**Wasatch County Parks & Recreation SSD #21**

**Board Meeting**

**July 10, 2018**

**Minutes**

**Attendance: Excused:**

Danny Goode, Chairman Mike Petersen, Member

Spencer Park, Vice-Chair

Kendall Crittenden, Member

Steve Farrell, Member

Greg McPhie, Member

Mark Nelson, Member

Tom Bonner, Director

Heath Coleman, Asst. Director

Laurie Duke, Admin. Assistant

Danny Goode called the meeting to order at 3:23 p.m.

Tom Bonner presented the minutes for June 12, 2018.

Greg McPhie made a motion to approve the June 12, 2018 minutes.

Kendall Crittenden 2nd the motion. Motion carries.

Steve Farrell abstained from voting since he was not in attendance at the June 12th meeting.

Danny asked if there were any Public Issues for future meetings. There were none.

Danny asked if there were any Governing Board Issues for future meetings. Tom commented that at the September Board Meeting he would be presenting his recommendations on what he would like to see as the Parks & Recreation Department moves forward.

Danny asked the Board Members if they had any questions, at any time, to contact Tom.

**Warrants:**

Tom presented the warrants for June 8, 2018 through July 6, 2018 in the amount of $94,301.86.

Steve asked about the cash donations for Miss Wasatch from local businesses. Laurie explained that the businesses give donations for the Miss Wasatch Pageant and that money is then passed on as prize money to the different contestants. Kendall said that it would be a pass through item then. Steve commented that we don’t want to circumvent the IRS and that we want to make sure everything is done properly. Tom said it is similar to the prize money we give out at the rodeo from Mountainland One Stop. Tom will talk to Amaria to find out exactly what the business donations are for and then he will speak with Barry to make sure that everything is done properly. Tom will e-mail the board with this information.

Greg McPhie made a motion to approve the warrants for June 8, 2018 through July 6, 2018 in the amount of $94,301.86.

Spencer Park 2nd the motion. Motion carries.

**Memorial Day Celebration Discussion:**

Heath reported that Marvin, with the group that put on the “Memorial Hill Matters” event, has talked to Amaria about joining forces with us on our Memorial Day Celebration. Neither Heath nor Tom have talked to anyone on this and asked Amaria to hold off on any discussions until they had a chance to talk to the Board. Heath commented that Parks & Recreation are happy with the way our program is run and would like to keep it as is and at our facility.

Heath asked Mark Nelson if he knew more about what their program is all about. Mark responded that he has not talked to any of that group regarding joining forces, but he thinks their pitch is to promote freedom and patriotism, and may be associated with the High Valley Arts Program. They may be seeing the Memorial Hill Matters event as a vehicle to get more involved in the community.

Tom said that the biggest reason we do not want to combine is because we do not want to turn our program into a fund raiser. This is a celebration for the veterans. It is a free program and he feels that this is the most important event we put on all year.

Tom and Heath both agree that the Memorial Hill Matters group are a well-connected group and that the integrity of their program is every bit as good as ours. Tom commented that he would like direction from the Board in deciding if Parks & Rec should continue our program, or if we should step aside and let the other group do their program or continue to pull from both directions. He feels people will not attend both.

Mark stated that the Parks & Rec. Memorial Day Program is very successful and that we should keep doing ours and let the other group do theirs.

Tom responded then, that he would ask the Board that they do not authorize any county facilities to be used during the specific time frame of our program, so we are not competing with them.

One other option is if we decided that the other group take over, they could rent our facility.

Kendall brought up once again that he would still like to take this issue to the Inter-local meeting.

Steve commented that Midway City is somewhat involved with the other program because Celeste Johnson, Midway Mayor, and also the Governor, spoke at it. Celeste had asked Steve if he attended and he said that he had not because he had attended the County Program. Celeste then asked him about joining forces with the county. Tom said that he would not have a problem joining forces with Midway City.

Steve asked Tom to reach out to Celeste to see if joining forces might be a possibility. Tom will contact Celeste and he also asked Mark to get him Marvin’s contact information so that he could also talk to him.

Heath commented that, in the past, Midway City has supported us with monetary funds, as has Heber City and Charleston.

**Resolution 18-02 Adopting Final Tax Rate and Budget 2018:**

The 2018 Tax rate is .000241 on taxable value of $5,617,315,353. That will generate 1,353,773.

Steve asked how much of a drop this was from last year. Tom answered that the tax rate went from .000263 to .000241. To change this we would have to go through Truth in Taxation on October 1st.

Steve Farrell made a motion to accept Resolution 18-02 to adopt the certified final tax rate of .000241.

Kendall Crittenden 2nd the motion. Motion carries.

**Budget Discussion:**

Tom announced that at the September meeting they would be having an in-depth discussion on the budget.

Steve commented that if we were to maintain our current tax rate, with the rate of growth we have, each tax payer would basically see a reduction. Tom agreed. Greg asked that when it comes time to do the regional parks if that would be one way we could help pay for those. Tom responded that yes it would to operate and maintain them. Greg said that he realizes this is a much bigger discussion than we have time for today and Tom agreed that this will be discussed in detail in September. Tom said that we do need to look at the tax rate because of the facilities we’ve added, the number of people using them, and the number of staff required.

Our facilities are definitely being used. Tom reported that just the week before last, with the Firecracker Tournament, we had 282 baseball teams here playing 253 games in three days. End of this week we will have the Tournament of Champions here where 110 teams qualified. Then on July 20th & 21st we have our Pioneer Tournament with 115 to 120 teams.

Kendall asked if we are making any money on these games and Tom responded that he charges $25. per game, which pays for all of the man power to run the games, so we pretty much break even. Greg commented that the indirect dollars that come into the community is unbelievable. He said that these three tournaments bring in as much as Cowboy Poetry. Steve commented that he doesn’t like to see tax money go to maintain these tournaments, but if we are covering our costs for operation and maintenance he is fine with that. Tom agreed with him, and stated that we generate enough money to cover our costs.

Danny brought up the issue that the county covers the district financially in the red months, and then in the green months the district reimburses the county. Tom explained that the district was voted & passed on June 6, 1997 and both the bond and mill levy passed, but the county commissioner decided not to issue the taxes until November of 1998. Since 2013 we’ve added the Event Center, Vets Park and the whole County Fair to the budget. After some discussion, Tom reiterated that in September they would be having an in-depth discussion and he would definitely have some recommendations for the board, regarding the budget, as we move forward.

**Director’s Report:**

Tom asked the Board to put the following dates and times on their calendars:

Monday, July 30th, - 5:30 p.m. Party in the Park. (They will start serving at 6 p.m.)

Wednesday, Aug. 1st, - 5:30 p.m. BBQ (They will start serving at 6 p.m.)

Saturday, Aug. 4th, - 3:30 p.m. Parade (Starts at 4:00 p.m.) Jason Jepperson has offered his teams and buggy/wagon for the parade. Greg McPhie will drive the team and wagon that will carry the Board members. Jason will drive his horse and buggy for the Grand Marshall, Gene Probst.

Danny asked if everyone remembered the discussions we had with the Pickle Ball Association. Everyone agreed that they, the members of the Pickle Ball Association, were going to go to other entities and do their own fundraising and then come back with whatever they had so the Board could look at it.

The Board’s offer was to provide property and maintenance for another pickle ball court. Danny asked if anyone from that association has told any of the board members that they have come up with some money. None of the board members have heard anything. Danny just wanted to confirm that everyone remembered what our position was regarding this issue.

Greg McPhie made a motion to adjourn.

Steve Farrell 2nd the motion. Motion passes.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Laurie Duke