

**Wasatch County Parks & Recreation SSD #21  
Board Meeting  
March 9, 2021  
Minutes**

**Attendance Live & Zoom:**

Jeff Wade, Chairman (Zoom)  
Kendall Crittenden, Member  
Steve Farrell, Member  
Mark Nelson, Member  
Spencer Park, Member

Tom Bonner, Director  
Heath Coleman, Asst. Director  
Laurie Duke, Admin. Assistant  
Dustin Grabau, Asst. County Manager

**Excused:**

Marilyn Crittenden, Vice Chair  
Danny Goode, Member

Chairman, Jeff Wade called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m.

**Minutes:**

Tom Bonner presented the minutes for February 9, 2021.

Board Member, Kendall Crittenden made a motion to approve the February 9, 2021 minutes.  
Board Member, Steve Farrell seconded the motion. Motion carries with following vote:

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| AYE: | Board Chairman, Jeff Wade        |
| AYE: | Board Member, Kendall Crittenden |
| AYE: | Board Member, Steve Farrell      |
| AYE: | Board Member, Mark Nelson        |
| AYE: | Board Member, Spencer Park       |

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| NAY:    | None                                                        |
| ABSENT: | Vice-Chair, Marilyn Crittenden<br>Board Member, Danny Goode |

**Warrants:**

Tom Bonner presented the warrants for February 5, 2021 through March 4, 2021 in the amount of \$28,310.96.

Board Member, Steve Farrell made a motion to approve the warrants for February 5, 2021 through March 4, 2021 in the amount of \$28,310.96.

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

AYE: Board Chairman, Jeff Wade  
AYE: Board Member, Kendall Crittenden  
AYE: Board Member, Steve Farrell  
AYE: Board Member, Mark Nelson  
AYE: Board Member, Spencer Park  
  
NAY: None  
ABSENT: Vice-Chair, Marilyn Crittenden  
Board Member, Danny Goode

**Sunday Facility Opening:**

Tom reported that he discussed the topic of the Recreation Center and Event Center opening on Sunday with the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board as he was asked to by Steve Farrell. After a lengthy discussion regarding the dates, times, and parameters, Ken Mickelsen made a motion that the Recreation Center and Event Center open on Sundays for general public use only, during winter months, with limited hours, at the discretion of the Director of Parks & Recreation, and that they would review after the first year. The motion passed 3 to 2.

Spencer Park asked what the reasoning was for those who were for and those who were opposed. Tom said that those who were for felt that since we are county facilities we should be open every day because there are some people who can only use the facilities on the weekends. They felt that we should give it a try and evaluate after the first year. They also agreed that we would not hold events on Sundays, except for the couple of UBRA events that are already happening that would be grandfathered in.

Tom stated that those who were opposed were concerned about costs and staffing of the facilities. Tom repeated what he had said during our discussion on this last month, that if the Board asks that the facilities be open on Sunday, we will make it work.

Mark Nelson reiterated his feelings that he expressed at the last Board Meeting on this topic. He said that he is against opening on Sundays because he feels we will be opening a door that we won't be able to close. He thinks that eventually it will get to the point where the managers will have to work on Sundays. Kendall agreed with Mark. Steve said that he was not opposed to opening on Sundays if it is used by the public and not just for babysitting.

Jeff believes we should at least give it a try. He said that you can't really tell what the use would be from responses to a survey. He asked Tom if he would put together what the costs would be to open on Sundays, so that the council could see these numbers before they vote. Tom said that he will figure the costs and we can revisit this topic at a later meeting, because if we do decide to open on Sundays it would not be until October or November.

Kendall stated that if we open on Sundays it needs to be very clear that this is on a six month trial basis. Steve commented that we need to be pro-active moving forward because our demographics have changed a lot in the past ten to fifteen years.

Spencer Park asked about staffing and Tom said that we would staff with part-time employees, but we would need an adult supervisor. We do have one part-time adult supervisor, but staffing will be an issue that will need to be worked out.

**Advisory Board Update:**

Tom reported that they have put together the MOU and have isolated it out into each department area. Tom and Mike Davis will be working on this and present a draft of the MOU at the next Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting on April 1, 2021.

Steve asked Tom if he thought we would be able to have our summer events as normal this year. Tom responded that with the mask mandate ending on April 10<sup>th</sup> he believes our summer events will be able to go back to normal and we are moving forward and planning for that. He said that we may have to make some adjustments, but we are hoping to have Fair Days as it was before COVID.

Steve also asked about the Memorial Day Program and Tom answered that we would like to do the Memorial Day Program as we did last year, having a drive-thru that people can go to all day. It worked out very well last year. It seemed that there were a lot more people who were able to appreciate it since they could go any time during the day instead of just a set time in the morning. Kendall asked if the veterans all came at a certain time last year and Tom said that it was not an option due to the gathering restrictions that were in place then. Tom commented that we could do that this year so the veterans could be recognized. Heath stated that this was suggested at the first planning meeting. Kendall said that he likes that idea.

Tom commented that it also looks like graduation will be taking place at the Event Center this year. He has heard that they may possibly do three separate sessions on May 20, 2021.

Heath stated that with the new mask mandate, he believed that if it was a group of over 50 people, masks would still be required. He said that we will have to work with the Health Department, but if that is the case we should be able to sell all tickets to our events and just require masks.

Steve asked that all the summer events and Fair Days information be advertised on the Parks & Recreation Facebook page and Spencer suggested that it also be updated on the app. Heath said that he will update all social media.

Kendall asked if the immunization station at the Event Center will interfere with our events and Tom answered that we are just planning to utilize their set up to work for our events.

Jeff Wade asked if there were any other questions. There were none.

Board Member, Kendall Crittenden made a motion to adjourn.

Board Member, Steve Farrell seconded the motion. Motion passes with the following vote:

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| AYE: | Board Chairman, Jeff Wade        |
| AYE: | Board Member, Kendall Crittenden |
| AYE: | Board Member, Steve Farrell      |
| AYE: | Board Member, Mark Nelson        |
| AYE: | Board Member, Spencer Park       |

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| NAY:    | None                           |
| ABSENT: | Vice-Chair, Marilyn Crittenden |
|         | Board Member, Danny Goode      |

Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Laurie Duke