

**North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District
Board Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2019**

The Board of Directors of the North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District (NFPPRD) met on Monday, March 18, 2019 at 5:00pm the District office in Hotchkiss.

Board Members Present: Kim Egging, Sven Edstrom, Kathryn Oxford, Sara Sharer

Others Present: Lenore Cambria, District Administrator, Niki Richardson, Board Clerk, Anita Evans, Youth and Nature

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of February 25– Sara Sharer

2nd – Kim Egging. Motion passed

Pay Bills

A motion was made to pay the bills by Mr. Edstrom. 2nd by Kim Egging. The motion passed.

Public Appearance: Anita Evans – Youth and Nature

Anita introduced her new website: friendsofyouthandnature.org

It is a free service to provide publicity. It is just one more venue to get the word out there. They provide scholarships and busses. Scholarships can include swimming lessons. They are also happy to partner as a 501-c-3 non-profit organization to apply for grants with other providers. The Youth and Nature organization is funded by local donors. The Board will review the paperwork and get back to Anita. The Board discussed the obligations/benefits involved.

Sven made a motion to sign the MOU as presented by Anita. Sara 2nd. The motion passed.

Review of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed.

Motion to excuse absences

A motion was made and passed to excuse the absence of Ken Butcher.

Pool Report – Lenore Cambria

Chris passed his CPO course. Tomorrow he meets with the state boiler inspector.

We have received the picnic tables and benches. Doug Egging has a group of handy kids who can come help Chris put the tables together.

After next week, Lenore will be talking to Kat at the Nature Connection re scholarships for lifeguard and WSI scholarships and the 3rd grade swim lessons. There was discussion about the difference between the voucher and the actual cost of our swim classes.

Next month, let's talk about Ride the Rockies and getting folks over to the pool.

OLD BUSINESS

Plans and bid schedules for Ballfields

Randy Fender has been going through the original budgets and preparing for the next RFP round. The estimates we received were low. We're detailing specific components now and discovering that some of the bidders we got on our generic bids were specifying fewer or lower quality elements. We're still very close over all.

Randy is trying to determine if we can afford to build a 90-foot field instead of the 70-foot field which was in our first proposal. The difference is \$85K more. Both DOLA and GOCO have suggested that he puts the bid out in such a way to put it out for 2 60s and 2 70-foot fields and an option to make one of the 70s a 90-foot field. Regardless, even if we don't put a 90-foot field in, is putting drainage under baselines and infield to eliminate puddles. That would cost \$23k. The drainage is pretty important.

Lenore talked to Leah from DOLA today. DOLA has to forward a change (to make a 90-foot field) on to the state and create a new contract. The won't approve something if it is too far away from the original intent. If we increase the scope and they approve it, then we realize we can't afford it, we could lose part of our grant. She suggested we talk to HHS to see if they would fund the difference.

According to Terry Pagone, the principal and Doug have been trying to figure out where to build a field. Kathryn Oxford will go talk to the High School contact (Doug Horton?).

Picnic Tables

Lenore reported that 6/10 tables have been paid for and all three benches!

Bicycle Race Proposal Insurance

The insurance rider will cover the Montessori Triathlon

Drainage Ditch Cleanout

Kathryn spoke with Darnell and Darnell is interested in doing the work. He has a bobcat which is not as destructive as big equipment. Monday 5:30 April 1st, Sven will be walking the property with the ditch cleaner.

NEW BUSINESS

- Rural Philanthropy Days Early Bird Registration/Scholarships

Early bird registration is going on now. Lenore doesn't know what she would propose if she went. She could go in with a Skatepark proposal. They are also going to be here on 6/13 and they will visit between 5 and 6:15. After here they'll go to Zack's for outdoor dinner. Should we do a reception and ask for a liquor license or do hors d'oeuvres for them. Lenore wants to make a to-do for them.

- Skatepark Lease Agreement with Town of Paonia

Lenore and the skate park people (Jay Canode) went to the Town of Paonia. The town of Paonia is willing to write the grant, but we might still want to do it ourselves. The lease agreement expires August of 2020. The Board tabled the discussion to another time. There is another meeting on April 9th at 6:30 pm. Sara Sharer will go with Jay Canode. Sara asked Lenore to brief her more.

- Site visit Colorado Health Foundation, April 2

We're having a site visit from CHF – they gave \$ for trails. They will come April 2, but they may or may not make it up here since they only have 2 hours. We should be there to talk to them. Kathryn said she'd go to Delta with Lenore.

- Elks Lodge Award presentation March 25

The Elks reached out to Lenore to tell her we've been awarded a grant. On March 25 at 6:30, Kathryn, Niki, Sven and Lenore will attend the presentation.

- The Nature Connection possible GOCO site visit

They might be coming to see all the stuff TNC has done, but there isn't a set date yet.

- Audit papers need to be signed by all board members

Lenore has the papers for the Board members to sign.

- Easter Egg hunt in Crawford

Lenore wants to give one-day passes in the Easter egg hunt. The special egg will be exchanged for the day pass. Kim Egging made a motion that we do 12 single day passes for the Crawford Easter Egg hunt. Kathryn 2nd. The motion passed enthusiastically.

Administrator's Report

- DCED Meeting OZ Funding

Lenore went to the Opportunity Zone workshop. Apparently, Hotchkiss is too wealthy. It is a way for people who want to offset their capital gains tax. Paonia IS in an OZ, so if we have a project in Paonia, it would qualify for one of these grants. There will be a meeting on the 27th from 9-12 where they will create a prospectus which will go out to investors. Lenore suggested a Rec Center, but that got lukewarm reception.

- Skatepark Meeting with Town of Paonia 3/11 follow up meeting 4/9 (6:30pm)

See above

- Bank Line of Credit vs private funders

Lenore asked the Bank what to do if we have to float cash. Lenore would have to come up with a detailed estimate of when the money is coming in and out. Lenore also talked to Adam Camacho about private funders who might not mind floating the NFPPRD the money. Lenore did get a credit card approved! Yay!

- Ordered picnic tables/benches

See above

- Tennis Court Lights

These lights are manual.

- Marketing

Home and Garden in Shopper

Paradise on screen

Brochure

Merchant Herald

Flyer for ballpark volunteers

Flyer for bench/table sponsors

Email blast

Correspondence

Lenore shared the correspondence

West Elk Community Fund March 24 – all local to the north fork. We applied and didn't get it, but the Baseball got it.

E-waste event April in Hotchkiss – April 21, 9-1

Western Slope Conservation Center

Ride the Rockies here the same time as Philanthropy Days

Treasurer's Report - Mrs. Egging

Mrs. Egging presented the financials.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lenore Cambria, District Administrator

Approved: _____ Dated: _____