

North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District
Board Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2020

The Board of Directors of the North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District (NFPPRD) met on Monday, June 22, 2020 at the District office in Hotchkiss.

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Review of Agenda: The agenda

Excuse Absences: Kim Egging is absent. A motion was made by Sara Sharer to excuse Kim Egging, Kathryn Oxford 2nd it, the motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of May 11, 2020 – Kathryn Oxford made a motion to approve minutes. 2nd – Sven Edstrom. Motion passed.

Motion to approve minutes of special meeting about opening the pool June 8, 2020 – Kathryn Oxford made a motion to approve minutes. 2nd – Ken Butcher. Motion passed.

Pay Bills

A motion was made to pay the bills by Sara Sharer. 2nd by Sven Edstrom. The motion passed.

Note: Let's put a policy together about mileage reimbursement.

Public Appearance

Jay Canode - Skate Park Improvements

Jay is working towards the goal of raising \$75,000 to serve as a match to apply for a \$300,000 GOCO grant to build a concrete skate park. He'd like to be ready for November's grant cycle. Jay has requested \$40k from Delta County. He will hear from them by July 1st. Robbie LeValley wanted to know what the Skate Park partners would contribute. Tomorrow he meets with the Town of Paonia. He would like to know if the NFPPRD could contribute a little bit. NFPPRD still has about \$800 in the Skate account, Kampe Foundation has pledged \$5k, Western Colorado Community Foundation \$1,500, GoFundMe \$6k (increased over 3K increase over the last three days!). Tomorrow Jay will present a sponsorship plan to the town and has talked to Ira Houseweart about making a sculpture for the sponsors.

The location may be moved to where the old ballfields were in Paonia Town Park. The skate park has been busy. There won't be lights or nighttime hours, so the adjacent property owners won't be any more affected than they are now. There is a foreman from Evergreen Skate Parks who lives in Crawford now. After the initiative is (hopefully) passed by the Town of Paonia tomorrow, Jay will approach local bank branches.

Pool Report – Lenore Cambria

- Maintenance Projects, New irrigation pump programming

Chris did a lot of painting and patching of the pools. He'll be meeting with Eli Clarke from Clarke and Company about programming the new pump because Chris wants to know what to do about error messages on the pump. Chris is also working with the guards because the pool chlorine levels have been erratic. We think that is due to the low swimmer load.

Pool Opening – Lenore Cambria

Pool Opening Report on Feedback: People are glad we're open. Most have been able to use the reservation system successfully. Crystal, Jordan, Lenore and Niki have helped them

Swim Lessons: Judy got through week 1 and is now on week 2.

Cash Reconciliation: This was a little weird at first because square had the end of the day at 6pm but we changed it to 12pm and that's working better.

Pool Staff: Lenore shared a list of pool staff

Protocols & Schedule for each activity. After the first couple of days, the guards are able to get everything done.

Nature Connection is going to start bringing a camp on Tuesday/Wednesday. Judy may use the end part of that swimming slot to do private lessons.

We haven't had a lot of group swimmers.

Booking System – Niki Richardson

The booking system is going well. People are able to make and cancel their own appointments and we're now able to collect money via credit card. It is not ideal to have our guards have to also use a computer and keep track of reservations, but at least the bulk of the appointments get made without our efforts.

- Ballfield Complex Status

The scorekeeper boxes got painted by volunteers.

The scoreboard poles have been installed. The fencers are going to help us install the scoreboards since they still have the lifts. Pederson Electric should be able to hook those up quickly since power is already there.

The bleachers are here. We'll get canvas that goes over the bleachers and attaches to the backstop fence. Sara is looking into that.

The backstops are almost complete.

The fencing ON the fields should be complete in the next couple of days.

Turf Status. Eli Clarke brought two crews to finish the fields today. They're also adding the paths all the way around. They're doing the baselines, too. There will be sod on the infields and seed on the outfields.

Tribbles have to put gravel on the Access road and make sure the grade is ADA accessible.

The contractor deadlines have been extended to August 30th.

