

**Wasatch County Parks & Recreation SSD #21
Board Meeting
February 8, 2022
Minutes**

Attendance:

Jeff Wade, Chairman
Marilyn Crittenden, Vice-Chair
Kendall Crittenden, Member
Steve Farrell, Member
Danny Goode, Member
Mark Nelson, Member
Spencer Park, Member

Tom Bonner, Director – (Zoom)
Heath Coleman, Asst. Director
Amaria Scovil, Recreation Center Director
Erik Lappe, Director of Programming
Laurie Duke, Admin. Assistant
Don Taylor, Advisory Board Vice-Chair
Mike Winward, Senior Center Director
Dustin Grabau, County Manager
Mike Davis, MIDA Coordinator
Ben Marvin, IT Specialist

Board Chairman, Jeff Wade called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.

Minutes:

Heath Coleman presented the minutes for January 11, 2022.

Board Vice-Chair, Marilyn Crittenden made a motion to approve the minutes for January 11, 2022. Board Member, Kendall Crittenden, seconded the motion. Motion passes with the following vote:

AYE:	Board Vice-Chair, Marilyn Crittenden
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AYE:	Board Member, Steve Farrell
AYE:	Board Member, Danny Goode
AYE:	Board Member, Mark Nelson
AYE:	Board Member, Spencer Park
NAY:	None
ABSTAIN:	Board Chairman, Jeff Wade (Absent on January 11, 2022)

Warrants:

Heath Coleman presented the warrants for January 1, 2022 through February 4, 2022 in the amount of \$127,124.50.

Kendall asked why High School Soccer is on the warrants and Heath explained that we run a High School Soccer League similar to our High School Basketball League. It is a Rec. Center program.

Board Member, Steve Farrell made a motion to approve the warrants for January 1, 2022 through February 4, 2022 in the amount of \$127,124.50.

Board Member, Spencer Park seconded the motion. Motion passes with the following vote:

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AYE: Board Member, Spencer Park

NAY: None

Introduction of Mike Winward as new Sr. Citizen's Director:

Heath introduced Mike Winward, the new Senior Center Director and said that they are excited to move forward with him in this new capacity. Heath reported that the maintenance position has been filled and that now we are advertising for Mike's previous position of Activities Coordinator. The council welcomed Mike. Kendall asked Mike if he would be available on Friday morning at 9:00 to plan the Senior Advisory Board Meeting. Mike responded that he would be available. Kendall commented that he had received a post card that the Senior Center would be open on Monday and Mike said that they opened yesterday, February 7th. Heath reminded everyone that the Senior Center was closed right after the New Year due to COVID, but Mike has been working with the Health Department and they have been approved to re-open.

IFA Discussion:

Tom reported that the Impact Fee Analysis will be presented to this Board on February 16th. Tom stated that at the last Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting they discussed the IFA and wanted to make a recommendation to this Board and so Tom wanted to get it on the record. The Advisory Board made a motion to recommend to the County Council that the impact fee be raised to 90% of the maximum allowed and that the Parks & Recreation impact fee be reviewed every other year and increased every 5 years if not needed sooner.

Tom explained that the IFA Analysis, by Louis Roberts, set the maximum fee for a single family residence at \$2,151.00 and \$2,108.00 for a multi-family residence. The existing fee is \$822.00 for a single family residence and \$587.00 for a multi-family residence.

So their recommendation of 90% = \$1,935.00 Single family residence and \$1,897.00 Multi-family residence.

Kendall asked if they would have all the numbers by the meeting on Feb. 16th and Dustin responded that they would. Kendall asked why the cost difference between single family and multi-family residence and Dustin answered that Louis Roberts estimated the average household occupancy at 2.41 for single family and 2.36 for multi-family residence.

Steve stated that he would be more inclined to tax the single and multi-family residences the same rate. Dustin said that he thinks we could justify any fee up to the maximum amount, so if the fee was \$2,108., the maximum for multi-family, you could set it for both, acknowledging that single family residences are getting a discount.

Dustin pointed out that the last time they did an IFA study was in 2008 and the numbers have drastically come down. In 2008 the maximum fee was \$3,987.00, so the 2022 number is about half. Heath commented that in 2008 the council approved just 20% of the maximum for a fee of \$822.00. Steve explained that back in 2008 they were looking more at individual property owners to build. He said that one of the main differences now is the cost of facilities for the services provided. He also reminded everyone that in 2008 we were in a recession. Dustin also commented that in the IFA analysis for 2008 the maximum was close to 4 times what it had been from the previous analysis in 1999.

Spencer asked why the Advisory Board decided on 90% of the maximum and what their discussion was. Don Taylor, Vice-chair of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, explained that when this Board first started they visited all the facilities and realized that there was a lot of deferred maintenance and capital improvements that needed to be done. They felt that they had gone so long without an increase that it was needed and felt 90% would be a good recommendation.

Steve commented that this impact fee increase could only be used for new facilities and Don replied that he understood this, but in the past, things have been added to the Parks & Recreation Department and their budget didn't go up. He said that now the department has been made whole, with Dustin's help, they were hoping to have money to put in a reserve fund for future needs. Heath commented that on their priorities list they have added future projects that would qualify for the impact fee money.

Marilyn shared the example being on top of Mt. Timpanogos and looking over on the Utah Valley side compared to looking over the Heber Valley side. The Heber Valley side has open space. She said that in the Advisory Board discussion they talked about the reason people are moving here. It is because they want the open space and quality of life that Parks & Recreation provides. She feels that is one justification for the impact fees so we can maintain this quality of life.

Dustin believes that we need the impact fees to maintain our current level of service. If we don't collect the impact fees then we either need to decrease our level of service or subsidize that cost by existing property owners. He recognizes that the new people want our current level of service.

Tom reiterated that he was just bringing the Advisory Board's recommendation to this council so that it would be on record before they meet on February 16th.

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

Board Member, Kendall Crittenden made a motion to adjourn. Board Vice-Chair, Marilyn Crittenden seconded the motion. Motion passes with the following vote:

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NAY: None

Meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Laurie Duke