

North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District
Board Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2022

The Board of Directors of the North Fork Pool, Park and Recreation District (NFPPRD) met in person on Monday, November 14, 2022

Board Members Present: Sven Edstrom, Becky Ela, Michelle Pagone and Daniel Ihnot

Others Present: District Administrator Lenore Cambria, Board Clerk Niki Richardson, Pool Manager Mary Smith and Program Coordinator Max Heepke

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

Review of Agenda: The agenda was unanimously approved.

Excuse Absences: Michelle Pagone is absent and excused.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of October 3, 2022 – Dan Ihnot made a motion to approve minutes with a spelling change. 2nd – Sven Edstrom. The motion passed.

Pay Bills

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

Public Appearance – Allison Elliot WSCC – Paonia River Park

Allison came to “plant a seed” because WSCC owns the Paonia River Park and they’d like to pass it on to another entity. The 19-acre park was a gravel pit for many years until they WSCC turned it into a park. They’d like to hand it on to an organization who is used to maintaining parks. The property is owned by WSCC. There is a parcel that is town property, and they have an MOU with the town and the bulk of the property is county but not town. Becky asked what goes into maintaining it. Jake Hartter said he could put together the costs associated with the park. The Town of Paonia can’t take on the management of the park. Lenore would like to know if it is in the Rec District boundaries. Lenore is meeting with Stelter and Knutson about the skate park and she will bring up the River Park. A property owner on the other side of the river would like to do a boundary shift thing.

Pool Report

- Chris helped Greg winterize sprinklers, get the pool ready for winter, paint and moved pipes in pumphouse, Covered benches, helped with removal of mud in Pagone field, Disassembling pool slide, Picnic tables

- Meeting with Max & Mary plans for next season, CPO Certificates, Mary Lifeguard Trainer Certificate. They would like to do a fundraiser at the pool for the Fire Department next summer. Max and Mary presented.

- **Extend season** They’d like to extend the pool calendar as much as possible. Encourage the guards to utilize the Delta Lifeguard trainings which happen during February and Spring break.
- **Swimming Lessons** We’ll switch over to Red Cross WSI instead of our NFPPRD curriculum.
- **Masters Program** They’d like to push the Masters Program forward. Either have an adult swim program. We need to determine what the insurance requires to know whether it is feasible.
- **Special Events:** Special events next year: Fireman’s thank you party Sunday June 11. Brainstorming ideas on how to involve the community. Movie Nights – Family nights with food truck and movie. Revamp of Splash and Dash – we don’t get that much participation so we’d

like to make it our own instead of a USAT sanctioned event. Mary signed up for online pool management course.

- Nominations for Non-Profit of Year- 11/29 presentation. Lenore asked if anyone would be available to go to the Creamery at 6pm on November 29th. Becky Ela volunteered, and Sara Sharer also offered to go.

Program Coordinator Report

Max presented about what he's been doing since he started. He's been making acquaintances and getting the lay of the land. He's been working with Mary on the pool stuff and Niki introduced Max to the back end of the web site and added a calendar so the site can become a hub. Max has worked with Ben Graves to try to get some translating done to make our website more accessible. Met with the Hotchkiss Soccer Board a couple times and attended a couple games. He thinks the first step will be taking over registration in the first weeks of the year. Max met with Pickleball crew. They are excited to host a tournament next year. Max will attend the Skate Park meeting with Lenore this week. Max met the Nature Connection team last week and reports that they are full of ideas- especially about indoor recreation opportunities in the winter. They'd love an indoor climbing gym. They'd like to turn the old sand volleyball pit into a low ropes course. Ben wants to work with Max on the management plan for the Crossroads Trails. Max attended the Miners Trail meeting and was surprised that it won't be paved. Sven and Jake said that crusher fines are ADA compliant as well.

Max has been researching online registration systems which could be used across all the rec district activities. The one he most likes so far is called Sports Engine.

Old Business

- **Work on Skatepark Grants, SAM #, Meeting with Paonia Parks Committee**

- Watershed management/flood control measures

Sven presented the Write Water engineers plan. He handed out a map showing the various elements of the mitigation projects they are proposing. Lenore explained that when the mud flows you have to add 50% impact more for mud. Our existing culverts are only good for 22 cfs and this was more like 50 and a hundred-year flood could be as much as 300. Scott Scheiber is writing his recommendations this month. Reinforced box culverts would be probably where it goes under the road. A good time to do this would be during school breaks since it will disrupt the road a lot.

- Bo Nerlin letter to Property Owners letter sent, phone # from Anita Evans

Skate Park

Jay Canode wants to start building. Lenore and Max are going to meet with him this week. He doesn't seem to have a plan. If Paonia's big parks plan would go through, GOCO would be more interested in funding this.

Master Plan Next Steps

It is proposed that at the December 12th meeting we will dedicate the bulk of the meeting to the Master Plan. The climbing wall people should submit their presentation beforehand so the Board members can review it. Sara made the motion, Dan 2nd it.

Daniel Ihnot - Solar Power Update

Brian in sales wants to connect in the new year

Sven Edstrom - Pumptrack paving update

No update

Tennis/Pickleball Courts for high school

The high school and the county want us to put a tennis court on our property. This still depends on solving our drainage problems.

Field Rental

Michelle would like to set the rental price at \$100 of which \$50 is refundable if there is no damage. Michelle also said that Terry is going to bring new wood chips in for the climbing boulder after hunting season

Preliminary Budget

Lenore presented the budget

We will discuss end of year bonuses at the next meeting. Also maybe ask Mary who she would recommend.

One Delta County Membership meeting report

Becky Ela attended and took the check to this new economic development group. CSU has hired two new extension people, one of which would like to come say hello.

New Business

- Update on Miners Trail, request for signage standards & funding meeting 10/27. Their next meeting will be in the 2nd week of January.

- Colorado Youth Corps Grant updated to add NFPPRD name rather than school district and resubmitted to GOCO

- Jake Hartter Habitat Improvement Plan Proposal

Jake presented his proposal. He'd work on the plan this winter to make the changes starting spring of 2023. He thought establishing goals will drive the project. It would be ideal to use Nature Connection crews. Sara Sharer made a motion by to go ahead with Jake's Terra Firma proposal. Dan and Becky 2nd. The motion passed.

Sven Edstrom made a motion to create Habitat Restoration subcommittee which will include Sven and Dan Ihnot to work with Jake Hartter during the winter of 2022/2023. Becky 2nd. The motion passed.

FAMLI Opt-Out vote

We are not required to be part of this plan because we don't have any employees who work that many hours. A motion was made by Dan Ihnot to opt out of FAMLI; Sven 2nd it. The motion passed.

- December Meeting Reschedule for Budget Deadline – December 12

Administrator's Report

- Budget Notice published
- Final construction payment notice published – basically it says if you think we owe you money, come forward now. No one came forward.
- Additional Property and Liability form sent regarding losing revenue.
- There will still be a safety grant reimbursement request.
- Thank you received from quilters
- Thank you from HK8

Marketing – Niki Richardson

Ads & press releases
Updates to website
Master Plan layout

Treasurer’s Report – Daniel presented the financials.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Niki Richardson, Board Clerk

Approved: _____ Dated: _____