



“Creating a Community Legacy through Parks and Recreation”
Zoom Meeting
November 11, 2020

Board Members Present: Tim Power Smith, Kirk Schneider, Leroy Duroux, Bonnie Scott, Jennifer Riffle

Staff Present: Becky Wagner, Nate Grinzinger

Public Present: none

6:00 Meeting called to order at 6:00

6:02 Approval of Agenda
Leroy moves to approve the agenda as written. Bonnie seconds. All in favor.

6:05 Approval of October 14th, Board Meeting Minutes
Kirk motions to approve the minutes. Bonnie seconds. All in favor.

6:10 Approval of October 2020 payables.
Leroy motions to approve. Bonnie seconds. All in favor.

Audit Engagement Letter

Bonnie motions to approve the audit letter. Kirk seconds. All in favor.

Bike Park Director Report

- Nate has been working on putting a bike school together with private lesson options and an elite team for 2021
- Both Steadman and Aspen Valley hospital are donating 20k next year towards the park.
- A bike park parent volunteer team has been put together and we are giving out tasks for individuals
- We are working on detailed drawings for a shade and vendor area on the cement slab.
- Our goal is to get our merchandise for the bike park in Skico stores for next year.

Tim feels the air bag could be a great revenue generator for the park. Nate mentioned that we are looking to put together air bag sessions for next year and private party options. The biggest issue with the airbag is setup, we are working on a mechanical mechanism to make it easier to setup. Currently we need 3-4 staff for setup. This is something we are looking into for 2021.

Executive Director Report

Restored building is coming along great. We are tracking completion around Thanksgiving. The past couple weeks we have been working on drywall, mudding, painting, trim, shelving, flooring, gas and electrical.

Staff has been working hard. We are putting a lot of focus into the X country ski track. We have designated the path before snow flies. Mark will maintain the track this year with Andy Putnam's help.

We removed all the sports equipment from fields. We have winterized Crown and are ready for plowing for winter.

We are still looking into the outdoor hockey rink. The boards that were available before have been purchase by a hockey organization in Grand Junction. Sheldon Wolitski is looking for other boards for Crown this winter. Becky asked the board if they are interested in a temporary ice rink at Crown if Sheldon covers the bill. Jenn wanted to mention that we are possibly setting a precedent that anyone who has enough money to pay for a new amenity, like a pool, will come to us to do so. How and when do we say no? Becky agrees that is something we should think about. Due to the current COVID situation creating additional outlets for people should be a top priority. Tim agrees as well but feels we take this on a case by case basis. He feels this situation is temporary and we can justify doing it. Jenn feels we should have an attorney draft some verbiage to protect the district for potential situations in the future.

Crown continues to look at land use with Sheldon Wolitski regarding the Recreation Center. We are in talks with Eagle County along the way. Leroy thanked the staff for all their work and restoring an old building that will protect Crown assets moving into the future. Nate complimented Becky on overseeing this entire project and saving the district hundreds of thousands of dollars along the way.

Executive Director Review

Tim has reached out to all board members to gather thoughts and opinions. The board will look at compensation and bonus structures. Tim would like to see something measurable moving forward. Tim will organize this process with the board and be prepared to communicate the feedback collected by the board members to Becky.

Becky wants to recap all the accomplishments in 2020, she expresses that these are team highlights and could not be accomplished without our outstanding team.

Top Highlights

- 1st ever LOPR GOCO grant
- 1st big projects completed (World class bike park & garage storage renovation)
- Former board member Robert Hubbell received the CPRA columbine award for community champion (This was a special one and well deserved for what Robert and his family has done for the community since the 50's)
- Crown Mountain Park received our first CPRA award for Bike Park Design (Kudos to Nate on putting together a great team to make sure this design was perfect. This is a honor and an award that has not been seen in the Valley.)

Park Savings in 2020

- The district has saved 1.7 million dollars this year through in-kind donations
- \$183, 098 Grants

- \$46,500 Sponsorship

Greatest Park achievement 2020

The district has hands down effected more people's health this year than any entity in the Roaring Fork Valley. Becky is proud of what we have become for the community in a time of such need. She wants to talk about them impact the park has had on the community. Crown became the safe gathering place when nothing else was available this year. We successfully had 300 kids participate in Bike Park Park programming. Hundreds of kids received free summer educational classes at the park. The Soccer Club had 325 registered athletes, and the lacrosse club had 200 registered athletes. We had the first event in the Valley with our movie series totally 446 cars over the summer. The cornhole tournament had 65 registered teams. Our BMX race nights had record riders with an average of 72 riders every week. Everyday parents would come to us telling us this park saved them this year and gave them hope for the future.

This would not be possible without out staff. These guys put in 110 percent because they love what they do and want to help the community. This year she something special out of every employee. They believe in what we are doing and see the potential this park could have for generations.

- Robert the other day said, "I haven't worked one day at the park this year. It's not work I love what I do."
- Rick who's 60 years old showed up during peak COVID to clean restrooms when he was instructed to go home.
- Andy has taken on countless capital projects. He said, "I lose sleep over making sure things are done right."
- Nate spent 80 hours a week this spring perfecting the bike park and continues to shine as great leader.

Becky has worked in government for the past 16 years and has never seen a team like this before. It really is something to be proud of. The retention and excitement I see in our staff makes coming into work very motivating for everyone and that is why we are getting things done for this community. No one in our industry is doing what we are currently doing. The numbers above are unheard of.

As far as the board, Becky would like to thank them for there volunteer time. Becky appreciates the hard decisions the board was faced this year and feels like they made the right decisions for the communities health. Without the backing of the board this year the community would have not had a place to recreate. It changed people's lives more than anyone knows.

Becky's goal for this district when she started this job was to make this community healthier. She saw it this year at the park, we changed people's lives for the better and she's happy to see her main goal accomplished.

Executive Director Goals for 2021

- Continue to help Sheldon make this indoor facility a reality and see how we fit into the picture
- Create a plan for the other abandoned building
- Work with Bridging Biotics and Ascendigo to create better trails through the native
- Investigate more grant opportunities

- More detailed plans on restrooms and utilities throughout the park.

Leroy wants to follow suit and decide what goals are for the board as well.

Kirk followed up that 2020 was a weird year and Becky and Nate overcame every obstacle.

Becky mentioned we could setup a zoom meeting in the future to discuss board goals.

7:00

Leroy motions to adjourn at 7:00 pm. Jenn seconds. All in favor.