

North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District
Board Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2023

The Board of Directors of the North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District (NFPPRD) met in person and through Zoom on Monday, February 20, 2023

Board Members Present: Sven Edstrom, Dan Ihnot, Sara Sharer (on Zoom), Becky Ela and Michelle Pagone

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Review of Agenda: The agenda was unanimously approved.

Excuse Absences: There were no absent board members.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of January 16, 2022 – Daniel Ihnot made a motion to approve minutes. 2nd – Becky Ela. The motion passed.

Pay Bills

Sara Sharer made a motion to pay the bills as presented. 2nd – Daniel Ihnot. The motion passed.

Public Appearance – Therese & Robert McGraw - Pickleball Court proposal for Crawford

Therese and Robert proposed a pickleball court on the existing basketball court next to Crawford Town Hall. On Feb 8th Town of Crawford approved their idea for painting lines for this pickleball court on the basketball court. They are asking for Rec Dist. support for pickleball supplies including a portable net, paddles and balls. Therese has provided estimates for the project which is very modest. Robert said that the bb courts are mostly used in the afternoon. Lenore said it isn't unusual to have pickleball lines painted on a basketball court. Lenore shared actual numbers from past purchases of pickleball equipment to compare with Therese's numbers. Elements of the plan were discussed such as who would paint the lines, signage, equipment, ADA accessibility. The 2nd phase of the project includes other lawn games like corn hole, bocce, badminton, and four-square.

Once the visitors bid us farewell, the Board discussed the project and was very enthusiastic about doing a project in Crawford. Daniel suggested supporting Phase 1 to begin, then discuss further. Phase 2 seems like much more potential for equipment to be abused. Michelle said that in Montrose the cornhole boards are made of concrete! Sven suggested that during Town Hall hours, people could check things out from the Town.

Sara wondered if we need an MOU if we're providing equipment. Lenore said that it will still be Crawford property and their insurance. Lenore suggested we let them do the painting and if it doesn't last long, we can step in with trying to hire the company that painted lines on the courts at Apple Valley.

Sara suggest we support Phase 1 of the project, with the encouragement to purchase GOOD equipment instead of cheap stuff. Michelle made a motion to support Phase 1 with \$800. NFPPRD will supply signage. Daniel 2nd it. The motion passed. Lenore will do the equipment purchase from that budget and the Crawford group will ask the Town to help with paint supplies and will paint the court. NFPPRD will pay separately for the signage.

Pool Report

- Fans replacement for restrooms on office building,
- Got a quote to replace the west double-pane window in pool lobby
- 5th camera fixed from scorekeeper booth
- Chris plowed the parking lot with the ATV

Pool Manager Report

Lenore talked to the Colorado Special District Property and Liability Pool about lifeguard shortages and staffing for liability coverage. They suggested the Red Cross guidelines as a best practice - 1 Lifeguard for 30 people. He said that if we're not able to staff as many lifeguards as needed, we should consider closing or reducing hours. Some pools in Denver close when school starts. Lenore emphasized that we need to watch out for safety at our pool knowing we need to guard 3 different areas and keeping in mind that drowning is the #1 cause of death in children under 5 years old. She suggests that 1-30 ratio is not sufficient for our pool.

Program Coordinator report

Max reported that there are 89 kids signed up for soccer. He's been working with Tanya Crawford to prep coaches' bags and rosters etc. He's working with Delta Youth Soccer to get signed up with insurance.

There's a guy from Phantom Concrete named Chris Berry who had come out to look at the Paonia Town Park skate park. He'd love to work on the skate park if they are only going to use that existing space.

Pickleballers want a June 11th tournament! They want it to have a festival feel with food trucks and music! They're going to run registration through the same platform we use for soccer and swim lessons. Want t-shirts and hats and local sponsors. Lenore needs to ask about power source for speakers and lights. He wondered if board members would volunteer to help check people in. Rand is the Paonia pickleball leader. Rand also consulted with Montrose rec to see how they create the brackets.

Daniel asked if we can get data from our registration software so we know participation. Lenore said absolutely!

Old Business

- Work on Skatepark Grant GOCO Update

We did not get moved to the next phase of the GOCO grant. Lenore is going to a Paonia Parks committee meeting tomorrow. Lenore has contacted the school district for the name of the company who poured the rubberized surface under playgrounds at Paonia K8 and Cedaredge schools. Lenore has a price on a prefab bathroom. Lenore talked to a grant writer today from the Creative Coalition about an AARP grant to revitalize public places like parks. They want a November 30th completion date which really won't work with the moving parts of getting the path done as we're into a new GOCO phase. Maybe we can wait till next year. Becky pointed out that Lenore is working harder on this project than the Town of Paonia seems to be. Lenore explained that when Jay Canode first applied for a GOCO grant just to fund the skatepark, GOCO said they wanted to do a bigger, more inclusive project. Thus the whole park with Paonia on board. The only way we can get GOCO funding for the part that WE want, is to include the whole park project. Lenore said that she and Max have spent over 100 hours on this first grant "ask". Sven said that Paonia HAS created a parks committee and there are several dedicated members on that board so he feels optimistic that we do have support from Paonia.

