

Kitsap County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

MINUTES

September 19, 2012
Island Lake Park
1087 NW Island Lake Road
Poulsbo, WA

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

Welcome & Introductions: Chairman Pearson welcomed the board and called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Members Present: Chad Krepps, Beth Leone Mullins, Wayne Chapin, Susan Cruver, Jon Pearson, Mike Arnold, Tony Otto, Stacy Geiger

Staff in attendance: Jim Dunwiddie, Dori Leckner, Ric Catron, Billie Schmidt, Tarrah Dofelmier

Public in attendance: Frank Strickland, Pat Strickland, Frank Stricklin, Doris Small and other members of the Banner Forest Watch Group, Nelson Lanchester and Barbara Lanchester.

Approval of July 18, 2012 Minutes:

Mr. Arnold moved for the approval the September 15, 2012 minutes with correction.

Second: Mr. Chapin Vote: unanimous

Correspondence and Communication - None

Opportunity for public to address the Board

Mrs. Lanchester, Kitsap Live Steamers requested that the restrooms at SK Regional Park be unlocked for their community events on October 10 & 24th. Mr. Dunwiddie reported that the decision was made to close the restrooms to deter vandalism. Mr. Lanchester expressed concern for horseshoe pits and requested removal. Mr. Dunwiddie reported the pits will be removed during phase two of the parks construction. Mr. Lanchester also expressed concern with dead trees falling in the park.

Presentation – Forest Stewardship Program

Mr. Dunwiddie provided an update on the Forest Stewardship Policy which will be presented as a Public Hearing on October 8. The Board of County Commissioners is expected to make a decision on the policy October 22. Mr. Dunwiddie introduced Frank Strickland, Steward of Newberry Hill Heritage Park to re-present his *Forest Ecosystem Management* program (previously presented to the board and recorded on April 18, 2012.)

Mr. Strickland stated he would like to see the revenue from this plan go back into the parks, and not just into the general fund. Mr. Dunwiddie stated the funds from this program will go into a special revenue account. Any revenue generated by the program will stay within the program. Over the course of the years, the program should pay for itself. Mr. Dunwiddie reported we will address approximately 200 acres per year and it will take approximately 15 -20 years to complete the plan.

Forest Stewardship Policy, con't

Mr. Arnold moved for the approval and recommendation of the Forest Stewardship Policy to the County Board of Commissioners.

Second: Mr. Krepps Vote: Unanimous

Presentation – Banner Forest Watch Group

Mr. Catron introduced Doris Small from the Banner Forest watch group. Ms. Small noted that the Banner Forest Watch Group has been meeting monthly since October 2010 to review and update the previous 2002 Banner Forest Management Plan. Ms. Small provided an informative presentation summarizing the group's plan. The draft of the 2012 Banner Forest Management Plan is located on the parks website, and written comments can be made online.

The Plan will be presented for review and discussion at an Open House on October 15, 6pm-8pm, at the County Administration Building Commissioner, Port Orchard. The Watch Group will be recruiting citizens interested in participating in a future Stewardship Group. The Banner Forest Management Plan will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for review and adoption later this year.

Ms. Leone Mullins made the recommendation to the group to market to citizens in other areas who are unfamiliar to the park. Ms. Small stated they will have people on site at the open house to answer questions.

Mr. Otto stated concerns with unauthorized trail building. Ms. Small stated the majority of trail building has seized. The enforcement will need to come from the trail users. .

Mr. Dunwiddie is looking forward to working with a Stewardship group for the area. Mr. Pearson stated he is willing to give the group all of the necessary tools needed to succeed.

Open Discussion with Sheriff's Department Representative

Dennis Bonneville, Undersheriff, Kitsap County Sheriff's Department is attending the meeting to address vandalism concerns in County Parks. Mr. Bonneville emphasized the importance of communication between the Sheriff, Parks staff, and Stewardship groups. It is also important to report criminal activity, noting that if there is no report of an incident then there is no record. Mr. Bonneville distributed information to the board to highlight identification, solutions and successes.

Mr. Bonneville asked the board to recognize they have very limited resources. The Parks department has been a great partner. Since cutting positions, the Sheriff has to prioritize the importance of calls. We would like to assign a deputy to a park and form a liaison to the stewardship groups. This would prevent not having to re-explain problems to more people. The SKSO will be willing to work on creating better visibility of buildings within parks.

Mr. Strickland asked about ATV and ORV use within County Park trails. Mr. Bonneville said to identify the license plate, take a photo, then contact the parks department staff.

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Mr. Chapin asked about the use of the Citizens on Patrol in which Undersheriff Bonneville stated this is outside of their enforcement. Additional training will have to be considered.

Mr. Otto recommended driving through the parks and writing out police reports while parked inside the park to show a presence would be extremely helpful. Mr. Bonneville stated many of deputies are out in the parks and will address problems if occur.

Staff Reports:

Mr. Dunwiddie presented the department budget earlier in the day. Draft copies were handed out to the board. The budget presentation will be available to view on the County's website and broadcasted on BKAT September 22, 2012.

The \$400,000 US Forest Service grant toward the purchase of the Options Parcel, NK Heritage Park has been executed. The award is the maximum under a new national program and is only one of 10 approved in the country.

Stewardship Reports

Important Dates:

NHHP Dedication 9/22/12 at 10:00am

SKRP Skate Park Groundbreaking 9/29/12 at 12:00pm

Bremerton Parks and Recreation presentation 9/25/12

Adjournment

Mr. Chapin moved to adjourn the meeting

Second: Ms. Cruver Vote: unanimous

Chairperson Pearson adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm.