

**North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**September 27, 2021**

The Board of Directors of the North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District (NFPPRD) met on Monday, September 27, 2021 at the District office in Hotchkiss.

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

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

**Excused Absences:** A motion was made by Kathryn Oxford to excuse Sara Sharer, Kim Egging 2<sup>nd</sup> it. The motion passed.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Review of Agenda:** No new agenda items

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes of August 16, 2021 by Kathryn Oxford. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kim Egging. Motion passed.

**Pay Bills**

A motion was made to pay the bills by Kathryn Oxford. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Butcher. The motion passed.

**Public Appearances:** Ben Graves from the Nature Connection over the phone;

**Topic: Trail crew supervision proposal for summer, 2022**

Ben thanked the Board for hosting him by telephone. He presented about the application for a Colorado Parks and Wildlife Non-Motorized Maintenance Grant to provide long-term maintenance of the trails. Originally constructed with GOCO funding; maintenance was largely overlooked. Volunteer maintenance groups do not keep up on the trail maintenance, so some paid staff will be necessary. The HS trail crews over the last few summers built new trails but working with unskilled youth is very challenging. The *Colorado Parks and Wildlife Non-Motorized Maintenance Grant* TNC is proposing to fund high school trail crews tasked with maintaining trails for two seasons. They would be split between Paonia River Park, City of Delta and the NFPPRD. There would be 10 on the crew plus 2 young adult leaders and adult advisors from those organizations. Ben's request is a letter of support and a \$5,000 (25% of the request) cash match to pay for 2 years of supplies and materials, \$2,500 to be spent each year.

The Board discussed the partnership and determined that the maintenance of the trails is important and they are appreciative of TNC for taking the initiative. A motion was made by Kim Egging to support TNC with a letter of support and the \$5,000 cash match. There was a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathryn Oxford. The motion passed. Lenore will compose a letter and provide it to Ben. Sven suggested there should be a commitment from the grant (maybe in an MOU) that the NFPPRD trails will be guaranteed 3 weeks of maintenance per year, as outlined verbally by Ben.

**Pool Report**

**- Drag parking lot, Mowed & pulled weeds, helping with pool**

A rude driver wrecked the parking lot by doing donuts so Chris drug the parking lot with a palette to smooth a lot of that out. He's been pulling and mowing weeds and has been helping maintain the pool by maintaining chemicals and vacuuming and in general keeping things running smoothly.

**- Pool after-season schedule**

By popular demand AND because we had the staff available, we were able to keep the pool open for water aerobics and lap swim for four additional weeks from 4:30 – 6:30 pm Monday – Thursday. The Board discussed

the extra expense of keeping the pool open (about \$300 per week for staffing plus the utilities and chemicals costs). There was unanimous approval of the community service that this provides. From Chris's point of view, there is also no problem in getting the pool winterized in time.

#### **- Lane usage during lap swim time**

Lenore did some research about other pools' policies about lane usage during lap swim. According to Amanda Hatch at Heddles and the management at the Montrose pool, their policies are both first come, first served, they don't limit people who want to water walk or work their legs, and everybody has to share the limited lanes. The management's job is to maximize the pool use for all types of patrons.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **- Schedule extra meeting to discuss Master Plan "where we go from here".**

The Board had tentatively indicated mid-November for this discussion. The budget is due December 15<sup>th</sup>, so over the next two board meetings we need to determine which items we want to add to the budget for the upcoming year. Sven suggested we include Chris Straub in this discussion, so we can include maintenance and replacement as well as new projects.

#### **- Skatepark GOCO grant submission update**

Jay Canode has done a lot of leg work to get a GOCO grant. His initial "Concept Paper" was turned down so far, but that isn't unusual. GOCO has acknowledged that the project is well-supported by the community and has a good chance of becoming fundable. Now Jay is at a place where he needs input from the GOCO representative. He has arranged for a meeting with the GOCO Regional rep plus Lenore, Paonia's Town manager, and a member of the Paonia In Motion advisory team, so the GOCO rep can advise him on next steps. GOCO wants impactful programs and you can ask for up to 1 Million dollars. They are also looking for renovations projects. Projects that demonstrate a strong community planning process are given priority. Lenore doesn't think GOCO has funded renovations before, so that can be interesting for the future of the pool. (cover? Solar?) GOCO is making it a lot easier to apply. Lenore will be meeting with Jay and GOCO tomorrow.

Ken suggested that we put out a press release about our participation as soon as there is something solid to say.

#### **- Trail & Pumptrack Signs Installation – Dates to Install**

Sven will install the signs before the ground freezes.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **- ADA Compliant website**

Lenore watched a webinar during the SDA conference, about an ADA compliant website. The website needs to be easy to read and so that the reader app they have can decipher the website. Some examples include photo captions and no text as jpg. They require a plan to the State by July by 2022 and have to make the website ADA compliant by 2025.

#### **- Security Camera system**

Lenore would like to put a security camera system in so that we can nail bad guys. She will look into costs and bring it up next month.

#### **- Preliminary Budget Review**

NFPPRD is still showing a healthy contingency reserve from 2021 to 2022. Lenore itemized some stand-out items including: election judge; skate park match; audit expense; changes in property tax income, Delta County Youth Corps; pool painting;

#### **- Year-End Bonus for Josie Hiatt & Glenda Young**

Josie Hiatt and Glenda Young were indispensable in keeping the pool open for the 4 extra weeks. The Board will consider year-end bonuses for them and Chris Straub.

**Administrator’s Report**

**- Tennis Court cracks assessed**

The tennis court repair company assessed the cracks and said they don’t need to be fixed at this time. We will see if the Winter makes them any bigger.

**- SDA Conference 9/14-16 On-line**

- Paid sick leave requirements
- Employee files, accrual of time for preventive care paid sick leave for family or themselves.
- Requirement for internal posting for positions being filled, including promotions intended for specific employees.
- Keep employee records two years after they terminate employment.
- Prop 120 will be on the Nov. ballot and affects the loss of revenue for property taxes significantly. SB293 will make its impact less, but the impact would still affect the 2023 income from property taxes.
- Elections – in December or January we’ll do an election resolution to declare an Election Judge.
- Water conservancy presentation for Xeroscaping.

**- Weed mitigation for fields**

Weed guy coming on Thursday

**- Homecoming parade in parking lot**

CDOT wouldn’t let them use HWY 92 because of HWY 50 detour, so they used our parking lot.

**- Request for Fall Festival Hotchkiss K8 School – One Day passes, Theme Basket to Auction?**

Board said Lenore should give them what she normally does for Spring Fling, 10 – One Day Passes. Board approved but does not want to sponsor a themed basket.

**- Soccer season has begun – Sat. 9/10 possible help, their response to restrooms**

Poop. Poop. Poop. Apparently, soccer teams don’t practice toilet-flushing skills nor do the parents want to run through before they leave to make sure the toilets are flushed, doors closed, lights and fans off. We need a sign that says please make sure the door is closed before you leave and please flush the toilets. Ken suggested Lenore just put in a porta potty and lock the bathrooms. Lenore will talk to Esther and Elaine and let them know that is a possibility if they don’t assist us in maintaining the facilities.

**Marketing** – Maintained ads and eblasts and signage.

**Correspondence** – Magazines.

**Treasurer’s Report** - Mrs. Egging - Mrs. Egging presented the financials.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Niki Richardson, Board Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_