



“Creating a Community Legacy through Parks and Recreation”
Board Meeting at the Eagle County Building
April 12, 2023

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

Excused: N/A

Staff Present: Becky Wagner, Nate Grinzinger

Public Present: Scott Zebim, Shelly Freeman.

6:00 **Public Comment:**

Scott is here to represent pickleball. He is a board member for RF Pickleball and is also a tennis player. He is a big advocate for making things work for tennis and pickleball. He feels there should be more focus on utilizing the surfaces for both tennis and pickleball. He feels the public tennis courts significantly outnumber the pickleball courts. As an athlete who plays both sports, he finds it easy to find a tennis court to play on but finds it very difficult to find pickleball courts. He feels the USTA tennis regulation limiting pickleball lines from being on courts is not justified.

Shelly is running for a board seat. She is here to observe and has no comment.

6:03 **Approval of Agenda:**

Bonnie motions. Trevor seconds. All in favor.

6:05 **Approval of March Minutes**

Motion to approve by Ted. Trevor seconds. All in favor.

6:10 **Approval of March 2022 Payables**

Ted asked why we have two Holy Cross charges. Becky mentioned there are charges for each building. Trevor asked if Garfield & Hecht is a reoccurring payment. Becky said those are legal fees. Legal fees will be higher while the district is updating the PUD with Eagle County.

Motion to approve by Ted. Trevor seconds. All in favor.

6:25 **Directors Report:**

Prioritizing Projects

Becky is summarizing the Master Plan review.

Ted commented that we should strongly look at private partnerships while fundraising for master plan projects instead of a potential bond.

Staff and 110% worked together to come up with a system for Project Priorities as we move forward with the Master Plan.

Heather asked for clarity on a “service provision”

Service Provision is a type of business where one party provides a service and receives a fee. Bonnie suggests rewording "service provision" because people will not know what it means. Heather suggested something along the lines of will contribute to the park revenues. Heather feels the Conceptual Estimates by Phase, is not getting her to establishing the priority list of the Master Plan.

Leroy questioned if we should prioritize existing amenities at the park over new?

Becky feels that is a good question and should be considered with priorities.

Becky, Heather and Leroy feel a splash pad would not be a good use of funds due to cost monthly for water and chemicals.

Leroy commented that a Master Plan is conceptual. It is a guiding document. But until you get to a point where you want to implement it, you don't need to get into specific cost breakdowns.

Ted likes the idea of trying to get a roof on the abandoned building.

Leroy feels the building has to be a priority because it is falling apart and time sensitive.

Heather would like to simplify the wording on the Project Priorities so they are easier to understand.

Leroy thinks the criteria as a guideline for our board and future boards is much more important than prioritizing specific projects at this time.

Ted reemphasized that we need to look at private money to decrease cost to the district.

PUD UPDATE

Becky is working with Doug Pratt who is a land planner. Eagle County directed the district to go through a complete amendment for the PUD update. The cost to the district will go up significantly and will likely come with a traffic study.

EV Parking Stations:

Charge Ahead Grant has accepted the district's grant submission and has rewarded the district \$61,000. If the district chose to install EV Stations there will be an additional \$14,000 of cost to the district. The two station locations are located near the tennis and pavilion parking lot. The biggest criticism of charging stations is ongoing maintenance issues and not having the support to repair the stations. Becky mentioned that charging stations were not part of the 2023 budget and an amendment of the budget for 2023 would need to take place.

Ted feels this could be a source of revenue for the district.

Heather asked how much revenue? Ted replied that the returns are not significant as electricity is cheap.

Heather asked if we should reach out to Holy Cross to see if this station could be free for users.

Ted motions to accept the grant from Charge Ahead Colorado. Trevor seconds. All in favor.

Fee waiver Policy

English In Action is looking to use The Clubhouse for their free adult English classes once a week. Raising A Reader wants to do free reading classes at the park and use a shade structure.

Becky mentioned that both entities meet all the criteria to waive their fees associated to use of the structures. In addition, English In Action would be required to put down a deposit for the Clubhouse for any damages. Becky is asking the board if they are willing to approve these organizations to have free use of the facilities for there programming outlined in their application.

Heather motions. Trevor seconds. All in favor.

Directors Report

Becky wants to thank the board for their time. Leroy and Bonnie are on their last termed meeting.

Leroy is running again for his second term.

Working with AVSC has been great. Becky commented that they are very organized and extremely helpful.

The new baseball fence will be completed early next week. This was a \$40,000 project. Nate raised \$22,500 to help with costs.

Motion to Adjourn 7:45

