

**Wasatch County Parks & Recreation SSD #21
Board Meeting
May 9, 2023
Minutes**

Attendance:

Kendall Crittenden, Chairman	Tom Bonner, Director
Karl McMillan, Vice-Chairman	Heath Coleman, Asst. Director
Steve Farrell, Board Member	Amaria Scovil, Rec. Center Director
Mark Nelson, Board Member	Taylor Baker, Programs Director
Spencer Park, Board Member	Laurie Duke, Admin. Assistant
Erik Rowland, Board Member	Dustin Grabau, County Manager
Luke Searle, Board Member (Zoom)	Travis Dial, IT Specialist

Kendall Crittenden called the meeting to order at 3:22 p.m.

Minutes: April 11, 2023

Tom Bonner presented the minutes. Mark Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes for April 11, 2023. Erik Rowland 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
AYE:	Luke Searle

NAY:	None
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Public Issues for future meetings:

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

Governing Board Issues for future meeting:

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

Public Comment:

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

Warrants:

Tom Bonner presented the warrants for April 6, 2023 through May 4, 2023 in the amount of \$120,364.64. Kendall asked about the auto parts charge and Tom explained that is for the mowers and all equipment maintenance. Kendall asked if there were any other questions on the warrants. There were none.

Mark Nelson made a motion to approve the warrants for April 6, 2023 through May 4, 2023 in the amount of \$120,364.64. 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
AYE:	Luke Searle
NAY:	None

Skate Park Discussion:

Tom reported that recently we have had a lot of vandalism at the Skate Park. He said that we are getting tagged weekly and that about 10 days ago there was an incident in the restroom where there was blood all over and paper towel machines, and dispensers were torn off the walls. He stated that last week there was a fire started in the urinal. Tom explained that we have a good camera system and we have been able to identify some kids and their information has been turned over to the police.

Tom proposed that we close the skate park at dark. Right now we are open until 10:00 p.m. per city code. We have the capability of automatic locks on the restroom, so they could be set to lock at dark. That could be adjusted as it stays light longer during the summer. Tom feels that if we turn off the lights and lock the restroom at dark it will help reduce the vandalism.

Spencer asked Tom if he thought most of the vandalism is occurring after dark and Tom answered without a doubt that it is. Spencer also asked if there were any liability issues if there are no lights on at the skate park after dark and Tom responded that they will post signs stating that the skate park closes at dark.

Kendall asked about having law enforcement go by more often and Tom replied that Heber City Police Dept. has been great to patrol the area. The problem is that most of the vandalism is inside the restroom.

Steve asked if the skate park gets much use and Tom responded that it gets a lot of use. It is busy and he said that 99% of those who use it are great and use it as intended.

Kendall asked the Board if everyone was in agreement that the skate park should be closed at dark and the Board fully supported this decision.

Director's Report:

Fair Exhibits – Tom stated that they have had some discussion regarding the exhibits for the fair. The numbers have been going down every year. Amaria commented that this last year was our lowest participation to date and we advertised early. Kendall asked about the 4H exhibits and Amaria answered that they are also way down. Tom explained that during COVID, we had the exhibits online and it was successful and he said that some places have gone strictly to online exhibits. Tom commented that they have talked about moving the exhibits to the Rec. Center, but it was decided it was better to keep them at the fair complex. Most of the people who walk through the exhibits, do so because they are at the fairgrounds for other events. Tom stated that we are still committed to doing the exhibits as we have in the past and are open to suggestions.

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

Mark Nelson made a motion to adjourn. 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
AYE:	Luke Searle
NAY:	None

Meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Laurie Duke