

**North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District
Board Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2020**

The Board of Directors of the North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District (NFPPRD) met on Monday, February 17, 2020 at the District office in Hotchkiss.

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

Others Present: Lenore Cambria, District Administrator, Niki Richardson, Board Clerk; Judy Coyle, WSS (Water Safety Supervisor)

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

Review of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed, and several items were added regarding meeting times, the new ED at TNC Ben Graves and 2020 Red Cross Facility designation were added.

Excuse Absences: Sara Sharer is absent. A motion was made by Kim Egging to excuse her absence. The motion was 2nd by Kathryn Oxford. The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of January 20, 2020 – Sven Edstrom made a motion to approve minutes. 2nd – Kim Egging. Motion passed.

Pay Bills

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

Public Appearance

Judy Coyle presented the plan for the third year of the North Fork Pool School. Judy loved the 2019 season. She talked about the following:

- Red Cross Certification equivalent to North Fork Pool School
- Fill-in adult teachers was very positive – we need to promote the return of our WSIs
- A few years ago, Kim Carter had a swim club that met later in the afternoon. We'd like to promote both higher-level swim development as well as those swimmers would possibly like to be guards
- Kathryn wondered if a survey might be in order. Kim made the point that older kids are busy between home chores and activities. Lifeguard prep class? Lenore said that they could promote a prep class at the March 6 career day.
- Promote North Fork Pool School instructors and aides – a meeting? Somehow get the information to the kids on the edge. POOL SCHOOL IS WAY COOL!
- How to keep the kids who are the age between lessons and old enough to work at the pool
- Kathryn suggested that we put together a subcommittee to brainstorm the possibilities

Pool Report – Lenore Cambria

- The Nature Connection

The scholarships for swimming lessons and lifeguard training will be the same as last year. TNC provides 120 \$25 scholarships for kids age 6-12, making swimming lessons \$20 for kids.

Jordan Tamayo will be the other lifeguard supervisor. School lasts a week after Memorial Day – May 25th, so we'll be open on Monday but only for laps that week. We'll start full schedule the following week starting Friday May 29th. We have 16 regular guards because of how many we certified last year. Crystal and Jordan are planning on being on duty most afternoons and Chris can test water and manage the morning crew.

- Ballfield Complex Status

Lenore and Randy will meet with Clarke and Co and the Alpine Fencing contractors because they are the main ones that need to be motivated as soon as we can start working there. The amendment that they put down – manure – is guaranteed by Clarke to work even without topsoil. Pioneer doubled the price they had bid for the topsoil. So we're doing 2" instead of 4". Lenore feels confident that this will be okay because the football field didn't even have topsoil – it was just amended clay.

Hotchkiss Home Plate had a board meeting and Lenore attended and reiterated to them what we expect them to purchase.

Randy is going to build the benches for the dugouts and the shelf that pops out for the scorekeepers. Bleachers will be purchased in the Spring. Kim reminded Lenore to use Doug's group of kids to help assemble.

Randy has already communicated to Tribble & Sons regarding our pond cleanout and the manhole cover they need to install for the new pump.

All of the little donors have extended the deadlines to June 30 – DOLA and GOCO are September & October.

- Bridges and Pumptrack and Trails, Oh My.

Sven has started a preliminary plan for the skills area. Sven intends to have a full proposal for the March meeting. Bridges and Trail signage will happen this spring. There was also a discussion about getting the trail across the river. Next Tuesday at 6pm, Kathryn and Sven will meet to write the letter of support.

- Restore Grant follow up

Lenore spoke to the representative and he thought we weren't a good fit at this time. They're really looking to restore wildlife habitat. We'd still like to have a consultant come out and advise us what can be done to optimize our water system and get rid of the invasive species, improve habitat and reintroduce local species.

- Proposed improvements to the Pool Property

We've discussed things we could do at the pool – Lenore wonders if we should review our master plan again and prioritize things. It'll probably be a long discussion, but we should identify our priorities after the ballfield is finished. Sven suggested that we should capitalize on the enthusiasm asap. It was proposed that we have a longer conversation about the Master Plan and possible ideas so we can make our next steps wisely. Sven proposed that we have a separate meeting on Monday, March 9 at 6pm. Lenore will provide an outline of what was in the Master Plan of 2011.

- Auditor Question follow up responsibilities of Board

Our Auditor Engagement Letter had the term "Management," so Lenore followed up with the Auditor to define that. The Board is the **Management**, but some duties can be delegated to the District Administrator. The Auditor suggested that if Lenore also signs the engagement letter that attests that the information provided is correct, it would ease the minds of Board Members since Lenore is closer to the financials than the Board Members are.

- Electric Car Charging Station

The Town Council just wanted more information. They are curious about maintenance/costs for these chargers. The company that installs them does all the work. The town only has to sign it. The town didn't want to take away from someone else's business idea. But another person made the point that often it is a government agency that needs to start this because they're the one eligible to apply for the grant. The Board decided this was not in the Rec District prevue so we would not pursue this idea at our Dist. Park property.

NEW BUSINESS

- GOCO Strategic Planning Meeting on the 26th and TNC's on the 28th

Self-nomination forms are also due on the 28th so our office will need to be open.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Refund of \$154.00 from Workers' Comp Insurance
- Transparency Notice changes not required

Keep as is

- Self-Nomination Forms due 2/28 – Write-In Candidates due 3/2

We can cancel the election if no additional candidates surface.

- Estimated cost of election

The election would cost \$9,700!

- Audit Materials sent to Maggard & Hood

- Crawford Chamber Business of the Year Award – Sat., Feb. 8th, 5:00PM Crawford Town Hall

- DOLA report submitted for January 2020

- GOCO grant extension submitted

- Soccer registration started

- Partners Annual Auction Donation

NFPPRD will donate a 20-punch card

- March 6, Job Fair Hotchkiss Middle School

Marketing - Merchant Herald, Facebook, Paradise Theatre

Correspondence - Lenore presented the communication.

Treasurer's Report - Mrs. Egging - Mrs. Egging presented the financials.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Niki Richardson, Board Clerk

Approved: _____ Dated: _____