

**Wasatch County Parks & Recreation SSD #21
Board Meeting
April 9, 2024
Minutes**

Attendance:

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

Tom Bonner, Director
Amaria Scovil, Rec. Center Director
Laurie Duke, Admin. Assistant
Travis Dial, IT Specialist

Excused:

Luke Searle, Board Member

Heath Coleman, Asst. Director

Kendall Crittenden called the meeting to order at 3:16 p.m.

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Minutes: March 12, 2024: (A new motion was made later in the meeting)

Tom Bonner presented the minutes. Spencer Park made a motion to approve the minutes for March 12, 2024. Karl McMillan seconded the motion. Motion passes with the following vote:

AYE: Kendall Crittenden
AYE: Karl McMillan
AYE: Steve Farrell
AYE: Mark Nelson
AYE: Spencer Park
AYE: Erik Rowland

NAY: None

ABSENT: Luke Searle

Warrants:

Tom Bonner presented the warrants for March 8, 2024 through April 3, 2024 in the amount of \$129,139.36. Kendall asked if there were any questions on the warrants. There were none.

Karl McMillan made a motion to approve the warrants for March 8, 2024 through April 3, 2024 in the amount of \$129,139.36. Spencer Park seconded the motion. Motion passes with the following vote:

AYE: Kendall Crittenden
AYE: Karl McMillan
AYE: Steve Farrell
AYE: Mark Nelson
AYE: Spencer Park
AYE: Erik Rowland

NAY: None

ABSENT: Luke Searle

Recreation Center Update:

Amaria Scovil, Recreation Center Director, reported that 2023 was a banner year for the Rec. Center, due to all the snow. Revenue for admissions and memberships was \$473,500. So far this year we are a little below 2023, as expected, but we are way ahead of 2022 and prior years. The average monthly admittance into the Rec. Center, including program participants, is 18,500 which is about 700 people a day on average. We have 2 full-time and 9 part-time employees. The number of part-time employees goes down in the summer because we are not as busy. Typically, those part-time employees come back in the fall.

The big events we host are the All Night Graduation Party, which is coming up on May 16th. We have had 5 Volleyball Tournaments so far this season. We have one more 2-day tournament coming up. The tournaments will bring in about \$30,000. this year. Steve asked what makes up that money and Amaria answered that it is from court rental fees and spectator fees.

Kendall asked about the employees who leave during the summer if they could move over to help with the grounds crew and Amaria said that a few have done that in the past. She explained that we offer that to them, but this year we didn't have anyone that was interested.

Amaria commented that we hosted the Heber Valley Community Expo in March. There were 70 vendors and over 1,500 attendees.

Amaria reported that, in terms of our facility, we have an incredible maintenance crew. They have remodeled a large storage area into 3 new offices for our expanding staff. We have three new storage areas and one more that they are going to build. They have re-painted with our logo colors and re-painted the white areas, as well. They have made a lot of improvements to the locker rooms and party room and have added benches around the track. She said that it looks great and invited the council to come and see.

Kendall asked how many employees are on the maintenance crew and Amaria responded that we have two full-time employees: John Burns and Kim Kowallis, and one part-time employee, Sam Hewlett.

Steve asked Amaria how she and her staff can keep track of everyone and everything when it is so busy in the Rec. Center. Amaria acknowledged that in the winter it does get crazy busy, but that since they raised the age to 15 to be able to come in the Rec. Center without an adult it has really helped. She explained that those under 15 can still come in with an adult or coach so they can practice with their teams. She stated that vandalism has been basically non-existent inside the Rec. Center since the age change.

Mark asked if Amaria would like to hold more events like the Community Expo and she answered that those types of events would be difficult between November and March, when we are already so busy, but would welcome them from April through October.

The council thanked Amaria for the great job she does at the Rec. Center.

New Motion to Approve Minutes:

Laurie mentioned that we needed a new motion to approve the minutes for March 12, 2024. Spencer Park made the previous motion and he was not in attendance at that meeting.

Karl McMillan made a motion to approve the minutes for March 12, 2024. Erik Rowland seconded the motion. Motion passes with the following vote:

AYE: Kendall Crittenden

AYE: Karl McMillan

AYE: Mark Nelson

AYE: Erik Rowland

NAY: None

ABSENT: Luke Searle

ABSTAIN: Steve Farrell (Not in attendance at March 12, 2024 meeting.)

Spencer Park “ “

Director's Report:

Tom reported that he is planning to attend the Inter-Local Meeting tomorrow night for the master planning coordination and asked the Board if there was anything they wanted him to prepare for that. Steve stated that every organization is doing a master plan and that we ought to get together to do one master plan. Tom explained that they are doing one that will include the Event Center, Vets Park, regional parks, literally everything under Parks & Recreation. Steve responded that Heber City is doing one for the same area and told Tom he could be wasting his time.

Mark brought up the subject of trails and reported that a couple of days ago they were doing the 30% engineering review for phase 2, which comes right up to 650 South. Tom stated that this area will be a trailhead and we have to prepare for that. Kendall asked Tom if that will be included in his master plan and Tom replied that yes, it absolutely will be included.

Tom stated that he will attend the meeting and see how the discussion goes, as to whether he will proceed with his master plan or collaborate with other entities, whatever direction the Board decides to go.

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

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

AYE: Kendall Crittenden

AYE: Karl McMillan

AYE: Steve Farrell

AYE: Mark Nelson

AYE: Spencer Park

AYE: Erik Rowland

NAY: None

ABSENT: Luke Searle

Meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Laurie Duke