

**North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District
Board Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2019**

The Board of Directors of the North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District (NFPPRD) met on Monday, April 15, 2019 at 7:00pm the District office in Hotchkiss.

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Review of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of March 18, 2019– Sara Sharer

2nd – Kathryn Oxford. Motion passed

Pay Bills

A motion was made to pay the bills by Kim Egging. 2nd by Ken Butcher. The motion passed.

Motion to excuse absences

There were no absences to excuse.

Pool Report – Lenore Cambria

- **Pumps Ordered and delivered.**

- **Water Commissioner feedback (none yet)**

The pumps have been ordered & delivered today. See water info below in ditch clean out section. The Pool Brochure 2019 is at the printer – will be delivered this week.

Update on Lifeguard scholarships/3rd grade vouchers

The third-grade vouchers are all taken care of. TNC has so much money in this fund that they can pay the difference between what we charge and the \$5 that is required from the parents/kids. For the lifeguard scholarships – The Nature Connection still has to finalize the amount. They are considering having the kids pay \$40 which covers the Red Cross fee, then The Nature Connection will pay the remainder of \$60. Kat (TNC Ex. Dir) is considering applying a caveat that the kids have to work as a lifeguard in order to get the support. Perhaps the kids would have to pay up-front and TNC will reimburse them. Kat was wondering if the Rec District Board would consider chipping in, but the Board declined this on the grounds that the kids get paid to lifeguard and the training fee should be theirs.

OLD BUSINESS

Plans and bid schedules for Ballfields and Request for Proposal for next phase of Ballfield Complex

Randy Fender will provide the bid schedules next week to go in the paper on the 24th of April and 1st of May. Randy and his son came out and surveyed the fields. Tribble still has 5,000 cubic yards of dirt to move. Randy is waiting for GJ Pipe to get back to him with their new design that has the pipes in the right place and sprinklers suitable for use with irrigation water. Lenore doesn't think we want to wait much longer on the RFPs because we're already pushing into May. Lenore asked the Board for someone to be here as a witness for the bid opening. Also, she requests people to review the bids and select the contractor. We may do the review on a week day. Lenore will send the Board a notice to see who is available once she knows when the bids will be in. Sara Sharer asked about expanding the size of the fields – to expand one field to 90'. They wanted to meet with a school district personnel but now they are out on spring break.

The Board discussed the issue of having a larger field paid for by the school district. There are pros and cons – watering it, scheduling. Kim Egging suggested it would be wise to keep the fields the size they are because of the water issues. Lenore asked for the shop class to help build the dugouts and benches. If a bunch of things are being made by the school, maybe we can afford it all.

\$10,000 donation from Don and Shirley Ochs family

A donation was made to the NFPPRD. It has been entered into the Sports Complex account as undesignated funds.

Rural Philanthropy Days Site Visit 6/13 – Special Events Permit

The RPD group is going to be here for a site visit. Organizers had mistakenly limited it to 15 people. They have opened it up now to more people. Lenore will have them make an announcement that the visit is still an option for all. They go from us to Zack's for drinks and dinner. Lenore is thinking of providing non-alcoholic drinks and possibly some nosh. Maybe Kathi White can make something? There are scholarships available to attend Rural Philanthropy days (\$150 value) from the CRC – Colorado Resource

Center - the sponsor of the event. Sara Sharer made a motion that we sponsor Lenore Cambria and Jay Canode to attend the RPD to pitch the skatepark if Jay is not already sponsored by the Town of Paonia. Seconded by Kim. Motion passed.

Sven Edstrom wondered if the NFPPRD should also propose something at RPD – like one of the small grants. Sven would like to put a proposal together to get some more funding for bike trails. That proposal would need to be presented at the next meeting in order to meet the deadline. Lenore Cambria said yes, but let's not compete directly with the Skate Park – maybe a smaller amount.

Picnic Tables/Sponsorship Pledges

Lenore is waiting to hear from the Roberts family to see if they care where their donated money goes (Originally earmarked for a table or two). The Elks do not care if their money is for a bench or a table or a dugout bench. First State Bank and Bank of Colorado both want to give a bench. Lenore is going to suggest they fund a \$500 table instead.

Site Visit Colorado Health Foundation

On April 2, Lenore and Kat from TNC went to a site visit. Kat's friend made a video from a drone that shows all the exciting things they are doing. We'll know in the first part of May if we receive \$33,000 from the Colorado Health Foundation to finish the bike park and signage. Another thing we haven't planned for was trash cans and dog waste bags and receptacles. Lenore has seen them in a catalog through which she can get a government rate. Dog waste will be also considered in the construction of the new signs by Ira Houseweart.

