

**North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District
Board Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2019**

The Board of Directors of the North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District (NFPPRD) met on Monday, May 20, 2019 at the District office in Hotchkiss.

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

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

Motion to excuse absences

A motion was made by Kathryn Oxford to excuse the absence of Sara Sharer. 2nd by Sven Edstrom. Motion passed.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Review of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of April 15, 2019– Kathryn Oxford
2nd – Sven Edstrom. Motion passed

Pay Bills

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

Pool Report – Lenore Cambria

- Pumps Ordered and delivered

Chris installed the two variable speed pumps that go on the wader and hot tub.

- Pool Cleaned, filled, started

Chris has noticed a leak and is letting the water level drop to see if he can determine exact cause of leak and repair it.

We removed the starting platform and Chris is working on making the remaining post flush with the ground. He might need to cut it out or ramp the concrete to make it a little less of a trip-hazard.

- Clayton from Associated Pools visit

Clayton met with Chris and Nolan. Clayton is glad we have Chris as our maintenance person. Nolan also likes working with Chris. He is conscientious and is testing water and vacuuming. All controllers have been calibrated and are in service.

- Recertification

Crystal Lambrakos conducted a recertification course for our returning guards. It snowed!

- Weed control, prairie dogs

Our efforts to control nature continue.

- Drainage Ditch Cleanout

The ditch cleanout was conducted. Sven wants water to be pushed back into the gully so that that plant life there is retained.

- Hostetler Sprinkler Fix

- Pool Bus and Driver

We have the same bus and driver.

Sven wonders if we can outfit that bus with a bike rack. We would need to make sure that the driver is okay with that. We'd probably need to provide the bike rack to install on the bus. NFPPRD rents the bus, provides insurance and pays the driver. Lenore thought she could start by calling Barry at the bus-barn manager to ask him if they have bike racks already.

- Flushing Mechanisms installed

They are brilliant and work impeccably. (paraphrased by Niki, creator of said magnificent flushers)

- Pool passes for board members

You have your passes in front of you. Swim, people, Swim!

- Fair Volunteer project for lifeguards

Lenore has created an activity for kids during the County Fair and wants to get the guards to volunteer. Kim Shay at Gambles will get the water balloons at a good rate.

- Advertising for fair week

Advertise for half price during fair week

Sign boards coming into town

Facebook, Instagram

Print ad in Merchant Herald in July and August

- Track team use pool on Wednesday

The track team wants to use the pool this Wednesday.

OLD BUSINESS

School District Decision

The School District met with Terry Pagone and Lenore Cambria. Terry proposed that they help fund the 90' field. The school district is not willing to put up any money to expand that field.

Contractor Selection

We only got one bid in and it wasn't for a general contractor, it was only for the fencing. We do have one general contractor calling now – Clark in GJ – We'll look at their bid and compare it to what we get from other sub-contractor bids. Bids close on June 5. We will look at the difference in the bid from the general contractors and the individual sub-contractor bids to determine whether NFPPRD will essentially become the General Contractor with Mesa Engineering as the Project Manager.

Booster Club

The Bulldog Booster Club also turned us down to fund the fields. They felt it did not directly serve HHS students at this time.

Picnic Tables/Benches Sponsorship Pledges

All tables and benches have been covered! We talked about where to put the benches. Maybe in the fields. Maybe by the pumptrack. Next to the concession stand. Until the benches are installed, we need to wrap them or something so that people don't use them.

RPD Site Visit – Cleanup, paint sign, trash cans

We will be conducting a walking tour of Crossroads Park on Wednesday, June 12. Participants of RPD will be here from 5:15 – 6:15. Will walk over from the Highschool. There will be 130 people. They want to be divided into groups – three – so they can hear about us. Lenore wants them to be in the shade. At the pool talk about history. At the Nature Connection – demonstration on the pumptrack. In the covered area by the office we talk about the grants and how we got the funding for the ballfields. Elisa from Big Bs will donate or discount juice. Lenore asked the Town of Hotchkiss to sponsor the snacks. They asked if we had asked if RPD had money. The Town did not want to co-sponsor this walking tour. Susie Kaldis from RPD Marketing thought they had money, but Sunshine Knight confirmed that there is no money from RPD sources. Mary Hockenbery will be here to help. If the Board is okay with it, we can get half-sized Kind bars which would feed that many people.

