

Wasatch County Parks & Recreation SSD #21
Board Meeting
May 14, 2024
Minutes

Attendance:

Kendall Crittenden, Chairman
Karl McMillan, Vice-Chairman
Steve Farrell, Board Member
Mark Nelson, Board Member
Erik Rowland, Board Member
Luke Searle, Board Member

Tom Bonner, Director
Heath Coleman, Asst. Director
Amaria Scovil, Rec. Center Director
Taylor Baker, Programs Director
Jonathan Baker, Parks Director
Laurie Duke, Admin. Assistant
Dustin Grabau, County Manager
Travis Dial, IT Specialist

Excused:

Spencer Park, Board Member

Kendall Crittenden called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m.

Kendall asked if there were any public issues for future meetings. There were none.

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Kendall asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

Minutes: April 9, 2024:

Tom Bonner presented the minutes. Mark Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes for April 9, 2024. Steve Farrell seconded the motion. Motion passes with the following vote:

AYE: Kendall Crittenden

AYE: Karl McMillan

AYE: Steve Farrell

AYE: Mark Nelson

AYE: Erik Rowland

ABSTAIN: Luke Searle (Not in attendance at April 9, 2024 meeting)

ABSENT: Spencer Park

Warrants:

Tom Bonner presented the warrants for April 4, 2024 through May 9, 2024 in the amount of \$178,916.39. Kendall asked if there were any questions on the warrants. Steve asked about the payment for (8) 10-Day Packages for the NFR. Tom explained that we pay for that out of sponsorship & advertising, and they are given to our sponsors. Steve asked if all 8 are used and Tom replied that they are.

Steve Farrell made a motion to approve the warrants for April 4, 2024 through May 9, 2024 in the amount of \$178,916.39. Karl McMillan seconded the motion. Motion passes with the following vote:

AYE: Kendall Crittenden

AYE: Karl McMillan

AYE: Steve Farrell
AYE: Mark Nelson
AYE: Erik Rowland
AYE: Luke Searle
NAY: None
ABSENT: Spencer Park

Parks Update:

Jonathan Baker, Parks Director, reported that they have been working on a lot of upgrades on our facilities. He stated that they have just finished a major project with drainage at our parks. They have been renovating the older pickle ball courts and making sure everything is good with the new pickle ball courts. They have done all the sprinkler tie-ins. They have also done all the lawn maintenance including fertilizing and weed control, so they are ready for baseball and softball to start.

Kendall commented that on ground repairs, Heber City should have to pay for the ground repairs at the parking lot across from his home since they used that area for chip storage.

Mark asked Jonathan how they water when baseball is going on and Jonathan answered that they are on a tight water window with their 6-7 sprinkler clocks. Some start about 10:00 p.m and stop about 3:00 a.m. and some start about midnight and stop about 5:00 a.m. There are 28 to 35 zones per clock. Mark asked if all the sprinklers were pop ups and Jonathan replied that they are. He commented that there are about 3,500 heads.

Tom thanked Jonathan and his crew for the great job that they do. He said that our parks look great and that they are safe and he appreciates all they do. Kendall agreed.

Director's Report:

Shade for Pickle Ball Area: Tom reported that they have ordered (3) 10X16 shades for the pickle ball area. The cost for the shades was \$10,500. The good news is that the pickle ball group is going to reimburse us for \$10,000. of that. The shades will go over the concrete pad between the two six-plexes of courts. We will also be building benches, probably similar to the ones our staff built at the Rec. Center around the track that turned out really nice.

Skate Park Public Meeting: Tom reported that they held a public meeting for the Skate Park on Wednesday, May 1st. This meeting was held in response to our having to close the Skate Park on April 25th after so much continued vandalism. As of today, we have 4 people that have been caught and have confessed to vandalizing this area.

The meeting went great. There were about 100 people in attendance. People are concerned about that area and Parks & Recreation has taken a pro-active approach. Amaria has been working with the Carry On Foundation to implement some events, clinics and mentoring through some grant money that we have and also some money in our budget that can be used.

Kendall commented that the presentation at this meeting was very well done. He said that the public was responsive and there were positive ideas shared that we can work on. Tom agreed and said that we are going to keep our campaign up on social media reminding everyone, if you see something say

something, and continue to be pro-active. We opened the Skate Park on May 2nd and so far we haven't had any new vandalism.

Parking Lot at Vets Park: Tom stated that he and Heath met with Mark Nelson regarding paving the parking lot at Vets Park across from the train. Tom has spoken with Troy Ostler to give us an engineer's estimate on paving and will also give an estimate to pave in phases since it is a huge parking lot. Tom explained that during our big events with baseball tournaments & the Polar Express it gets pretty hectic, and we are not in compliance with ADA codes. We also need to put in lighting. Tom said that he would work with Dustin to figure out a funding mechanism. Kendall asked if the train would be able to help with funding.

Derby & Rodeo Tickets: Tom asked the Board Members to get their ticket requests to Jodi Richins A.S.A.P.

Memorial Day: Tom reported that we will be doing our Memorial Day Drive-Thru Celebration on Monday, May 27th. It will start at 8:00 a.m. and go on all day. Radio Station 98.3 will play a continuous tribute. There is signage at both entrances with the radio station posted. The veterans will come at 9:45 a.m. We will take a picture and give them a small gift.

We have blank signs available at the Rec. Center for anyone who would like to make and post a sign to honor a veteran. The street will be lined with over 200 flags.

Mark commented that there will be a free Charley Jenkins Concert at the railroad Friday evening, May 24th.

Luke asked Tom for a Master Plan update. Tom responded that Kendall Crittenden will be the chair of the Master Plan Committee and Karl McMillan will be the Vice-Chair. He said that he has e-mailed each mayor and asked them to appoint someone to be on the committee, and that they need to meet with Bob Allen from Mountainland. Luke asked if they might have something by September and Tom answered that their target date is September/October. There is a lot involved with all the different facilities and planning for future growth.

Kendall asked if there were any other questions or comments. There were none.

Karl McMillan made a motion to adjourn. Luke Searle seconded the motion. Motion passes with the following vote:

AYE:	Kendall Crittenden
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AYE:	Steve Farrell
AYE:	Mark Nelson
AYE:	Erik Rowland
AYE:	Luke Searle
ABSENT:	Spencer Park

Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Laurie Duke