

Meeting Minutes

CHRISTMAS VALLEY PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT, DBA

North Lake Park and Recreation District

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Christmas Valley Park and Recreation Office

Opening Meeting:

Meeting called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Board Chairperson, Shara Shumway.

Also present were:

Board Member, Glenna Wade

Board Member, Ron Wilson

Board Member, Barbara Ferrando

Board Member, Jack Mason

Patty Effingham

Carl Shumway

Terry Crawford

and Office Manager, Luana Damerval

Minutes:

Minutes from the Aug. 8, 2017 regular meeting were read.

A motion was made

by Barbara Ferrando to accept the minutes as read.

It was seconded by Ron Wilson

All ayes – motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

Patty Effingham distributed copies of the financial report to the Board members for review.

There was discussion about the plane tie down rental, and about Internet Extension webhosting needing to be removed off the bill.

Jack Mason presented Patty with some bills to pay.

A motion was made

by Glenna Wade to accept the financial report and pay the bills.

It was seconded by Ron Wilson

All ayes – motion passed unanimously.

*At this point Patty Effingham left the meeting.

Public Input:

Terry Crawford presented her complaint about the Rodeo Grounds and showed evidence of what the complaint was about.

See attached copy of the complaint.

A motion was made

by Glenna Wade that due to the liability, the arena be shut down until the problem is resolved.

It was seconded by Ron Wilson.

All ayes – motion passed unanimously.

There was more discussion of possible alternatives for the horse riders.
Ron stated that we will put up sign that the arena is closed...

Golf Course:

Shara Shumway read a couple of letters, that she received, about the good condition of the Golf Course.

Carl Shumway presented his results of the improvements that he was trying to create on the golf course. He presented before and after photos of the improvements he had made showing that there is a better way for the health of the grass, it would save labor and how it would be more representative of the golf course. He still asked that we use our tee box markers, pull in the cutting edges of the greens, quit using the tri-plex mower and fix the leak on #5 hole.

There was more discussion and it was suggested to fix the greens and collar for now.

A motion was made

by Ron Wilson to get a load of sand for the verticut process.

It was seconded by Shara Shumway

All ayes – motion passed unanimously.

Public Input revisited:

Bill McCawley stated that he has volunteers to pick out rocks from the rodeo arena and fix gates, etc. He has an old potato picker he can revise to pick out the rocks in the arena. He will speak more on this with Shara Shumway.

Airport:

Ron Wilson reported will be finalizing the funding soon. Also we need a sign for tie-down fees. \$25/month or \$7/night.

Library:

Commissioner Kestner and Amy Hutchinson, who attended the last meeting, met with Carl Shumway.

There was also discussion about the library rent.

Rodeo Grounds:

already discussed under public input.

Glenna Wade left the meeting at 11:05 am.

Community Hall:

The leak will need a work party to repair the leak. It will require tearing out one of the walls.

Office/DESERT WHISPERS:

A motion was made

by Shara Shumway to keep Mark on for the DW for 8hrs./week and Luana on for the office for 12hrs/week.

It was seconded by Ron Wilson

All ayes – motion passed unanimously.

The board will revisit Luana's wages in 2 months.
There was discussion about getting Mark a laptop for the DW.

A motion was made

by Ron Wilson to buy a 17" used laptop to use for the DW.

It was seconded by Barbara Ferrando

3 ayes / 1 nay – motion passed.

There was discussion about the excess equipment in the office that could be moved elsewhere if not being used.

Lake:

It was noted that there is lots of algae on the lake right now.

Golf Course:

already discussed under public input.

Closing:

A motion was made

by Shara Shumway to close the meeting.

It was seconded by Barbara Ferrando

All ayes – motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted by Luana Damerval
Approved by NLPRD Board on Oct. 10, 2017.

Attachment

September 12, 2017

To: North Lake Park and Recreation District Board of Directors
From: Terry Crawford and other concerned members of the District and Community
Re: Improper disposal of materials from Airport taxi-way project in publicly owned Rodeo Grounds

Many horse owners throughout the community have used the arena at the Rodeo Grounds to school their horses. While these uses are unscheduled, they have regularly occurred for years. Earlier this year I and Becky Womack stated our intentions to do some equestrian activities at the facility and requested the District re-set the main gate and generally have the facility useable. What was not evident at the time of the request was that what was once a very rideable space was no longer fit for use by horses, or for that matter any livestock activity where footing was paramount. Additionally, should a group once again wish to host a Destruction Derby at the facility, they would find the danger of rocks becoming lethal projectiles to drivers as well as spectators had rendered the venue unacceptable?

We ask how did this happen? How did more than 25 dump truck loads of mixed gravel, rock and asphalt-chunks and dirt end up in our arena? Was this a Board decision? If so was it unanimous or was the vote split? If not, which Board member authorized the destruction of a usable facility? Did anyone check the material for suitability?

Please do not suggest that this WRECK can be cleaned up by community service works or by volunteers – neither option is viable. One need only consider the actual magnitude of the situation.

The arena is 150' wide and 300' long -- a surface area of 45,000 sq ft or 5000 sq yds.

The material dumped based on 25 nine-cubic yard dumps is approximately 225 cubic yards

And one cubic yard equals 27 cubic feet.

Consider that a contractor's wheelbarrow holds six cubic feet, and averages 33 shovels full to fill.

Do the math. $225 \text{ cubic yards} \times 27 = 6075 \text{ cubic feet}$ divided by $6 \text{ cubic feet} = 1,012.5$
wheelbarrows $\times 33 \text{ shovels full} = 33,412.5$

The repair of the arena ~~it~~ will require screening the added material, removing the rock and asphalt, and re-spreading the remaining dirt. Estimates gleaned to date suggest that the cost to do this to be a minimum of \$3,000.

What to do? Shutting the facility down is not an acceptable option as the arena was usable prior to the objectionable material being dumped (with some sort of Board authorization). The District seriously damaged the property it holds, manages and maintains for the district's tax payers. It is the Board's duty to do Due Diligence. It is the obligation of every board member and of the board as a whole.

How the Board takes care of this WRECK can take many directions. It is our hope that the Board will use reserve funds to rectify its mistake. Perhaps there is an option of your making an insurance claim to Special Districts for the funds to fix the WRECK. Or, as a last resort there is always the option of litigation against the District such that the Special District insurance will cover the restoration.

We request answers to the questions posed in this letter. How, Who, Why and What are you going to do about it? We expect the response quickly and the restoration taken care of in a timely manner.

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