



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

Board Members Present: Leroy Duroux, Ted Bristol, Heather Lewin, Shelley Freedman

Excused: N/A

Staff Present: Becky Wagner, Nate Grinzinger
Marchetti & Weaver: Jon Erickson

Public Present:

6:00 Agenda

Heather motions to approve the agenda. Ted seconds. All in favor.

6:05 Approval of October Minutes

Ted motions. Heather seconds. All in favor.

6:08 Approval of September and October accounts payable

Heather motions. Ted seconds. All in favor.

6:10 Budget Hearing Jon Erickson

Assessed Value increase for Crown Mountain Park.

Marchetti & Weaver recommends the district authorizing a temporary credit.

Ted does not feel we should give back funds with how much maintenance and management the park has with use numbers going up drastically. Shelley agrees with Ted. Heather feels with the abandoned building, we can not afford to give up revenues with large capital costs ahead of us. Nate asked what the refund per household would be roughly? Jon replied it would be \$60-\$100 annually.

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Software is an adjustment going up to \$20,000.

Big increase in special events from \$20,000 to \$50,000.

Bike Park being outsourced is a big adjustment.

Leroy asked about inflationary raises for staff. Jon recommends 5%.

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\$60,000 sponsorships

\$20,000 for the water service line to the Crown facilities.

\$50,000 for baseball improvements. Nate intends to raise half that money.

\$200,000 for Bike Park addition of asphalt.

\$35,000 for asphalt parking lot.

\$330,000 for playground improvements.

\$181,000 for AVSC trampoline. Paid for by AVSC.

\$300,000 for new roof on abandoned building

Leroy suggests buying the UTV on the existing year's budget and buy the mower in 2024

Shelley suggested looking at adding grass to the dog park instead of native to decrease dog injuries.

Leroy suggested not putting in Kentucky bluegrass but a more durable grass for the dog park if we do it.

Becky wants to get two ice cream vending machines. She feels we will pay off the machines in one year.

The total cost is \$18,000 for 2 machines. Jon mentioned the sales tax and accounting time will cut into profits and we will not make money back in 1 year. The board chose to lease 1 machine for a year and reassess. Leasing is free, in return the district will receive a smaller cut from ice cream sales.

Heather asked if it is worth it to just roof the building and buy us time to reassess.

Jon mentioned that we do not currently own the building.

He has seen this time and time again that entities build a facility large or small and the use and revenue does not add up to expectations.

Heather doesn't see the facility sitting empty because there is no other facilities.

Ted feels that we should be okay with a small operational subsidy as a special district.

Jon commented that there is a difference in subsidizing playing fields for \$70,000 vs subsidizing a building at \$400,000 a year. Becky will come to the next board meeting with an operational plan for the building. She recommends uses for the building that can help off-set the costs to operate the building without having high subsidies.

Becky commented that the PUD process with Eagle County has been a much longer process than anticipated. The staff has changed over at the County, a meeting with staff and showing them the park may help with the process. Shelley asked if we should just move on from the building and stop with the PUD amendment. The board asked if we should reach out to the County Commissioners to get a waiver on drainage studies for the PUD amendment. Leroy mentioned that we have put a lot of planning and public input into creating the master plan and we need to complete the PUD amendment.

Leroy asked what the fund balance would be after these 2024 budget expenditures. Jon commented that we would break even for the year with a \$45,000 surplus on the budget.

Heather commented that if the building falls through, we can consider giving money back.

Leroy feels good justifying the expenditures.

Ted motions to approve the budget with adjustments made. Shelley seconds. All in favor.

Leroy closes public hearing at 8:05pm

2023 Audit

Jon reached out to a variety of firms for Crown Mountain Park's audit. Marchetti & Weaver uses Fiscal Focus Partners for a variety of entities. The other is McMahan and Associates. He said you can not go wrong with either one. He feels McMahan and Associates will likely be busier with new clients taken on.

Shelley motions to go with Fiscal Focus. Ted seconds. All in favor.

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