



“Creating a Community Legacy through Parks and Recreation”
Eagle County Building
March 8, 2023

Board Members Present: Leroy Duroux, Ted Bristol, Heather Lewin, Trevor LaLonde, Bonnie Scott

Excused: N/A

Staff Present: Becky Wagner, Nate Grinzinger

Public Present: Please forgive any misspelling due to ability to read penmanship.

Diane Boah, Judi Simecek, Shelley Lundh, Nancy Ziegel, Kathy Robinson, Kelly Capri, Susan Cheney, Howard Freeman, Howard Roney, Kirk Schneider, Colleen Barill, Ellen Knous, Paula Ponto, Molly Jones, Stephanie Hayes, Lauren Raymond, Jerome Simecek.

6:00 **Approval of Agenda:**

Bonnie motions. Ted seconds. All in favor.

6:05 **Approval of February 8, Minutes**

Ted motions. Heather seconds. All in favor.

6:22 **Approval March 2023 payables**

Trevor asked about Mark Pearson and who he is. Becky commented we pay Mark to manage the Cross country track. We pay him roughly \$2000 a winter.

Ted motions to approve. Bonnie seconds. All in favor.

6:24 **Cost Recovery/Fees/Fee waiver policy**

Becky reviews the cost recovery continuum and service categories with the board. She mentions the District is currently meeting cost recovery goals for all amenities at the park. The updated fees for park facilities are based off of assumed direct and indirect cost associated to utilizing those amenities for 2023. Overall fees for private use of the park make up about 5% of the revenue for the park. On average park's within the country are subsidized by 95% according to CPRA. Becky commented that the district is managing the park in a very sustainable way. The Cost Recovery model is 4 years of work analyzing the cost of all users and setting a price structure the board determines is fair regarding use.

Heather would like to see Bike Park organizations get something from their rental fees. She mentioned a shade shelter or exclusive use of a biking amenity.

Bonnie mentioned to raise the baseball field rental fees. Trevor feels it would be last minute to increase baseball rates in March. Heather agrees. The board will table the baseball field fee increase for later in the year.

The biggest changes to fees is the addition of subcontractor utilization of park facilities. Entities will need to show proof of insurance to use the park and fees will be associated to those uses. All other rental fees will stay the same for 2023.

Bonnie motions to approve the updated fees for 2023. Ted, Leroy and Heather all agree. Trevor votes against the new fees.

Becky is bringing up the Fee waiver policy to the board for entities running free programs. The plan is for the board to determine what free events get comped space at the park. The entity needs to meet all criteria to apply for the fee waiver and must present there need to the board for approval.

Bonnie motions to approve the fee waiver policy. Ted seconds. All in favor.

6:27 **Master Plan Site Review**

Eagle County mentioned Crown potentially needing to complete a traffic study for the PUD amendment. Becky is not sure why we need to do a traffic study after The Fields Project just completed one in 2022. Staff is continuing to work with Eagle County on this matter to amend the PUD. We will look to hire a consulting team to help the district with the amendment.

Ted believes that pickleball and tennis should be in separate locations due to the noise. He also believes tennis should stay where it is currently, but be improved with post tension concrete. Bonnie agrees with Ted.

Trevor is concerned about the new parking lot near the volleyball courts and safety with the design. Heather asked how binding we are to this master plan drawing. Becky mentioned we are allowed to change locations of amenities up to 10%.

Heather mentioned changing Racket Sports to Hard Court Surfaces. The board agreed.

Trevor asked about the location for the synthetic turf. The board is questioning if turfing over the baseball field is the right move. Staff will continue to analyze.

Heather asked about the water rights to fill the ponds. She asked about the evaporation right as well and if we have the proper rights. Becky said we do have the water rights to expand the ponds.

Bonnie asked about the road behind the office. Becky said it is maintenance and emergency access road. Bonnie also asked if we have enough parking for the future.

Ted motions to approve the Master Plan with proposed changes. Trevor seconds. All in favor.

7:15 **Public Comment**

Mark Godomsky is here to thank Crown Mtn Park for working with AVSC. He is genuinely thankful and found it great to work with Nate and Becky.

Shelly Freeman is here to support tennis. She is thankful for what Crown has done the past years and is grateful. Shelly works for the USTA & CTA. She is the area coordinator. She does all the scheduling for all the league matches. She feels that adding pickleball lines on the tennis courts will kill the USTA tennis league. Tennis currently does not allow pickleball lines on courts that are scheduled for USTA. She is hoping there can be an alternative plan for a pickleball location.

Colleen Barill has kids that play on the High School tennis team. High School can also not play on courts with pickleball lines. She is concerned about capacity.

Judy Simecek is a team captain for league tennis play. Pickleball currently has 6 courts in Carbondale, 4 in El Jebel, The Winn Institute has 2 courts, Stotts Mill is potentially getting 2. Tennis has 4 at Crown, 2 in basalt, 2 at RVR, 2 coming at Stotts Mill. Judy feels that it does not make sense to add pickleball lines over tennis courts when tennis has half the courts as pickleball. Kirk Schneider thanks the board and staff for what they do so well with little thanks. Kirk is a previous board member and agrees, adding pickleball lines on the tennis courts would be a real detriment to the league. Stefanie Hayes is a league captain. She feels

the rate for reserving tennis is a bit high. Ellen Knous agrees with Ted to maintain the existing location of tennis. She wants to ask the board that if they relocate tennis, please keep the current courts until the completion of construction for the new courts.

Howard Roney recommended for new design of hard surface courts, please consider the flexibility of design to modify sports that become popular in the future. He also congratulated the board and staff on their success.

Leroy said as long as he is on the board, the courts would not be closed down until new courts were completed. Leroy said there is no ability to add Pickleball to the park at this time as it is not an approved use in the PUD. Leroy also said that there will be not be lines added to tennis courts in 2023.

Becky urges the community to stay involved. Crown is looking at significant projects to increase community impact and she wants to grow responsibly.

Bonnie motions to adjourn. Heather seconds. All in favor.

Motion to Adjourn 8:00