active and not in line with the park permit. Even if this could happen, it would create a substantial loss to the atmosphere of a quiet park with mainly individual activities.

Steve Goodman: The main concern is safety of kids. CVPTC wants to take kids on bikes off riding on streets and off using public parking lots. These proposed activities would be in an active parking lot with limited space. Vehicles would have limited space to maneuver and turning around safely. Also, driving into the park involves going directly past a commercial business center entrance with cars and large trucks. Again, safety of all is questionable.

Karolyn Stone: We have listened to both sides and our responsibility is to consider what is best for the community and Park District. The entire park is less than 7 acres. The reduction of open space increases parking difficulty for attendees, commercial vehicles, and people regularly parking to use public restrooms. Financing by CVPTC is not clear, and present district funds are limited. Park events are needed to generate revenue to maintain the benefit assessment.

Tamara Voss: The park permit is not for active activities; it is for passive ones. Adding these activities is not a good choice and therefore increases danger to all people. As park directors we must take that seriously. The liabilities that could incur is a concern and expenses would increase which must be considered.

Mike Thatcher: Agree with comments previously made.

Upon motion made by Alex Gray, seconded by Karolyn Stone to the proposal by Carmel Valley Pump Track Crew to add a 6,000 sq. ft. dirt pump track and a 22' x 12' x 12' wooden half pipe to the Park District is voted as follows:

Motion:	Alex Gray
Seconded:	Karolyn Stone
Ayes:	Steve Goodman, Mike Thatcher & Tamara Voss
Nays:	None

5. CONSENT AGENDA

a) ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – April 2026

1. Aqua Flow Landscape	\$ 4,611.00	(March 2026)
2. Cal Am	\$ 739.17	
3. Carmel Marina, Waste Management	\$ 468.04	
4. Comcast	\$ 325.00	
5. PG&E	\$ 500.00	
6. Central Coast Cleaning	\$ 450.00	(2 weeks)
7. Martins' Irrigation	\$ 818.12	
8. U.S. Postal Service	\$ 250.00	(Annual PO Box)
9. Newton Construction	\$ 41,394.71	(Grant)
10. Four Season Painting	\$ 11,500.00	(West Restrooms)

b) Minutes

1. March 11, 2026 – Regular Board Meeting
2. April 3, 2026 – Special Board Meeting

Motion made by Mike Thatcher, seconded by Steve Goodman to approve the April 2026 Consent Calendar which was unanimously approved.

6. NEW BUSINESS: None
7. FORMER BUSINESS:
 - a) Signage at Each Picnic Referencing Kiosks for Reservations – Tabled
 - b) History Society Fire Protection System – Counsel recommends an Agreement between CVRPD and the History Society. Once an Agreement is signed payment would be made by annual invoices from the History Society during duration of the Agreement.
 - c) Ford Road Park Signage – Consensus to have the west park signage name the CV Community Park, similar to the east signage. Alex will talk to Dan Loberg.
 - d) Flag Pole Lighting – Alex discussed need for cage protection for the upward lights. The lamps are being turned down, and it could easily lead to damage. Alex will ask CV Ironworks for proposal.
5. ACTION ITEMS: Continued
 - b) State Parks Grants: 4th and Final Project are to replace and add needed picnic tables as well as trash receptacles. Karolyn will find tables that match the ones we have and a few better trash receptacles.
 - c) Fiesta: Ready to go first weekend in August. Kiwanis' vendor insurance is in place and Alex will talk to their board about increased costs endured by the Park District.
 - d) Mark Mileti Contracts – Both the Janitorial and Landscape Services contracts are due for annual review. Consensus was continuation of his services. Motion made by Steve Goodman, seconded by Mike Thatcher to increase each effective 5-1-26 by CPI for this region which is 2.18% which was unanimously approved.
9. OPERATIONS REPORT: None
10. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS: None
11. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION: None
12. ADJOURNMENT: 7:45 PM.
13. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: May 13, 2026

Respectively submitted,

Karolyn Stone,

Director