

North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District

Board Meeting Minutes

Via In Person & ZOOM

May 17, 2021

The Board of Directors of the North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District (NFPPRD) met on ZOOM & in person on Monday, May 17, 2021.

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

Others Present: Lenore Cambria, District Administrator

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Review of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed and approved. There are 2 items to add to the discussion. These are the umbrella donation from Shadescapes and the upcoming bike races on our property.

Excuse Absences: None to excuse.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of April 26, 2021 – Kim Egging made a motion to approve minutes. 2nd – Ken Butcher. The motion passed.

Pay Bills

Kathryn Oxford made a motion to pay the bills as presented. 2nd – Kim Egging. The motion passed.

Public Appearances –

Kathy Goody – Proposal for USAT Splash n’ Dash event at our pool and bike trails this summer. Kathy is proposing to be an Independent Contractor to train kids for the event. They would use the pool on Tuesday nights from 5-6 pm through June and 2 weeks into July. The event would be Saturday, July 10. Liability and workers comp insurance questions were addressed as USAT will list us as additionally insured. We will work out a contract with Kathy, and add the registration option to our system. As the event gets closer, we will help with volunteers. The Board is enthused about the possibility of a new event at our facility.

Matt Farrer – Western Slope Consulting, LLC - Paonia in Motion consultant. Matt gave an update to the Board on the planning process, focus groups, and surveys for the Town of Paonia’s Parks and Recreation Master Plan. There is a lot of interest in hiking/walking trails and an overlook for “P” hill. The new skate park design is being talked about as well as possible locations. As the Rec District, we should make known the potential projects we will be willing to partner with the Town of Paonia on. Ken Butcher suggested we write a letter of support for the Paonia in Motion group, and help keep the interest in this project going.

Michelle Pagone – Hotchkiss Home Plate – Reported that the May 8th event brought about 300 kids for games. All were very enthusiastic. They ran out of food several times and thought event was very successful overall. There was only one mishap with kids having to be disciplined for climbing on the batting cage nets. Both Kathryn & Ken also attended the event and said it was really exciting to see that much use including the bike races from TNC. There were some parking issues that we need more

signage to address. Feedback from parents is that they enjoy having all their kids in one place and they're even able to take a walk themselves during practices. The school buses haven't been utilized yet because the practice schedule has been later, but they will be rearranging practices and hope kids can use the bus in the future. Michelle reported a couple of problems to be addressed in field 4.

Pool Report

- Chris has been troubleshooting sprinkler issues and reporting them to the contractor. He's also been working on timing for watering. The big pool is filled. He's also been hanging various signs. He attended the Short Ditch meeting and reported that the trail from Hotchkiss to this area had been mentioned.
- Lenore reiterated pool opening schedule to public June 5, to allow for new lifeguard training the prior week. There may be 5- 6 new lifeguards trained the first week in June. Niki has been working on the reservation system for swim lessons. Still need concessionaire for pool. Early Bird Season Passes are being sold. Judy Coyle's sisters gifted a plaque for Judy as well as \$5000 from her estate for swim lesson scholarships.

Old Business

- **MOU with TNC** needs to be signed.
- **Ballfield Updates.** Rick Fender will help install bleacher shade. Some lifeguards may be available to help. Randy Fender is helping Lenore reconcile the final Clarke & Co. bill. Grand opening for fields, date set at Saturday, June 19, 2021. Lenore will send out donor invitations, being printed now.
- **Proposal for trail & Pumptrack Signs Installation.** Sven picked up poles and will install soon. Sven also reported on the bike races sponsored by the City of Delta. There will be 2 races at Confluence Park and 2 races here at Crossroads, Thursday, May 20, and Thursday, June 3. Sven is planning the route through the parking lot that will consider safety from cars.
- **Declination of COVID – 19 Vaccination Policy.** Lenore is obtaining more information from the HR helpline for the CSD (Colorado Special Districts) Pool insurance company.
- **Meeting with Commissioner Koontz re: Hotchkiss Town Trail.** Lenore & Sven reported on planning process.
- **Ballfield Rates.** Tabled

New Business

- **Plan for June 19 Grand Opening.** Invitations Niki designed are being printed. We will need to plan the event for speeches, including Starburst Award, refreshments and play on the fields.
- **Donation of Umbrellas from Shadescapes USA.** Lenore met with Jo Edmondson and saw the umbrella and how it works. Sara will also go to see the product Wednesday. These look like umbrellas that can be installed in the lawn of the pool yard to keep them safer from wind and child damage. Discussion was about leaving enough yard for kids to play. Chris would need to install per sprinkler line locations. The stands could remain up all winter. After Sara meets with Jo, we will decide the number we can practically use. Jo is prepared to gift up to 4, with the Rec Dist. Buying the canvas and the sleeves that go in the ground.
- **Schedule for review of Master Plan & "Where we go from here".** No discussion.

Administrator's Report

- SDA Manager of the Year award nominations due June 2. Board voted to nominate Lenore. Kathryn will spearhead this nomination.

Marketing – Niki Richardson

Ads & press releases

North Fork Merchant Herald, Paradise Theatre screen ad

Eblast for concessionaire wanted, swim lesson form revision, Website & Registration system adjustments.

Treasurer's Report – Kim presented the financials.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lenore Cambria, District Administrator

Approved: _____ Dated: _____