Wasatch County Parks & Recreation SSD #21
Board Meeting
February 14, 2023
Minutes

Attendance:

Kendall Crittenden, Chairman
Karl McMillan, Vice-Chairman
Steve Farrell, Board Member
Mark Nelson, Board Member
Spencer Park, Board Member
Luke Searle, Board Member (Remote)

Tom Bonner, Director
Heath Coleman, Asst. Director
Amaria Scovil, Rec. Ctr. Director
Taylor Baker, Program Director
Laurie Duke, Admin. Assistant
Dustin Grabau, County Manager
Ben Marvin, IT Specialist

Excused:
Erik Rowland, Board Member

Kendall Crittenden called the meeting to order at 3:28 p.m.

Minutes – January 10, 2023:
There was not a quorum at the beginning of the meeting to approve the minutes.

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

Governing Board issues for future meetings:
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 that are not agenda items. There were none.

Warrants:
Tom Bonner presented the warrants for January 11, 2023 through February 9, 2023 in the amount of $135,896.20. Kendall asked if there were any questions on the warrants. There were none.

Mark Nelson made a motion to approve the warrants for January 11, 2023 through February 9, 2023 in the amount of $135,896.20. Karl McMillan seconded the motion. Motion passes with the following vote:

AYE: Kendall Crittenden, Chairman
AYE: Karl McMillan, Vice-Chairman
AYE: Steve Farrell, Board Member

AYE: Mark Nelson, Board Member
AYE: Spencer Park, Board Member
AYE: Luke Searle, Board Member
NAY: None
ABSENT: Erik Rowland, Board Member

Appointment of Heber Lefgren to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board:
Tom stated that there was a vacancy left on the Advisory Board when Blaik Baird left a few months ago. Heber Lefgren has been attending those meetings and we need to approve his appointment to this board. Kendall asked if this gives us the cross section that we need and Tom replied that it does and that we did not have any other applicants.

Mark Nelson made a motion to approve the appointment of Heber Lefgren to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Spencer Park seconded the motion. Motion passes with the following vote:

AYE: Kendall Crittenden, Chairman
AYE: Karl McMillan, Vice-Chairman
AYE: Steve Farrell, Board Member
AYE: Mark Nelson, Board Member
AYE: Spencer Park, Board Member
AYE: Luke Searle, Board Member

NAY: None
ABSENT: Erik Rowland, Board Member

Discussion/Consideration and opening of Pickleball Bids:
Tom reported that he put this item on as discussion because a decision cannot be made at this meeting because it is a SSD meeting and not a county meeting. Tom will work with Dustin and then Dustin will bring it back to the county council at their next meeting to approve a contractor for the pickleball courts. Kendall asked how many pickleball courts and Tom answered this is for 6 new pickleball courts. These are turnkey bids, so they will be doing all of the excavation work also. Tom reminded them that Heber City and Midway City donated $40,000. each and the Pickleball Club raised $80,000.

We received two bids. The first bid is from All Courts in Springville, UT. Their total bid was $441,850.26. Kendall asked if we have had any experience with them and Tom answered that we have not, but he knows that they are a reputable company. They have built, and are building more courts, in Vernal and Tom said that he has talked to Chris on that project and he is very happy with them.

The second bid is from Parkin Tennis Courts. They are the company who built our last six pickleball courts. They split their bid: $347,078.75 for the courts and $31,865. for excavation for a total of $378,943.75.

Kendall asked Tom if he was happy with the job they did on the previous courts and Tom replied that they were awesome. He said that they did amazing work and were great to work with.

Tom said that he will meet with Dustin and they will go through both bids carefully and then Dustin will come back to the board with a recommendation.