Skatepark Meeting with Town of Paonia

Sara Sharer went to the Paonia Town Meeting with Skate Park representative Jay Canode. They were thirteenth on the agenda. Jay Canode did most of the speaking. The Town Administrator Ken Knight had once created a skate park in another town he worked in and was very interested and supportive of writing the GOCO grant to expand the Skate Park. The town debated whether they should write the grant or if the NFPPRD should write it. In the end, they agreed to sponsor/write/administer a grant. Lenore will call the town to ask who will go to Rural Philanthropy Days to represent the skate park and propose this grant project around. They do want us to continue managing the skate park. The town is pleased about how we take care of the Tennis/Pickleball courts. They are interested in expanding the Skate Park and making it more attractive with landscaping. Kim Egging suggested that the NFPPRD should continue to be part of the park so that we are serving Paonia as well as Hotchkiss. The Town will be hard-pressed to come up with the \$25K cash match for the GOCO grant.

Signs and Logos

Niki Richardson presented the latest version of the logos. The signs will be built this summer.

Ditch Drainage Cleanout

Sven Edstrom presented. Lenore and Sven met with Jeff Crane a water consultant (one of the original founders of WISRC) regarding the ditch clean out. He had some good points. He agreed that the ditch needs to be cleaned out. There are a couple of ways we can go about it. 1. The ditch needs to be cleaned out this year. And even before that a headgate needs to be developed. 2. Ditch Cleanout 3. Develop the pond that is here and/or creating a new lined pond. We discovered that the pond here is overflowing into the drainage. There is about another foot of capacity if we cap the overflow. Kathryn Oxford said that during the season it is being pumped out. Sven wondered whether we have the capacity if our demand doubles with watering the new ballfields? We do have the space to expand the pond. Jeff also has made covered ponds.

Sven wants to 1. Make the water system work. 2. Get rid of the invasive species. There are grants which can help. We could pipe the ditch. We could have a mix of piped and open water. Kim Egging says that the ditch as it is adds to the appeal of the outdoor space. If you pipe it, you'll lose the water feature. Piping would be 3-4 years away. Sven stressed having a professional from the Conservation Corps or Jeff Crane to help us make a big-picture plan. Another contact is Jake Harter from WSCC.

What do we need to do now? The Tribbles are already taking water from the pond as they are building the fields. We need to clean the ditch. Jeff Crane had a couple of options. Peter Blake was suggested. He's too busy to do that this year. It's possible that Seth Tribble could do it. Lenore is going to meet him tomorrow. We've got about 2 weeks before the water comes in.

Sara Sharer would like to revisit the long-range plan after we deal with the immediate need. Ken Butcher made a motion to address the head gate and the ditch as soon as possible with minimal damage to the existing trail system. Kathryn Oxford 2nd it. Sven voted No. The motion passed. Sven suggested signage to let people know what we're doing. (Long and short term plan)

NEW BUSINESS

- SDA Regional Workshops

Lenore just let the Board know about this event which will take place on June 12 in Parachute.

- Colorado Downtown Streets Workshop hosted by Hotchkiss

Lenore let the Board know about this April 23 9am-2pm workshop. We need to register by April 18th. Kathryn Oxford, Ken Butcher, Sven Edstrom expressed an interest in going. Lenore will register for them.

- SDA Regional Workshops

Kathryn Oxford made a motion to remove Uli Lange from the signature card and add Sara Sharer. Kim Egging 2nd. The motion passed.

- Hope West Donation

Hope West requested a donation. Sara Sharer made a motion that our District Administrator has the authority to donate pool passes without Board approval. Sven Edstrom 2nd. The motion passed.

- Ride the Rockies

Ride the Rockies comes through on June 13. They will stay at the Fairgrounds. Lenore has informally invited them to come over to swim and see our bike trails and pumptrack. The Nature Connection has offered their mountain bikes if they want to ride our trails. If we need to keep the pool open later we can do that. Kim proposed that we mention to Jay Canode that maybe he'd want to do a fundraising event to start raising matching funds for the skate park to the riders. Lenore's band will play at the fairgrounds that day.

Administrator's Report

- County Coordinated Election – November 5, 2019

The county sent a notice in case we want to be on the ballot. We do not.

- Fair Board request of activities for kids

The Fair Board is requesting activities for kids. Kim Egging suggested the lifeguards plan a water fight.

- Toilet Flushers

The new flushers were presented. Kathryn Oxford made a motion to pay Jim Richardson \$100 for the creation and installation of the new toilet flushers. Kim Egging 2nd. The motion passed

- Tennis Court Damage

Bryce Wynn has assessed the damage on the courts. He'll write a letter for the insurance company. He doesn't think we have to resurface the court this year. The insurance company has left claims open for years before so Lenore will check to make sure the claim won't disappear if we don't act on it this year.

- Marketing

Home and Garden in Shopper
Paradise on screen
Merchant Herald

Correspondence

Hotchkiss Chamber E-waste event April 27

1st State Bank president retirement April 25

SDA Annual Award Nominations. Do we want to nominate ourselves? Deadline is May 10. Sara Sharer proposed that the Board nominates Lenore for Manager of the Year. Kathryn Oxford 2nd it. The motion passed. Niki and Kathryn will write up the nomination form.

Treasurer's Report - Mrs. Egging

Mrs. Egging presented the financials.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Niki Richardson, District Administrator

Approved: _____ Dated: _____