Sara pointed out that the 30 youth who were at the meeting were very impressive. Michelle suggested that we get those kids together with their parents and say we're going to give this another go. Lenore

asked if we want to get the money together that we have collected for the skate park and just get moving on our own to make at least a remodel of the skate-park a reality. Becky suggested finding out where Paonia stands now, before we put additional efforts into the Aug. deadline for the next GOCO grant cycle. If they support moving on, between now and August we work on getting the interested groups together to show support for all of the components of the project. We would also refine the budget.

- Meeting with Paonia Town, Jay & Max meeting with skatepark builder 2/7, Parks meeting 2/21

- Wright Water Engineers Update

Sven presented and started by saying “Woof, what a project we have before us!” Lenore and Sven have reviewed the plan with Scott and adapted the conceptual plan to fit our needs more. Scott still has some of our retainer that he is willing to use to do more of the detailed work on the project. He needs to come back so we can make an actual plan.

Sven has been in touch with the County emergency mitigation guy – Kris Stewart. They have a meeting this week.

County participation, FEMA Grant, DOLA grant, meeting with Short Ditch, Contact with Bastian property owners, Sven and Lenore have contacted Jake Tribble, he is willing to do some of the earth work. One idea is to spray-concrete the ditch. Sven described some of the challenges including working around irrigation season, and the Miners Trail build and impending Short Ditch piping. Sven wants to get a complete plan together before we involve the County Commissioners, the School District, and Road and Bridge.

Bo is still trying to contact the property owners, but we have not been able to make contact. We’ll be moving dirt on their property – George Shaw left the property his daughters and the only one named on the County records is Bonnie Bastian.

- Action Plan Next Steps

Sara has half of her summary written and will submit it for edits.

- Pumptrack paving update

Sven has contacted Andrew Mann from Carbondale. Sven will get back to him when it isn’t so snowy.

- Solar update

Daniel met with a couple people. Andrew from Blue Sky Solar, Brad from Empowered Energy

Andrew leaned a little towards a roof-install for cost-saving. NW of the pool building would be good for a ground-mounted array. They both recommended about the same thing for KW and fencing off ground- mounted stuff. Shade structures would be a much larger investment. Brad sent an old plan they made for us a long time ago. Andrew sent a photo of approximately what ours would look like.

Brad Burritt called to say that the West Elk Mine would pay up to \$80K to offset their emissions! Daniel advises that we should investigate this to see if it is real. Daniel asked about timing (outside of pool season) and timeline of getting the equipment here.

The installation of this array would offset our entire use over the year. We could transition to electric hot water instead of our natural gas in the future. Daniel will get in touch with Brad to follow up with the West Elk grant.

- Review Pool Manager Job Description and set hourly wage

Sara suggested that we add customer service training to the job description. Lenore has added that.

Lenore suggests we set the wage the same as the Program Coordinator. Sven made a motion to set the wage at \$26.63 for the 2023 season for Mary Smith. Michelle 2nd. The motion passed.

New Business

- Audit Engagement Letter for Audit Exemption

Lenore is hoping we can get that to you to quickly sign as soon as it gets here.

- Project Manager for flood mitigation

We had discussed the need for a paid project manager to oversee the flood manager. Becky nominated Sven to manage the project; Michelle 2nd it. The motion passed. Sven will fill out a conflict-of-interest form with the state. Sven will be billing \$50/hour. Sara requested that Sven create an estimate.

Administrator’s Report

- Self -Nomination form received from Sven Edstrom & Scott Shishim, deadline for self-nominations 2/24 and to cancel election 2/28- Election Estimated Cost \$11,080.

- Posted District Administrator Position

We need to expand our reach – Montrose, SDA, LinkedIn, Daily Sentinel, Glenwood, Carbondale, Gunnison. Suggestion by Becky that our job posting needs to be more enticing.

- Partners Donation 2-6 Punch Passes

- CTF Fund Distribution based on population & housing units

Marketing – Niki Richardson

Niki presented her idea for the paint entryway for the pool building.

Treasurer’s Report – Daniel presented the financials.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Niki Richardson, Board Clerk

Approved: _____ Dated: _____