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

**Board Meeting**

**June 9, 2020**

**Minutes**

**Attendance by Remote**:

Jeff Wade, Chairman Tom Bonner, Director

Kendall Crittenden, Member Amaria Scovil, Rec. Center Director

Steve Farrell, Member Erik Lappe, Rec. Center Programs Director

Mark Nelson, Member Jon Provost, Event Center Director

Spencer Park, Member Laurie Duke, Admin. Assistant

Dustin Grabau, Asst. County Manager

**Excused**:

Danny Goode, Vice Chairman

Marilyn Crittenden, Member

Heath Coleman, Asst. Director

Board Chairman, Jeff Wade, called the meeting to order at 3:16 p.m.

**Minutes**:

Tom Bonner presented the minutes for May 12, 2020.

Board Member, Mark Nelson made a motion to approve the May12, 2020 minutes.

Board Member, Spencer Park seconded the motion. Motion carries with 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: Board Vice Chairman, Danny Goode

Board Member, Marilyn Crittenden

**Warrants:**

Tom Bonner presented the warrants for May 9, 2020 through June 5, 2020 in the amount of $28,661.49.

Board Member, Steve Farrell made a motion to approve the warrants for May 9, 2020 through June 5, 2020 in the amount of $28,661.49

Board Member, Kendall Crittenden 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: Board Vice Chairman, Danny Goode

Board Member, Marilyn Crittenden

**COVID-19 Parks & Recreation Update**:

The Recreation Center has been opened now that we are at yellow. Attendance has been sparse, which it always is in the summer, but attendance is definitely down. We are complying with all safety regulations. Protective shields are up at the front desk. The staff are wearing masks and taking each patron’s temperature. We also have hand sanitizing stations at various spots in the Rec. Center.

The parks are now fully open, including the restrooms, which are being cleaned every few hours throughout the day, depending on their use. The pickle ball courts are open and they are very busy. We are not quite back to normal, but we are getting there as much as we can with the given guidelines. We hired 3 seasonal employees when we went to yellow because we had to bring the programming staff back to start the summer programs and activities that we can provide now. Since all of these COVID-19 restrictions started, we have kept all employees at 40 hours per week, or less, so we have not paid any overtime.

Tom asked if there were any questions regarding our programs. Mark Nelson commented that he saw some baseball going on over the past weekend and Tom replied that it was our 2020 Inaugural Baseball games that were played on one field. He had a staff member there to periodically check and clean the restrooms. Due to the rainy weather there were not many spectators. Tom said this leads us into our next agenda item.

**Programs and Events Discussion**:

Tom explained that we are going through all the parameters and requirements that we have been given from the Health Department and the Governor’s COVID-19 Planning Template.

We will have a softball tournament next week with about 35 to 40 teams at Southfield Park and Vets West Park. July will be a busy month with the various baseball tournaments that we normally do. Again, all guidelines will be followed to keep everyone safe.

Our next event scheduled at the Event Center will be a Barrel Race in July.

Tom reported that we have had to adjust our programs and said that we are offering the following:

Basketball Camp Boys & Girls Coach Pitch

Soccer Camp T-Ball

Science Camp Men’s & Coed Softball

Ceramics Make-up Tennis Classes

Jewelry

We were not able to offer Little League this year due to the time frame. Tom explained that if Little League is not wrapped up by July 4th we start losing kids, which mean forfeits and then we have upset parents and kids.

Going forward we will be offering: Baseball Clinics, Track Clinics, Golf Clinics at Soldier Hollow, Tie Dye T-shirts, Birdhouse Painting and other misc. activities that we can still do under the COVID-19 guidelines.

Tom asked if anyone had any questions about the programs. Kendall commented that he thinks the department is doing a great job planning programs within the guidelines. He commended Tom for their willingness to cooperate and offer as many programs as possible within the parameters the State, Health Department, and the Council have given them.

Kendall asked Tom what the input has been regarding the decisions made last week about our County Fair. Tom answered that they have been monitoring social media. On the day we announced the modified fair, there were a few people that weren’t happy that we can’t have our traditional fair. He said that the comments were not mean-spirited and he feels that people have come to the realization that this is our situation right now. He thinks that people are starting to embrace the modified schedule and have been asking questions about the Drive-in Movie, Concert, and Livestock show.

Tom also reported that they have come up with some contingency plans for some additional events if some of the restrictions are lifted as we get closer to the dates of the fair. Kendall clarified that Tom is talking about events that could be added with a shorter planning period and Tom said that was correct.

Tom then proposed a question to the Board regarding the Drive-In Movie that is taking the place of our traditional Party in the Park where we usually have hot dogs, watermelon, and a drink. Since we can’t really start the movie until it is almost dark, which won’t be until after 9:00 p.m., Tom asked the Board what they thought about providing pre-packaged popcorn and water. Kendall commented that it would easier and Tom responded that he wasn’t concerned about that, but more concerned with the time of night. Mark asked if the movie would be from about 10 p.m. to midnight and Tom said that it would be approximately 9:30 to 11:15 p.m. Kendall, Jeff, and Spencer all agreed that popcorn would be better due to the late hour.

Kendall asked how the movie sound was going to work. Tom said that they have been discussing having the sound over the radio or having Hoyt broadcast it and maybe doing both. They are looking into all options.

Steve Farrell asked about the status of the High School Rodeo Finals going forward, since this year they are in Hurricane. Tom answered that he has talked to Kelly Anderson, the National Director, and they have no intention of leaving Heber City. Our contract was scheduled to expire in 2021, but it has been extended a year so our contract is through 2022. Tom explained that next year they will have conversations to extend it past 2022.

Tom asked if there were any more questions. There were none, so Jeff asked for a motion to adjourn.

Board Member, Mark Nelson, made a motion to adjourn.

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

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AYE: Board Member, Spencer Park

NAY: None

ABSENT: Board Vice Chairman, Danny Goode

Board Member, Marilyn Crittenden

Meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Laurie Duke