

PARKS AREA CONNECTION MEETING MINUTES

Date/Location: April 8, 2025, Ponderosa Fire Station #81, 1511 N. Spring Valley Rd., Parks

1. **Call to Order** – Secretary Bart Bartel called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. **Roll Call** – George Chambers, PFD Firefighters, PFD Chief Lee Antonides, Bart Bartel (secretary), Christina Talbott, Joanie Raetzel, Kathie Krushinsky, and David (new Parks resident) were present.
3. **Approval of the Minutes** – George Chambers moved, seconded by Joanie Raetzel, to approve the meeting minutes of October 8, 2024. Unanimously approved.
4. **Financial Report:**

PAC Financial Report March 2025

Beginning Balance (3/1/2025)	\$15,994.75
Revenues March	486.00
AZ tax credit donation: \$486.00	
Expenditures March:	0
Ending Balance (3/31/2025)	\$16,480.75

5. **PAC provided services** - None since Holiday food baskets and teacher gift cards in December.
6. **PFD News** – Chief Antonides gave updates regarding PAC-provided snacks used during the Prairie Fire this past winter, Parks fire station debris removal and driveway grading work, and upcoming Wildfire Preparedness Day at Maine school on Saturday, May 3 from 9am – 12 noon. Josh (PFD firefighter) does monthly community CPR trainings at community room at Bellemont Station. He could do a special PAC class and include first aid training this year if there is any interest. Next Board Meeting at Parks Fire Station is Thursday, May 15.
7. **Sherwood Forest Estates (SFE) Events/News** – Kathie reviewed Moonset Pit schedule through September. (Buggy Wheel disposal might be possible in October if needed.) Discussed possibility of residents potentially paying for using hired drivers with dump trailers if they don't have their own trailers or need help gathering yard debris. SFE is holding their first planning meeting in April to plan SFE events including possible blood drives.
8. **First Responder Appreciation Dinner** – George stated that the Maine School gym is unavailable during summer break due to planned building maintenance/ upgrades, so we'd likely be looking at an evening in late August or September. Once we determine a date, George will ask for attendee list from CCSO, PFD, Coconino Natl Forest, DPS, and game wardens, and quotes from caterers. PAC would provide drinks. Would be open to any local interested residents at per-person costs.

9. **Parks calendar** – Bart will send out a May community event calendar on April 26. If you are aware of any community events in May that haven't been mentioned in these minutes, please email Bart (bpjbranch@aol.com) with this information prior to April 26 to be included on the May calendar. If you don't let me know by April 26, it won't be included on the calendar.
10. **Moonset Pit schedule for 2025** – All dates listed are from 8am – 2pm: May 3, 17, 31. June 14, 28. July 12, 26. August 9, 23. September 6, 20. PAC will staff May 17, June 14, July 12, August 9, and September 6. Babs Felix and John Sears will staff PAC Saturdays from 8-11am, and Bart will staff 11a-2p with another PAC volunteer, please advise if you can help.
11. **Other items** –
 - a. Christina gave an update on the Spring Fling at the school on May 1, and is looking for volunteers.
 - b. Bart mentioned that the PAC annual dues will be collected at the May meeting.
 - c. George gave an update on the used RV that was donated to PAC. It currently resides on Craig's property and needs work. Will be discussed at May meeting if we want to try to sell it 'as is' or try to fix it up prior to offering for sale.
 - d. Bart asked members to think of potential activities and dates for this year's fundraisers that can be discussed at May meeting.
12. **Location, Date, and time of next meeting** – The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 6pm, at the Parks Fire Station.
13. **Adjournment** – Bart adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.

Recorded by: Bart Bartel
Secretary for Parks Area Connection