

**North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District
Board Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2018**

The Board of Directors of the North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District (NFPPRD) met on Monday, August 20, 2018 at the District office in Hotchkiss.

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

Others Present: Lenore Cambria, District Administrator; Niki Richardson, Board Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Review of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed and approved. The revised agenda was approved.

Aflac by Debbie Pope

Aflac insurance has helped a lot of people because the cash goes to the policy holder. It does not go to doctors or hospitals. It is designed kind of to be insurance for "living expenses." For example, if you hurt yourself and can't work, your Aflac insurance would pay for your living expenses. That's what it is designed for. All policies are individual. \$25 - \$50 per month. It isn't designed to take the place of Major Medical. Some business owners can offer 1099 or w2 employs (9 hours per week) no cost or little cost to the business. So, the business CAN contribute to the employee's portion, or the employees pay for it through the business. It's about 50% discount on the accident policy and the short term disability policy (State doesn't kick in until 6 months). A group needs to be just three people who are interested. They don't have to get the same policy. Can be part of payroll or EBD. Debbie will get specifics about whether Board Members can be part of the group. The policy price doesn't change, and it is the price for life. The price is portable. Cafeteria plan changes can be made once per year.

Accident, Short Term Disability, cancer, critical care, dental, and life.

Jeremy Diamond re Skate Park

Jeremy presented about some modular elements he wants to purchase for the skate park. They are approved internationally. There is a deal right now and it matches what we have in the budget. They are going to comp freight and shipping. We spoke about putting the ramps indoors over the winter. We can bolt them into the ground, but we might have an indoor park to use the ramps in. It could be stolen, but actually there are things in the park right now that can be stolen and aren't being stolen and people are bringing items into the skate park. Sven is a licensed contractor approved to work on the Skate Park. Jay also raised \$800 or \$1,000 dollars to help pay for this. There have been new kids every week. Kids are going to Denver because the parks are easier to skate. Every week Jeremy gets 4-8 kids at his class. Jeremy talked to the brand manager of this company – a Heritage company called Skate One – Powel Peralta in Santa Barbara California. They are made of structural steel and should be pretty sturdy.

Sara Sharer made a motion to purchase the "Driveway Skatepark" as recommended by Jeremy Diamond with the additional money coming from our General Fund. Kathryn Oxford 2nd it. All in favor, the motion passed. Lenore's contact information will be forwarded to Natalie Bowman. Niki will be in communication with Jeremy about getting video for our website!

Kirby Clock from Delta Ambulance Association to talk about Mill Levy campaign

Since we are aiming for a Mill Levy increase, Kirby Clock came to talk about their successful campaign. They're a special district rule 32 governmental agency. Last year we put our question on the ballot 2.5 to 5.75. No increase for 18 years. They attempted it twice, failing the first time. 2016 was the presidential election and they didn't get it. 2017 was a great year for a lot of places that went for stuff – Schools, libraries, etc. It wasn't a bigger voter turnout. General election year (evens) are maybe a little harder than evens. Their attorney formed the question to be "de-gallagherized" so when the property tax income drops, that Mill Levy can be automatically offset. Lenore has the actual ballot question. We also had debrucing language in that. We do not need to do that.

Do we need an attorney? They used Collins, Cochrel and Coal out of Denver

Campaign: They started in late summer that year and Kirby spoke to anyone who would let him speak to them – service orgs, quilting clubs, where they were, their history, why they need the money, what the 10 year plan is with cost of living increases and showed how old the equipment is – ambulance with 375K miles! Cost of doing business, how much equipment costs to replace, becomes outdated even though it still works you have to replace it. Went back to the same

organizations next year, and those people helped spread the word. It is great to have Champions out there to spread the word.

Advertising: They didn't do a lot, just Facebook and tried to have something in the newspaper every week and a big population not on either one. They formed a "Friends of the ambulance committee" to finance that stuff. They used the shopper. No radio or TV because he didn't really know who the audience was. The presentation was on the facebook page. Go to the town meetings because the press was there.

Letters to the editor on our behalf. Have our supporters write letters for us. Get letters from everyone who cares.

To pass – more than 50% of the voters must vote yes. And even renters can vote – not just property voters.

The "Friends" committee is a Small-Scale Issue Committee – just register with the state (Sven supposed that maybe a once a year report). Kirby thought the first year it helped but the second year it wasn't that useful.

Lenore said we should let the public know that we're taking comments FOR and AGAINST us receiving a mill levy. That information goes in the blue book.

Kirby thinks next year will be a better year. You can pass out the resolution. That's a Board record that we can disseminate it.

kclock@dcadems.com

Board Absences

There are no absences this meeting.

Minutes

The minutes of July 19, 2018 were reviewed. Mrs. Sharer made a motion to accept the minutes with changes. Mr. Edstrom seconded, the motion passed.

