

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

The Board of Directors of the North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District (NFPPRD) met in person on June 17, 2024.

Board Members Present: Sven Edstrom, Michelle Pagone, Scott Shishim, Dan Ihnot

Others Present: District Administrator - Stephanie Bureau, Aquatics Manager – Mary Smith, Program Coordinator – Max Heepke

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

II. President’s Review of Agenda

No New Agenda items.

III. Roll Call & Excuse Absent Board Members

Rebecca Ela was absent and excused.

IV. Approval of Last Meeting’s Minutes

Scott made a Motion to approve the minutes. Dan seconded. The Motion passed.

V. Pay Bills

Michelle made a Motion to pay the bills. Scott seconded. The Motion passed.

VI. Public Appearance

No public appearances this month.

VII. Presentation of Staff Reports

- Program Coordinator – Max Heepke
 - i. Swim lessons:
 - Session 1 completed week of June 10th. Returning, veteran instructors Glenda Young and Mary Gore provide a strong foundation for swim lesson instruction. Younger instructors are also returning and did very well. No WSI Aides were added to schedule for Session 1.
 - Session 2 began today, June 17th with 81 registrations. We did limit registrations to 2 sessions per child this year to allow a wider reach for registrations. WSI Aides joined the lessons for Session 2. We are creating a pipeline for instructors, with the WSI Aides.
 - Session 3 and 4 registrations are on par with 2023 volumes.
 - ii. Max and Stephanie met with Judy and Max of Delta pickleball group to discuss 2nd Pickleball tournament schedule for October 12th. With their guidance we are offering a mixed double tournament. This will simplify tournament play and address concerns expressed by last year’s players as to men’s doubles playing women’s doubles.
 - iii. Registration for fall soccer will begin mid-August.
- Aquatics Manager – Mary Smith
 - i. Mary indicated scheduling for lifeguard coverage is complicated when lifeguards double as WSIs for swim lessons.
 - ii. The changes made structurally and procedurally are making a positive impact.
 - Solar/shade structure looks great and makes an impression upon patrons. The shade is extremely welcome for lifeguards with long shifts.

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- Safety gate in front of the pool slides is working and no incidents of children or adults attempting to walk under the slides as they did in the past, when the gate was not in place.
 - Red line around pool added this season, provides a visual guide and assists with lifeguard instructions to move back from the edge of the pool.
 - 95% of lifeguards are returning staff which allowed a rapid and successful 'gelling.' It is a completely different season than last year. Mary is able to step away from minute-to-minute management of the pool and guard staff, secure in the knowledge the guard staff is safely and effectively managing pool activity.
 - iii. Mary completed certification renewal for 6 returning guards, prior to the pool opening. Those re-certifications were completed under American Red Cross 2017 (r17) standards.
 - iv. Mary re-certified under the revised American Red Cross 2024 (r24) standards, prior to the pool opening.
 - v. Mary completed a recertification for 4 returning guards under the r24 standards. The changes were well done and included viewing an actual drowning, via video, to underscore the importance of surveillance techniques. Upon watching the video, the 4 guards went out to the pool which was at capacity. Mary stated watching the impact of the video and the subsequent, intensified surveillance by the guards was meaningful.
 - vi. Bradley Williams, an adult guard, contacted us to join the team as both an end of season guard and will act as a Pool Bus Driver as he was vetted by Delta County School District.
 - vii. Kaylena Miller joined the team as Customer Service Attendant and has had a significant and immediate impact on operations. She is known by many in the community and garners respect from patrons of all ages as well as lifeguards. She manages the pool office activities, which are multi-faceted, including patron registration and payments, waivers, influx of children when the pool bus arrives, school lunch distribution, answering phones, influx of patrons visiting from The Nature Connection camps, private lesson registrations, inventory and stocking of supplies, along with multiple other tasks that arise day over day.
 - viii. Attendance numbers have increased in nearly all categories.
 - 1000 admissions were logged in the first week of operation this year.
 - Water aerobics attendance is increased along with Aquatics Club.
 - Open swim attendance has hit or nearly hit capacity, which is 177 persons, multiple times since opening this year.
 - Pool bus ridership increased significantly, including consistent riders to/from Crawford which is not something experienced in prior seasons. We have spoken to the manager of the Delta County pool bus depot and a larger bus is available, should that need come to pass.
 - ix. Concessions & School Lunches are both working well but generating a significant volume of trash. The guards instituted a system whereby they will not allow re-entry to pool after each hour's break, until trash is picked up in the park area.
 - x. Mary stated one persistent issue is the SunShades which were donated to the pool. The shades are broken, very difficult to attach and detach and due to the fiberglass material, cause injury to lifeguards when attempting to use. The shades must be taken down in windy conditions. While the donation is greatly appreciated, the shades do not appear to be a good fit for the North Fork Pool. We have contacted SunShades to request assistance.
- Facilities Manager – Chris Straub
 - i. Chris is concerned there may be a leak in the therapy pool and possibly the wading pool. A test exists where dye is added to attempt to track a leak, but we do not know of anyone

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in our area who performs this test. Currently, the guards are adding water each evening to allay a slow leak. We are monitoring the situation in case it worsens.

