

**Canon City Area Metropolitan
Recreation and Park District
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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 13, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER The Canon City Area Metropolitan Recreation and Park District Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board Vice-Chairman, Jim Johnson, in the board meeting room located at 575 Ash Street.

ROLL CALL

Board Members:

Present: Kalem Lenard (by phone)
Jim Johnson
Mike Sallie
Nick Sartori

Staff: Kyle Horne Executive Director
Dawn Green Finance Director

Attorney: Dan Slater

Guests: Tony Adamic
John Sand
Ashley Smith

Board member Mike Sallie made a motion, seconded by board member Nick Sartori to excuse the absence of board member Scott Johnson. Motion carried unanimously, all aye vote.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Board member Mike Sallie made a motion, seconded by board member Jim Johnson to accept the minutes from the regular board meeting on July 9, 2019 as written. Motion carried unanimously, all aye vote.

Board member Mike Sallie made a motion, seconded by board member Nick Sartori to accept the minutes from the public meeting held on August 6, 2019 as written. Motion carried unanimously, all aye vote.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Board member Mike Sallie made a motion to accept agenda as written, seconded by board member Nick Sartori. Motion carried unanimously, all aye vote.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Board reviewed the monthly financial statements and accounts payable.

Board member Nick Sartori made a motion, seconded by board member Jim Johnson to approve the financial matters. Motion carried unanimously, all aye vote.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- No member of the public chose to speak.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- No oral or written communications were discussed.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Executive Director – Kyle Horne reported:

- The District received a grant from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) with funds to replace the ten targets at the Archery Range. Mr. John Sand, Volunteer State Chairman for the RMEF, was on hand to discuss the foundation's focus to conserve the elk and their habitat in order to preserve the state's hunting heritage. There are chapters of the organization in several states and they partner with the Forest Service and BLM and other local entities.
This grant award can be used as match for a Colorado Parks & Wildlife Range Grant for improvements to the District's archery range including upgrading the bow stands, having covered shooting lanes and improving the ADA access.
- The District recently filled two open positions with internal candidates. Cody Bennett is now the Recreation Technician and Jaimee Southern was hired as the new Kids Klub Director.
- The Kids Klub program is down to three sites for the school year. Those students who attend Canon Exploratory School will be bused by the School District to Washington if they are going to Kids Klub after school. Similarly, students attending Harrison School will be bused to McKinley Elementary.

- Zach Bailey's proposed Eagle Scout project at Eagle Wing will take place the last weekend in August to install split rail fencing around the parking lot.
- The Mile Hi Youth Corps crews are finished with their Russian elm removal project in John Griffin Regional Park. Kyle attended their end of season get together in Colorado Springs. The Youth Corps said some nice things about the District and Canon City. The District will hold a staff development day to plant seedlings to help revegetate the area. John Grieve with the Forest Service will be on hand to help. The office will be closed on August 30th for this purpose.
- District staff is pursuing a GOCO grant to upgrade the playground and perhaps the lighting at Rouse Park. Kyle will be contacting Churchich Recreation to seek information on cost estimates and design planning for the playground. Grant matching funds need to be sought. Board member Kalem Lenard suggested approaching Martin Marietta.
- The Annual Special Districts Association conference is September 18-20 in Keystone. Kyle, Dawn Green and Scott Johnson plan to attend. The Colorado Parks & Recreation Association conference is in Vail October 9-11. Ken Burger and Kyle plan to attend.

Dan Slater:

- Dan Slater had no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- The Recreation District and REC (Recreation Enhances our Community) held a public meeting at the Canon City High School Auditorium on August 6th. Ninety-nine people attended. The presentations by the District and REC were well received. It seemed like a crowd that was in favor of a recreation center. In discussing next steps on the proposed center, Kyle suggested going live on Facebook at the next public meeting, or possibly a weekly vlog to discuss the recreation center issues in 2 to 3-minute sessions. He is working on a fact sheet. The board members who attended the public meeting discussed their impressions. Board member Nick Sartori stated that educating the public on the issue is important and to take note of any obstacles mentioned on Facebook. Ashley Smith has talked to Michael Acala at the Daily Record, who has expressed interest in following this story. Kyle spoke to representatives at the Fremont County Crusader who have offered column space every other week. Kyle spoke with Ryan Stevens of the City of Canon City, who has asked the Recreation District to be the contracting agent on the next steps associated with the project. In this budget year, the District, the City and the County have each budgeted \$10,000 for this purpose, with an IGA in place. Kyle Horne asked if the current IGA would need to be updated. There was a discussion, which included the need to include representatives from REC as the process moves forward. Board member Jim Johnson believes that the contracting agent needs to be a government agency. Board member Kalem Lenard stated that the District needs to have a clear understanding of what we are contracting. Citizen surveys,

determining what would be included in the center, and if there is support to fund it are parts of the next portion of the project. Reliable information is needed to decide on whether to move forward with a ballot question.

- In an updated financial comparison, the revenues at the Icabone pool are at 67% of last year's amount to date. The weather and mechanical issues have discouraged attendance at the pool. There was a break in at the pool and money was stolen from the safe, and the safe was damaged. A police report was filed as was a claim with the District's insurance company. Adam Pierce, Kyle and representatives from the security company that installed the system at the District's office building, toured the facility to look at security system adjustments at the pool. As school has resumed, there is a staff shortage at the pool. There are now only two lifeguards and three managers. After Sunday, open swim times will end.

Kyle McCauley, a representative of Lamp Rynearson, one of the aquatics firms that bid on the pool's site audit has been following the stories about the Icabone Pool. Kyle Horne spoke with him about the pool's boiler. Mr. McCauley estimated a replacement cost of \$20,000-\$50,000 with the higher end being an energy efficient model, which could be moved to a new facility. The board discussed the pool and how it compares to the public pool in Florence. In an effort to increase revenues, Kyle reduced admission prices to match those in Florence for the remainder of the season.

- Kyle and Park Supervisor Devin Everhart will be meeting with Commissioner Tim Payne, County Manager Sunny Bryant and Anthony Lippis to look at the project to stabilize the riverbank across from the District office this week. The County has agreed to split the costs with the District until the levee status is determined by the Army Corps of Engineers. Then the entity responsible will reimburse the other for their portion of the costs incurred. Once the bank work is complete, District crews will repair that section of the Riverwalk trail.


NEW BUSINESS

- Nationwide there is a decline in participation in youth flag and tackle football. The District is seeing this trend as well, with registration numbers for our league similar to last year. There are enough players to form four 4th grade teams and three teams in 5th-6th grade. The Pueblo Police Activity League (PAL) has reached out to the District to form a combined league, as they are also seeing a drop in their participation numbers. Half the games would be played in Canon City and the other half in Pueblo. The District would pay for officials when the games are played here, and PAL will pay them when the games are played in Pueblo. The coaches are on board with this and there has been no negative feedback from the parents.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Board Vice-Chairman Jim Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by:



Dawn Green, Finance Director

Approved as written or amended:



Meeting Chair