Bills Presented

The bills were reviewed. Mrs. Oxford made a motion to accept the bills as presented. Mrs. Egging seconded, the motion passed.

POOL REPORT

- Feedback from Lifeguard Supervisors on staff

Nolan and Crystal gave Lenore some feedback about this year. They also gave some feedback on lifeguard time off. They talked about in-service trainings they'd like to do next year. Judy developed an instructor feedback form where the aide was also scored. She also had them give feedback about the North Fork Pool School vs Red Cross program. She like being able to pass kids up a level more readily because of the way they have the NFPS structured.

We want to change swim lessons to only one-week sessions. The instructors don't feel like they can give the instruction that they need. So, we'll do just two-week sessions.

- Pool Stats – Attendance, Swim Lessons, Passes

This information will be available at the next meeting.

- Inquiries from Adults Seeking Lifeguard Certification for 2019- Crystal's 1st Lifeguard Certification Class

We've sent an email to several adults who are interested in lifeguarding. Jane McGarry will take the class in October and Dan Hagaman was also interested. (Betsy Marston, Donna Formell and Molly were also interested, Sara Sharer is also interested.)

The aerobics women threw an end of year party. They noted health benefits including becoming non-diabetic! The lift person no longer needs to use the lift. They want to help with the Mill Levy.

There was discussion about bonuses. The Board would like to have the bonus be \$50 to Glenda, Darrin, and Crystal. Sara Sharer made a motion to provide a bonus to people who stayed til Labor Day and Glenda who stayed til the last full week and really expanded her program.

OLD BUSINESS

- Nature Connection Grant – Places Budget & Payments Synopsis

Lenore showed the financial synopsis for the Nature Connection GOCO grant as well as an accounting of that bank account. Lenore is going to spend at least half of the fencing and signage which will also come out of our budget because that was an in-kind donation from us and reimburse half of that by safety grant.

Only 11 third-grade vouchers came through.

The boulder has been sort of on hold. They're putting them around the county, but the cement contractor pulled out and there are other delays, plus we're last after the schools. Delta County is fronting the money when we have to pay expenses up front before we can get the funds from GOCO.

Sven was asked to join the Nature Connection board and Sven wondered if that would be a good thing for him to be on that Board as well. There was discussion and the Board said that Sven was welcome to either join their board or be our representative there.

- Pump track and trails status

They finished 3.16 miles. It starts at the pump track and goes out to the fence line and over to the blue bucket. Sven's daughter had her birthday at the track. Sven will send photos. There was a party at the "skinny" (a log shaved down which one rides across.). Sven and Niki will work on signage and Sven will work on wayfinding. There is a trail in to the gate.

There is a motorcyclist or two who have ridden the course, but they will wreck the trail. Sven is putting out signage to let them know that it is non-motorized.

It might be fun to have a grand opening or a small event or something. We could do a triathlon! Or a 12-hour race.

They are waiting for clearance to finish the trail on the BLM land. The BLM may have some dollars to pay Sven/a crew to finish that.

- Status on Grants

We got DOLA! Lenore are working on getting the signed contract.

Gates will send the check at the end of this month.

Today was the Daniel's Fund meeting. We don't know when we'll hear the results from that.

Lenore has an interview with the GJ TV station.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mill levy education assignments

5,390 voters plus out-of-area property owners.

Our first deadline is the end of this to sign the intragovernmental agreement.

We decided who would speak at the various meetings on the whiteboard

- Intergovernmental Agreement from Delta County Signed RE: election

- Rate set for Lifeguard Certification Classes Offered

We'll talk about this at a different meeting. The rate will include Crystal's 24 hours plus \$35 each student for Red Cross.

Administrator's Report

- Replacement for Dave's position, Advertise

The job description and posting will be in the Shopper and DCI starting this week for two weeks. There are a couple leads from Board Members, so those people will be contacted.

- Tennis Court Clean-up

Lenore spoke to the town of Paonia and wonders if their insurance should pay for the damage to the courts because the property is theirs and it was their ditch that caused it. The flood took a couple of years off the life of the court. The company who came to clean up will write a letter.

- Montessori Fundraiser Wed. during Family Swim – July 25

They did pretty well – the rumor is that they grossed \$900 and maybe netted \$500.

- Bid Schedules and Bid Notice

We'll get to this next meeting.

Correspondence

Some great coverage in the newspapers.

- Marketing

We did a couple ads and some posts and email blasts about pool scheduling.

Treasurer's Report - Mrs. Egging

Mrs. Egging presented the financials.

One last note: Sven brought up getting a path from town to our property. He would like to pressure the county and believes that there would be a lot of support. Ken added that we need safer roadside trails. We will add that to the agenda next month. We're adding these facilities, we need a safe way for people to get rid of it.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Niki Richardson, Board Clerk

Approved: _____ Dated: _____