Minutes – January 10, 2023:
Kendall stated that now we had a quorum so we could approve the minutes for January 10, 2023. He asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Mark Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes for January 10, 2023. Karl McMillan seconded the motion. Motion passes with the following vote:

AYE:	Kendall Crittenden, Chairman
AYE:	Karl McMillan, Vice-Chairman
AYE:	Steve Farrell, Board Member
AYE:	Mark Nelson, Board Member
NAY:	None
ABSTAIN:	Spencer Park, Board Member (Not in attendance at Jan. 10th meeting)
	Luke Searle, Board Member (" " ")
NAY:	None
ABSENT:	Erik Rowland, Board Member

Discussion on Archery Area at the Recreation Center – John Ackerson:
John distributed to the board information on a proposed Archery Area in the Recreation Center. He explained that he plays a lot of tennis at the Rec. Center and there is an area next to tennis court 1 about 20 ft. wide and about 30 meters long, that would be the right dimensions for a 2 lane indoor Archery Center. He said that it could be branded as a sports area rather than just archery, so it could also be a sport fencing area and pitching mound.

John said that he realizes the big question would be how to fund it and who would build it, but he believes there is a high demand for this in our area and thinks it would create a permanent revenue stream.

Kendall asked if the high school was the only program or if the middle schools still had an Archery Program. John responded that he wasn't sure on the status of that, but he knows they were very popular when they had it.

John commented that he talked with Bill Damron, the tennis instructor at the Rec. Center, and he said that it would not interfere with the tennis program at all.

Kendall asked if you have a range master and John answered that they usually do not have a range master at an archery range because the level of danger is so minimal. He said that most ranges are usually self-mastered. John explained that he gave two proposals: the primary proposal is the indoor enclosed area with 2 lanes for private rental. The second proposal is for an outdoor range that would absolutely have to have a range master and be an organized event. He said this proposal is more of a secondary concept.

Mark asked Tom if this has been proposed to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and he answered that it has not. John said that this is his initial proposal of an idea he has that would generate revenue and meet a need in our county. He said Ed Mason had an archery range about a decade ago, but ever since it closed there isn't anywhere to go in the winter or when it is dark.

Kendall asked Tom's opinion and he responded that, obviously, this proposal will need to go through the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Tom said that he had conflicting information because he had been told that you needed a range master all the time. John said that there are no specific guidelines. He said that most places he goes to it is self-management and you shoot at your own risk. Mark asked if this would work for Olympic-style practice. John replied that it would for up to 20 meters. He said that the high school usually shoot at 10 meters, but that 20 meters is the standard.

Steve Farrell recommended to Kendall Crittenden, Chairman, that this proposal go to the Advisory Board to determine space, costs, and all the criteria that is needed. Mark said that he liked the idea, and the council agreed, but there are a lot of issues that need to be resolved before a decision could be made. Tom said that we would also need to talk to UCIP. Amaria said that she spoke to them once and they had a list of criteria that would need to be met.

Steve Farrell commented that Ed Mason would be a good resource in helping answer some of our questions. Tom said that Ed runs our Hunter Safety Program and so we can talk to him.

After a lengthy discussion, John reiterated that he knows there is high demand for this in our county and could be a good revenue source. Kendall thanked John for his time and work on his proposal and feels it is definitely something we need to look into. Tom said that he will take it to the next Advisory Board Meeting.

Steve said that Ken Blad, from the Utah Honor Flight in Riverton, spoke with him about getting veterans to go on an Honor Flight. Steve asked Tom if he thought we could put together something around Memorial Day to help with this. Tom responded that he went on the Honor Flight with his dad a few years ago and said that he would absolutely help in getting something put together. Tom said that they used to be focused on getting all the WWII & Korean veterans to be able to go but now they are also focusing on Vietnam veterans. Steve will set up a meeting and let Tom and Heath know so they can attend. Tom said that we have a list of all the veterans in our county, so let's fill a plane and go. Kendall commented that we could also reach out to the veterans of our neighboring counties and also get sponsorships from those counties.

Kendall stated that they received an e-mail from someone that wants to do a marathon for

9/11. Luke referred that e-mail to Nick Lopez, but he hasn't heard back yet. Kendall said that might be something that would need to be done in 2024.

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, Chairman
AYE:	Karl McMillan, Vice-Chairman
AYE:	Steve Farrell, Board Member
AYE:	Mark Nelson, Board Member
AYE:	Spencer Park, Board Member
AYE:	Luke Searle, Board Member
NAY:	None
ABSENT:	Erik Rowland, Board Member

Meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Laurie Duke