



Meeting Minutes

RALEIGH COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION AUTHORITY

May 18th, 2021
11:00A.M.

1. Call to Order: Dave Tolliver

2. Roll Call

Present: Dave Tolliver, Linda K. Epling, Ron Hedrick, Detlef Ulfres, Clyde Stepp, Billy Roop, Billy Michael, BJ Pritchard, Rick Barbero, Sydney Clyburn (via Zoom), Gillian Tolliver (via Zoom)

3. New Business

3.1 Approval of Meeting Minutes (3/16/21 and 4/20/21)

Roop makes a motion to approve

Epling seconds

Motion passes

3.2 Financial Statement April 2021

All board members are provided a copy of April's financial statement. The month of April concluded with \$72,000 in the bank. At the conclusion of last year's April, there was \$21,000 in the bank. Operating revenue for April 2021 was \$64,700, whereas last year was \$2100. Much improvement has been made.

Stepp makes a motion to approve.

Epling seconds

Financial Statement approved

3.3 Capital Improvement Projects

Dump Trailer - Pritchard presents that in the capital improvement fund, \$18,015.98 has been used, leaving about \$81,984.02. Pritchard states that purchasing a 6 x 10 dump

trailer is being considered - the expected cost being about \$7,900. Tolliver states that a family member has recently purchased a 6 x 10 dump trailer from Mark IV Trailer Sales in Wytheville, VA for \$4,000 and inquires as to where the dump trailer that Pritchard is looking for is located. Pritchard states that the quote presented today is from Tri-County Trailer in Beaver, WV. A company from St. Albans was also reached out to, regarding their prices on a dump trailer. They informed Pritchard that it would be 4-6 weeks before they would be able to provide a quote, but they failed to reach back out. Troy Tractor Sales never returned the phone call. A business in Sophia declined to exchange pricing information via email with JE Daniel (Lake Stephens Maintenance Foreman). Pritchard states that they will be checking with Mark IV on the price of a dump trailer.

AEDs - The AEDs total to \$1,467.16 each. They have not yet been ordered, but they plan to place them at 10 separate locations. They will be placed in the pavilion, campstore, marina, ticketbooth, maintenance building, Fitzpatrick, Marsh Fork, Dry Hill, the 4H Camp, and Stoco, totaling to \$14,671.60. They are the electronic AEDs, which walk the user through each step, in order to safely and effectively administer defibrillation.

UTVs - This has been postponed until the dealers have inventory. Each dealership is extremely booked out with purchases, making it impossible to gather quotes at this time.

3.4 Coal Seam Core Sample Drilling

A few concerns have been raised regarding the coal company that wants to mine under the lake. The company intends to use the water out of the lake, while doing the core drilling. Pritchard and Williams discussed the matter, concluding that the company could come in to do the drilling during the fall, once the lake was drained. This may not present a major issue, but it is certainly something that Pritchard and Williams are further investigating. The company states they will be about 100 feet off from the shoreline. Roop discusses that he spoke with Molly about this concept recently, and he is not of the opinion that the board is in a position to approve or deny the drilling. This has been done before, but it was done without using the lake's water. They were on the far back side and were solely checking for gas. In this circumstance, the drilling will be done in order to check the depth of the coal seam and its thickness. Tolliver states that once more information is gathered, they will be able to make a decision. Pritchard states that he and Williams are going to ride out to the original site and observe what it looks like.

3.5 Directors Report

The phones are not working at Marshfork. Williams is still working on getting Suddenlink out to fix that issue. At Dry Hill, there are some leaks in the roof. A few years ago, a tree fell on the roof and put some holes in it, so most likely the entire backside of the building will have to be redone. The Clover Bathroom remodel is underway at the 4H Camp. There are new LED lights in the main building, which look great. There have been some complaints made against Stoco Park. The grass has not been mowed, the trash has not been picked up, and there is a posted unpaid water bill notice. The Mountaineer Football League is in charge of all of these things. Roop states that if they cannot uphold their end of the deal, which requires them to maintain upkeep of the facility, then they will not be permitted to use the fields. Five employees have completed the lifeguard training, but due

to the lack of employees, the beach may end up swimming at your own risk. If this is the case, signage is necessary to put up. The Dam area work is complete. The Earth Day/Arbor Day tree planting event went well; twenty children were present. For the disc golf course, 84 Lumber has donated wood for the frames. Appalachian Aggregate is throwing in some gravel for the tees. Whitesville State Bank has donated \$2,500 as a sponsorship for the 4th of July fireworks event. Playground planning is underway. Additional events have been added to the event calendar and will be ready soon. Parks and Rec office opening under the commission office. The outdoor sports consignment sale is scheduled for August.

4. Public Participation

4.1 Rick Barbero

Barbero appeared in front of the commissioners to explain an issue that has arisen in the campground regarding his dog, Emmy. He read witness statements that he gathered regarding the two incidents, and explained his side of the story, along with his action plan to keep the dog from being able to exit the camper again. Pritchard explained the situation from the perspective of the campers. The board unanimously voted to allow the dog to stay in the camper, so long as the dog is non-aggressive and another issue never occurs.

4.2 Kay Epling

Epling brings forth a testimony from a camper in the Lake Stephens campground, stating that he and his family go to the campground for fun, but that they are ruled to the point of the experience in the campground no longer being fun. Roop states that the reason behind the extensive rules is due to the numerous complaints and conflicts that occur during the camping season. He suggests that Epling give the rules back to the camper and ask him to re-read through them, and decide on the rules that he feels the campground does not need. All members of the board are in agreement.

5. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Stepp

Adjourned

Next Meeting June 22nd, 2021 at 11:00am (due to the Commissioners' convention on the 15th) at the Raleigh County Commission Office.