Colorado Health Foundation Grant Status

A \$33K grant was left on the table by the Delta County Health Department because they didn't have anyone to administer it. Lenore and Kat are going to meet with DCHD Wednesday to see how we can help, to make the grant doable.

Signs and Logos final vote

Kathryn Oxford made a motion to accept the new logo. Kim Egging 2nd. All in favor, the motion passed.

Colorado Downtown Streets Workshop hosted by Hotchkiss April 23

When Kathryn, Ken, and Lenore went to the Colorado Downtown Streets workshop, Kathryn felt that the town projected a negative attitude. Lenore reported that it was a good workshop because it gave them some ideas of what they could do right now. Ken reported that the town just doesn't want to do these things and the presenters were unfamiliar about what small town needs are different from bigger town or city needs. It was focused on towns that have a major highway as the downtown street which affects what CDOT will fund for improvements.

Ride the Rockies

They will be here June 13 – same as Rural Philanthropy Days. We will stay open 2 hours longer in the evening to host at least 30 swimmers.

Niki will promote this on social media.

NEW BUSINESS

- Bike Trail Names

Sven presented that we met earlier tonight. We've decided to name the trail complex Crossroads Trails. Sven will manage the choosing of the individual trail names.

- Bike Race Report

We had 19 kids here last Thursday. We did a celebratory barbecue. Participants ranged from ages 5 to 15. There is a conversation about doing more races this summer. There will be a triathlon this summer.

- Tennis Court Re-surfacing July 15-26

A couple of people contacted us about the lines which will be re-painted when the tennis court is repaired. Some people want ONLY pickleball lines on the court. We feel that all of the courts should be usable as Tennis OR pickleball courts. Kim Egging made a motion to paint both tennis and pickleball lines on all courts. Kathryn Oxford 2nd. The motion passed.

- Proposal from NFPPRD for RPD

Jay Canode and the Town of Paonia going to propose a skatepark project to funders during RPD. The NFPPRD could still propose something, but we don't want to compete with Jay, so we could go for one of the smaller grants. Sven brainstormed what would be possible: features in the pumptrack; dirt jump park for BMX or mountain bikes. Possible planning grant for a bike path from town to our property. See below.

A new topic – bike path from town to here.

The other idea would be to work on getting a bike path from NFPPRD/Highschool/TNC property to town. The county is going to have to take this on. Sven's point is that this is a kid destination and there are many different activities for which people need to get out here. Lenore said after they meet with the Health Department, Lenore and Kat and Sven can meet to talk about what else is needed. Maybe a planning grant?

- Dog Waste Cleanup Stations

Lenore and Niki are working on dog waste stations. We can purchase more if we need them.

Administrator's Report

- Rural Philanthropy Days Registration for Lenore and Jay Canode

Lenore got a scholarship for part of her registration. Jay may submit his registration to us to be reimbursed if Paonia Town won't pay for it.

- SDA Nomination for Collaboration Award

Niki and Kathryn and Kat from TNC submitted a nomination for our mutual collaboration on the pumptrack and trails.

- Shadescapes Donation to NFPPRD

They donated two gigantic umbrellas. They are very fragile in the wind. Not sure where we will put them.

- Legislative Update

We can change meeting times if it gets put on the website 24 hours in advance.

The Gallagher assessment rate is going down to 7.2 from 7.15 for the next 2 years.

They passed a City and County minimum wage thing which won't really affect us except that the Town of Hotchkiss can come in and say they want us to raise minimum wage. Won't go into effect until 1/1/2021.

Marketing

Paradise on screen

Merchant Herald

North Fork Visitor Guide

Correspondence

Hotchkiss K-8 and HopeWest Thank You's

Black Canyon Astronomical Society May 21

Crawford Pioneer Days

Ballfield Volunteer Forms

Treasurer's Report - Mrs. Egging

Mrs. Egging presented the financials.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Niki Richardson, District Administrator

Approved: _____ Dated: _____