

**North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**August 15, 2022**

The Board of Directors of the North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District (NFPPRD) met in person on Monday, August 15, 2022

**Board Members Present:** Sven Edstrom, Becky Ela, Michelle Pagone & Daniel Ihnot and Sara Sharer

**Others Present:** District Administrator Lenore Cambria, Lifeguard Supervisor Mary Smith, Board Clerk Niki Richardson, Public appearances by Ben Graves, The Nature Connection and Jake Harter

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Review of Agenda:** Sara wants to add an executive session at the beginning of the meeting. The agenda was unanimously approved.

***Executive Session***

***Exit Executive Session***

**Excuse Absences:** There were no absences.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes of July 18, 2022 – Becky Ela made a motion to approve minutes. 2nd – Michelle Pagone. The motion passed.

**Pay Bills**

Dan Ihnot made a motion to pay the bills as presented. 2nd – Sven Edstrom. The motion passed.

**Public Appearance** – Mary Smith the Lifeguard Supervisor came to give a pool overview. Mary said that they had a great group of returning and new guards. The team did a great job this year and Mary often felt “unnecessary” which is what you want as a manager. Crystal started as a co-manager and facilitated the guard trainings and also worked on the curriculum for swim school. The staff of 11 regular guards and 4 senior guards felt like the right number of guards and we’ll aim for that next year. We didn’t have any guards miss their shifts. Most guards will return – 12 of the 15. There will be 2 Senior guard roles to fill.

Niki and Teresa are filling in as adult guards and Anna will continue to work with us in the evening and Josie will be support staff to get through September 3rd.

We had a handful of active drowning rescues – nothing serious but teaching moments.

We had some patron issues – miscommunications based on enthusiasm for the pool.

We did some extra programs: Delta County Fair Parade, Splash and Dash Aquathlon, Kids Market.

Hosted Nature Connection Monday - Thursday most weeks. Offered and ran a 10-hour Red Cross Recert class by Crystal. Aerobics is still our most efficient use of the pool and is very popular every weekday and two evenings per week.

We held 3 2-week sessions of swim school. We’ll continue to modify the curriculum. The number one goal of the Pool School is that *No One Drowns in Delta County*.

Possibilities for 2023: Master Swim Class early in the morning. Stroke Clinics, Suggested Workouts, Adult Splash and Dash, Master’s Team Volunteers who are trained in CPR and AED.

The Board gave a round of applause to Mary who did an excellent job this year. Ben suggested that the Nature Connection uses UltraCamp to schedule their camps and that might be a good solution for swimming lessons.

Pool School was impacted by the flood, rescheduled for the following week and had to issue some refunds.

Ben Graves from the Nature Connection came to visit to discuss the WILDER BUNCH trail crew. Ben applied last year for a Colorado Parks and Wildlife trails grants for teenager salaries for the trailcrew. They work on Confluence Park, Paonia River Park and Crossroads Trails. This program provided an opportunity for career development, getting kids outside, exposure to Federal environmental planning. There were 11 kids on the team, all from Delta County. One designated leader who was over 18, the others between 15-17. Those kids were scheduled for 32 hours per week. Approximately 3500 hours of youth trail work. They capped it off working with the Forest Service at Lost Lake. They went to Crested Butte and Powderhorn and the cool Rec Facility in Eagle County which might be the crown standard of bike parks in the United States. They worked in Redstone at a mine project which is being turned into a bike park.

9 miles at Crossroads Park were addressed over 4 weeks. Normally they have 2 weeks budgeted for each of their parks, but we had 2 extra because of the flood.

The Nature Connection has a grant for restoration of native species for one more summer. Ben reminded us that the NFPPRD agreed to a match contribution which equals \$6,000 over two years. Paid to Delta County School District.

Jake Harter was here to talk about the potential environmental plan for our property. He informed us that our property is very zone-diverse with the 'dobbies and the little water system in the valley. For a Habitat Plan, we'd want to look at the trails and the assets and the desired outcome. Jake suggested there are many vegetative ways to slow water and control erosion. TNC is contracting with Jake on the CPW grant. They're determining the zones where they want to make some changes. There is a Colorado Youth Core grant Ben wants to apply for to pay for youth to come mitigate the Tamarisk.

Sara suggested an ADA accessible trail. It will connect with town. Jake said there are great ecological systems here.

They asked Jake for a range for a plan: \$5k - \$20

### **Maintenance Update**

- **Soccer Field Sprinkler leak** – Lenore procured bids from 2 contractors and ultimately contracted with Red Dog. The leak in the soccer field by the pumphouse was finally found and will be repaired by mid-week.

- **Scorpions** - Lenore found two scorpions in the paper towel dispenser in the public bathroom. Chris is eradicating those.

### **New Business**

- **SDA Conference 9/13-9/15** In Person \$375, Virtual \$175, Lenore would like to do virtual instead of in-person. This will be a beneficial way to do it because she can see any speakers she wants to. There are several topics she is interested in, including a session about FMLA leave.

### **- Glenda's party**

There was a pot-luck brunch and the participants gave the Board a big Thank You card.

## **Old Business**

### **- Work on Skatepark Grants, SAM #**

Lenore has been working on getting a new SAM# and it is so unwieldy. Lenore has spent hours and hours and called many times.

### **- Watershed management/flood control measures**

Sven didn't have any updates but has reached out to various contacts again and will report when he has more information. Lenore shared that when Darnell from Red Dog was out here he thought that Randy Fender's drawings looked reasonable and the culverts need to be bigger. Darnell would suggest not replacing the big rocks in the ditch because every year you must remove the sediment and it is easier to do if you don't have big rocks in there.

Sven shared that Miners Way is the school district's road. We will need to bore or cut a bigger culvert under it – it is now only 8". The DCSD ownership makes getting permission easier since it will only have to be obtained from the school.

### **- Bo Nerlin letter to Property Owners**

We haven't received a call back from Bo about the owners of property south of the NFPPRD.

### **- Contractor for ballfield reconstruction**

Jake Tribble came out and he thinks he can work on the ballfield this fall. Greg Hostetler is working on getting the mud scraped off. Adam is still working on getting the Gator fixed. Michelle said that she would reach out to people from whom we can borrow one for a short time.

The shade structures are finished. The wood was all donated by Adam Camacho and Redemption Mill.

### **- Action Plan Next Steps**

The conversation was tabled until the next meeting. Daniel asked us to send a reminder the week before so the Board Members could come more prepared and bring their top three.

## **New Business**

- Meeting with Ben Graves, 2023 Crew for invasive species mitigation

Covered in Ben's presentation.

- Salary comparison will be provided at the next meeting in preparation for budgeting.

### **Marketing – Niki Richardson**

Ads & press releases

Communications about the pool

Accessibility changes to the website

Art signage provided to TNC for signage

**Treasurer's Report** – Dan presented the financials.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Niki Richardson, Board Clerk

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