- ii. It is likely a post-season capital project of replacing filter lines and related sand, under the therapy pool will be required this fall.
- iii. Irrigation maintenance is on-going and persistent. The alkaline soil on our property is destructive to sprinkler parts.
- iv. Sven indicated the vegetation growing in our ditches, impacting irrigation, could possibly be addressed using an organic solution. It may be useful to contact Jake Hartter to inquire if he could provide guidance.
- District Administrator – Stephanie Bureau
 - i. Attended SDA Regional meeting in Clifton on June 11th. It was much the same as the regional meeting attended in Montrose in 2023. While many attendees would have liked an in-depth discussion of property tax matters, details were not available by the SDA team.
 - ii. Attended public meeting on Preliminary Flood Insurance Rates Map on June 13th. Awaiting clarification as to the intersection of potential FEMA reimbursements and availability of paid for flood insurance.
 - iii. We need to engage a Marketing Coordinator to manage ads, email campaigns and social media, press releases. This is work Niki Richardson executed in the past. Stephanie is currently completing it but the ad deadlines are coming too quickly and we are missing opportunities to publicize NFPPRD activities, particularly during the busy summer months.
- Committee Reports (no activity this month)

VIII. Old Business

- Potential land purchases – (T.W. Stites), no activity to report.
- Miners Trail – actual groundbreaking for pedestrian bridge underway, across from Family Dollar.
- Donations for pool passes discussed last month were delivered (Delta County Schools, Western Slope Conservation Center for Riverfest, Delta County libraries, Hotchkiss K-8 continuation program).
- Tractor cover completed. There is consideration for an additional capital expenditure to pursue closing in the south side of the lean to with a wall as sun is impacting the tractor from that direction.

IX. New Business

- Request for additional pickleball equipment at Apple Valley Tennis Courts.
 - i. NFPPRD supplied 7 paddles (approx. \$420) in 2021. 2 paddles remain. Several members of the public are asking for additional paddles.
 - ii. Unlike Crawford’s pickleball group, there is no one point of contact or organizing entity that monitors play or use of equipment at the Apple Valley court.
 - iii. It is unknown if the storage box or equipment is identified as being provided by NFPPRD.
 - iv. Dan made a motion to allocate \$150, annually, to provide paddleball racquets and balls at the Apple Valley courts. Additionally, we need to label the storage box and purchased equipment as belonging to NFPPRD and add signage indicating that contribution. Scott seconded the motion. The Motion passed.
- Request for pool passes for Trail Crew (10), who are working through The Nature Connection, including work on NFPPRD assets – Sven
 - i. Background: In the past, a season pass to the pool was provided to each member of the Trail Crew in consideration of the work they completed which contributes to NFPPRD assets such as the trails and pumtrack. The NFPPRD Board adopted a Donation policy in

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2023, allocating a total of \$500 in pool admissions, in \$50 increments, to requesting organizations. Providing 10 season passes for the Trail Crew, at a value of \$140 per pass, for the 2024 season, exceeds the existing Donation policy.

- ii. After discussion, Scott made a motion to provide 6-day punch passes, up to a maximum \$500 annual value, for the Trail Crew, in consideration of the work they complete on NFPPRD assets. Michelle seconded the motion. The Motion passed.
 - o 10, 6-day punch passes (value \$240) were immediately distributed.
- NFPPRD will act as a sponsor for the planned July 6th Skate contest at the Paonia skatepark. (contributing \$250 for prizes).
- A discussion relating to the admission of Nature Connection camp attendees ensued as there does not appear to be a payment arrangement for these admissions. This point came to light as we had 29 admissions from Nature Connection on a day when we approached capacity, necessitating the need to turn away paying patrons. Stephanie will research further as this matter must be addressed considering ever rising costs related to operating the pool. Michelle also referenced the need to understand when the camp attendees are at the pool in the event of an emergency.
- Sven raised a new item relating to the possibility of building a Gaga ball pit on the premises. Two potential locations were discussed; the first being the grassy area south of the shade structure, where we have also discussed modifications relating to connecting to the Miners Trail; the second being the now defunct volleyball court area. Various considerations were discussed. Time is of the essence in that Sven has access to a labor force, this summer, with the Trail Crew.

X. Marketing

Email campaigns and ads for July

- July is National Park and Recreation Month
- July 28 is National Soccer day
- July begins summer Olympics

XI. Treasurer’s Report

Dan presented the financials

XII. Next Meeting – July 15

XIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Stephanie Bureau, District Administrator

Approved* *Rebecca Etta* Dated June 17, 2024

*Original signature on file at District Office at 333 Miners Way, Hotchkiss CO 81419