Folks have been asking why we don't have a 90' field for the high school. Lenore reminds us that we were advised by Hotchkiss Homeplate and their goal was to provide fields for their youth league. Because of the granting entities' rules, we couldn't go to funders with a change that far into the grant application process without a good reason to change the scope, and the amount granted would not increase. The school District has other priorities so they didn't want to invest in this project. We DID prepare the ground in a larger area for a potential expansion at a later date.

Tribble has been compacting the soil around the shed. Randy's crew still has to do the garage door on the maintenance shed. Michelle Pagone will coordinate volunteers to paint the shed.

The grass has to be up and growing before they can plant the trees.

- Bike Trail Updates – Sven Edstrom

The trail has been rerouted so that it isn't so steep from the baseball fields towards the pump track.

The Nature Connection kids are doing bike camps and they're trying to do jumps in the pump track which isn't great for the pump track. Because of the demand for jumps, the trail crew will be making a jump line next week – a series of bumps for jumping.

There were water issues. There is irrigation water in the east ditch now.

The Nature Connection crew is working on the pumptrack, too.

In accordance with the Health Department grant, we need to be 90% finished with the trail work by the end of July. There are 3 spots to be mitigated out on the Crossroads Trails and the Skills Course needs.

NEW BUSINESS

- Skateboard Park Donation

The Board discussed a donation to the Skate Park initiative. Lenore is wondering if we can use Lottery Funds. She'll send a message to the Lottery person. Since we don't own that park, that's a question. Lenore suggests we make a plan on how much to donate and Lenore will find out where it comes from. There was discussion about the amount. Lenore educated the Board that property taxes are only down 2% this year! That's good news for the district. We can expect \$239,800 this year. The Legislature (Senate and House) passed the Gallagher Removal – that would be a 7.15 Residential Assessment Raise Freeze.

Sven Edstrom made a motion to pledge a donation of \$10,000 to the North Fork Valley Skate Park. Sara Sharer 2nd it. The motion passed.

The Board is excited to be part of this initiative and will ask him if we can publicize this donation to help him gain momentum. Before we promote the donation, we will make sure that there are no Special District rules that prohibit it and that we can use Lottery Funds.

- Sale of Prairie Dog Equipment

The equipment is worth some money (\$1,700 new). We'd have to put it in the paper to sell this equipment and we'll have to decide the smallest amount we'd accept.

A motion was made by Sara Sharer to advertise the "Varmint Getter" and the minimum bid will be \$750. Kathryn Oxford 2nd. The motion passed.

- Safety Policy for Employees

Lenore composed a safety policy because it was recommended. The document just explains the dangers and the protocols we've implemented to mitigate them related to the work we have to do to protect our patrons and staff from Covid-19.

A motion was made by Kathryn Oxford to accept the Safety Policy for Employees, Sven Edstrom 2nd it. The motion passed.

- New higher weight limit lift for pool?

Our lift is only rated for 300lbs. In the last week we've had two enquiries for folks over 300lbs. There is one you can attach to the deck for 400lbs. The higher rated one basically needs the deck concrete poured around it. The price is \$7,000+, so for our summer-only pool, the outlay doesn't make lots of sense. The Board brainstormed ways they could assist the patron, including having guards help them (masked?), have their aide help them scoot up and down the steps, and to refer them to the Delta pool. In the end, the Board recommended that the staff can inform the patron what we have and let them make their own decision.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- New Computers

We tried to get computers both for Lenore and for the pool office. We returned the one for the pool office and the new one for the office will arrive next week.

- Reservation System expenses funded through Lottery funds

The expenses for creating the on-line reservation system can come out of the Lottery Funds.

- Expected Property Tax Revenue 2020, & Lottery Funds, Cares Act

Lenore listened to a meeting about Cares Act and we may be able to get reimbursed for our COVID-related expenses. We need a letter from the Board President saying we've decided to opt in.

Marketing – Niki Richardson

The usual marketing efforts were conducted through the Merchant Herald, Paradise Theatre, plus a "Staycation" ad at DCI and a detailed email blast about the upcoming opening.

Correspondence -

Treasurer's Report –

Lenore created a comparison report of pool expenditures. So far we're down about \$2,300, but the numbers this year are going to be extreme in every direction.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Niki Richardson, Board Clerk

Approved: _____ Dated: _____