

NORTH FORK POOL, PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 19, 2024– 6:00PM
Location: District Office at 333 Miner’s Way, Hotchkiss CO 81419

The Board of Directors of the North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District (NFPPRD) met in person on August 19, 2024.

Board Members Present: Rebecca Ela, Dan Ihnot, Sven Edstrom

Others Present: District Administrator - Stephanie Bureau

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm.

II. President’s Review of Agenda

Two New Agenda items – Noted below

III. Roll Call & Excuse Absent Board Members

Michelle Pagone and Scott Shishim were absent and excused.

IV. Approval of Last Meeting’s Minutes

Sven Edstrom made a Motion to approve the minutes. Dan seconded. The Motion passed.

V. Pay Bills

Becky made a Motion to pay the bills. Sven seconded. The Motion passed.

VI. Public Appearance

No public appearances.

VII. Presentation of Staff Reports

The Board reviewed the Staff reports documented in the Agenda.

- Program Coordinator – Swim lessons concluded on August 1st, with 244 (versus 294 in 2023) participants. Fall soccer registrations closed with 79 registrants to date (76 in 2023).
- Aquatics Manager – July was very interactive month with National Parks and Recreation month giveaways, Olympics competitions, Delta County Fair water battles, aquatics club, lap swim, water aerobics, open and family swim attendance very high. Lifeguard party on August 3rd, self-funded and quite mellow. Reduced hours for pool, aligned with back to school began August 12th. Pool is closed each Friday. Last day of season August 31st.
- Facilities Manager – Chris Straub
 - i. Seasonal maintenance (sprinklers, weeds, field maintenance) constantly underway. Address two dead/dying trees by pool.
 - ii. New prairie dog exterminators are actually addressing issue and making headway on population, protecting fields.
 - iii. Flood mitigation projects underway with planning for additional projects also underway.
- District Administrator – Stephanie Bureau
 - i. Incident with parent calling pool office and verbal attack on two of our Guards (July 18).
 - ii. Concessions, school lunch pick up, pool bus concluded for the season.
 - iii. Creation of SOP’s for District procedures underway.
 - iv. Recruiting for Board Clerk and Marketing Associate on hold until September, given demands of pool season.
- Committee Reports (no activity this month)

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VIII. Old Business

- Potential land purchases – (T.W. Stites), The Board agreed, given the priorities established for capital projects and operations for 2024, to notify T.W. that while NFPPRD is interested in the property, we do not have the resources or bandwidth to pursue the necessary funding this year and likely next. Stephanie will notify T.W. so he can take the action most appropriate for his property.
- Miners Trail – NFPPRD complied with the request for collaboration with The Nature Connection for GOCO Youth Corps grant, labor (October 2024) to connect Crossroads Park, specifically the pool, to TNC property. We will need to consider building materials for this project.
- Paonia Skatepark - The Board approved the capital expenditure of \$15,700 for Phantom Concrete to return to the Paonia Skatepark for conditioning and grinding of the existing flats before snowfall. Given that the estimate includes grinding the uneven surfaces discussed last month, we will not pursue additional quotes to have this work done prior to Chris’ visit. Stephanie will notify Chris Berry and obtain a date for the work. Becky initiated the motion, Dan seconded. The Motion passed.
- Flood mitigation – Sven provided a summary of the projects underway to improve water flow. The Board also reviewed the estimates obtained from Alpine Fencing to move 2 of the existing fences to allow the construction of swales (baseball and soccer) and to lessen the probability of debris build up along the baseball fields. Moving the soccer field fence can proceed upon conclusion of the fall soccer season. Moving the baseball fence cannot occur until a solution is devised to protect the open culvert adjacent to the u6/u8 soccer fields. Given the large number of very small children at the practices and games, we cannot leave the culvert open. The challenge is finding a solution to prevent access to the culvert while allowing silt and water to flow through it.
- Pickleball Courts (new agenda item) – Wendell Koontz asked Becky for a meeting to discuss pickleball courts. Becky and Sven will attend the meeting. General background for the meeting was discussed.

IX. New Business

- The Board confirmed the existing policy to pay end of season bonus’ for pool staff who work shifts after start of school on August 12th will be upheld for the 2024 season.
- SB24-113: Safer Youth Sports – Becky initiated a motion for NFPPRD to adopt a policy adhering the SB24-113. Sven seconded. The Motion passed.
- SB24-131: Prohibit Carrying Firearms in Sensitive Spaces – Becky initiated a motion for NFPPRD to prohibit carrying firearms, except for the noted exceptions in the bill, in the NFPPRD District Office. Dan seconded. The Motion passed.
- The Board reviewed the information provided by the SDA relating to proposed ballot measures #50 and #108 relating to reducing property taxes. The Board members present signed letters addressed to Governor Polis, President Steve Fenbert and Speaker Julie McCluskie opposing the measures due to the impact on voter approved revenue to special districts.
- MOU with The Nature Connection (new agenda item) – Stephanie is meeting with Jess Finnigan, Executive Director of The Nature Connection, to revisit the dated MOU between TNC and NFPPRD. One of the topics will be revising the cost of admission for TNC camp attendees to the pool. The current price paid by TNC is \$1 per admission. Dan initiated a motion to raise the per admission cost for TNC attendees to 50% of the NFPPRD admission price. Sven seconded. The Motion passed.

X. Marketing

No activity to report.

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- XI. **Treasurer's Report**
Dan presented the financials.
- XII. **Next Meeting – September 16**
- XIII. **Adjourn**
The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Stephanie Bureau, District Administrator

Approved  Dated 9/16/24