



Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Rebecca Dunn, Chair
Cat Evans, Vice Chair
Robert Coltin
Scott Dowis
Jessica Kallweit
Craig Kinnunen
Melissa Lindsay

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

5:00 PM

Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course
2156 Red Hawk Ridge Dr
Castle Rock, CO 80109

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TIMES SHOWN ARE APPROXIMATE AND MAY BE ADJUSTED DUE TO CHANGES TO THE AGENDA.

CALL TO ORDER

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

Chair Rebecca Dunn called the meeting to order at approximately 5:09 p.m. Council Liaison Tim Dietz was in attendance, as were Parks and Recreation Department staff including Jeff Brauer, Jeff Smullen, Mike Kilman, Bob Maloney, Brian Peterson and Maia Yates.

Present 4 - Chair Rebecca Dunn, Commissioner Jessica Kallweit, Commissioner Melissa Lindsay, and Commissioner Craig Kinnunen

Not Present 3 - Commissioner Robert Coltin, Commissioner Scott Dowis, and Commissioner Cat Evans

PUBLIC COMMENT

DURING THIS TIME, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION AND STAFF ON ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA. COMMENTS SHOULD BE LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN FOUR (4) MINUTES.

None.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

[PRC 2025-017](#) Approval of the Minutes

Yes: 4 - Chair Dunn, Commissioner Kallweit, Commissioner Lindsay, and Commissioner Kinnunen

Not Present: 3 - Commissioner Coltin, Commissioner Dowis, and Commissioner Evans

GOLF UPDATES

Brian Erickson, Head Golf Professional at Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course, welcomed attendees to the facility, shared holiday greetings and thanked the group with Red Hawk gear. He highlighted the success of the 2025 season, noting that the course set a record with approximately 68,000 total rounds played compared to 32,000 rounds in 2020 prior to his tenure. This growth places Red Hawk Ridge

among the top five busiest public golf courses on the Front Range while maintaining 10-minute tee time intervals and an average pace of play of 4.4 hours, which he emphasized as a point of pride alongside on-time starts and overall guest experience.

Brian reported that the facility also achieved record financial performance. Total course revenue increased from roughly \$3 million in 2020 to \$5.9 million this year, with records set across the course, golf shop and restaurant. Merchandise sales reached approximately \$360,000 and clubhouse restaurant sales grew from \$830,000 last year to \$930,000 this year, crediting the success of the restaurant team led by Gabby and Spencer since joining in 2022. Capital investments totaled about \$220,000 this year, including the addition of new black tees on holes 9 and 18 which extended the course yardage to qualify for state championships per CGA standards.

He recognized Superintendent Jon Holland and Assistant Superintendent Bill LaFleur for maintaining excellent course conditions despite heavy play, noting that this is the most frequent compliment received from golfers. Jon has worked for the Town for 17 years and Bill since 1999. Red Hawk Ridge received the Colorado Avid Golfer magazine award for best conditions among Front Range public courses in 2025 and best regional public golf course in 2024. The course regularly sells out from early morning through evening, hosts full leagues with waitlists and accommodated 33 company tournaments this year. Brian clarified that the 68,000 rounds figure includes all types of play such as nine-hole rounds, junior programs, league play and tournaments.

In response to questions, Brian explained that while the course appears near capacity, favorable weather conditions this year significantly contributed to higher play and future growth may be weather dependent. He attributed the resurgence of golf to COVID-era interest due to social distancing and noted that participation has remained strong due to course conditions and overall experience. Discussion also touched on the facility's modest banquet amenities, which historically helped avoid debt burdens common at other courses, though future expansion may need evaluation. It was also noted the golf division's enterprise fund operates without tax support and relies solely on revenue.

Regarding irrigation and water, Brian outlined plans to invest approximately \$300,000 into reserve funds bringing the balance to about \$3.3 million to support future infrastructure upgrades. A full irrigation system replacement is planned to begin in early 2026 with new pump stations followed by broader system replacement within five to ten years. Jeff B. added historical context, explaining that the course transitioned from a private well to a partnership with Castle Rock Water about six years ago, providing reuse water from the Plum Creek Wastewater Authority. This partnership improved water availability and course conditions while requiring careful chemical management, which Jon Holland oversees, and the former well now contributes to the Castle Rock Water system serving The Meadows and Red Hawk neighborhoods.

Brian closed by encouraging everyone to get out and play some golf in the new year.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Jeff Brauer, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented a surprise award recognizing contracted photographer Twain Wilkins of Liberty Pro Imaging for his ten consecutive years of service. Jeff thanked Twain for capturing moments and experiences over the past decade that reflect the Town's identity, noting that his photographs appear across all communication platforms including the website, social media, recreation guides and other Town publications. Through his lens, programs and participants are portrayed in a way that feels authentic, welcoming and uniquely Castle Rock, and his consistency and professional creativity have made him a trusted partner and an essential part of the department's communications. It was also noted that Twain has lived in the community for decades, has a deep appreciation for Castle Rock and is frequently praised for his unobtrusive presence and the high quality of his work, with community members often requesting copies of his photos and sharing positive feedback.

Jeff then provided a Parks and Recreation update, expressing appreciation on behalf of the entire team for the commission's ongoing commitment and service to the community. He acknowledged that commissioners generously give their time and expertise, represent their neighbors and friends and help keep the broader community in mind, and noted that Town Council and elected officials value their input and assistance. Jeff emphasized the importance of their role in supporting a quality of life in Castle Rock that the department believes is unmatched and thanked them for their dedication. As a gesture of appreciation, he shared that commissioners will be offered a jacket or a vest, with sizes and color preferences to be collected and delivery anticipated in January.

COMMISSION AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Chair Rebecca Dunn shared a brief note of appreciation, thanking staff for hosting the annual gathering at Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course and noting that it is always a treat to visit the facility, hear from Brian, enjoy the festive atmosphere and receive the thoughtful gifts.

Council Liaison Tim Dietz also extended holiday wishes, thanked everyone for attending and expressed appreciation for the group's participation, noting that updates to the rules are being made to encourage consistent attendance and engagement going forward, especially for quasi-judicial boards.

ADJOURN TO DINNER

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:40 p.m.