

Kitsap County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

February 20, 2013 Minutes

Long Lake County Park, Port Orchard, WA

Welcome and Introductions:

Chairman Jon Pearson welcomed the board, staff and public - called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Jon Pearson, Sandra Bauer, Susan Cruver, Anthony Otto, Ed Donahue, Wayne Chapin, Chad Krepps, and Stacey Geiger

Public Attending: Nelson & Barbara Lanchester, Ken Olsen, Tadd Lenon, Marie Weaver, Don and Louise Deffley

Staff: Jim Dunwiddie, Ric Catron, Leigh Snyder

Approval of January 16th, 2012 Minutes

Motion to accept minutes: Wayne Chapin

Second: Chad Krepps

Vote: Unanimous Yes

Correspondence and Communication: Wayne Chapin had contact with representatives from the Littlefield ARCS who voiced concern that there is no agreement currently with Parks. Jim Dunwiddie is scheduled to meet with the group on February 22 to discuss their use of the facility. Jon Pearson had recently toured the facility with Ric Catron and reported how impressed he was with the site – there are posted rules, storage facility, sani-can and the runway surface is well maintained.

Opportunity for Public to Address the Board: Marie Woods-Weaver of the Kitsap Live Steamers wanted to clarify that the KLS receives no financial benefits from the “Ghost Train” event they put on with the Kitsap Foster Parent Association. All proceeds benefit the KFPA and are used to help fund participation in extra curricular activities for foster kids like sports. The KLS donate their time, fuel and equipment for this event as part of their dedication to community service. No one on the board recalled any negative discussion surrounding this event or the disbursement of the proceeds. Jim Dunwiddie did ask that the KLS and the KFPA communicate with Parks before they hold an event so all parties are clear on times, dates etc. Marie Woods-Weaver will act as a liaison between Parks, KLS and KFPA. Nelson Lanchester of the KLS indicated that the Ghost Train Event is scheduled for the Saturday before Halloween there is also an Easter Egg Hunt planned but he did not have firm details on that event at this time. The lease between the Parks Department and the KLS was pulled from the November Commissioners Agenda and Jim Dunwiddie is working to get it placed back on their agenda for adoption.

Park Divestiture Criteria: Jim has thanked the board for all their suggestions on the document and has shared it with both Commissions Gelder and Garrido. He asked for the Park Board to make a recommendation to accept prior to a full presentation before the commissioners on the 25th of this month... Ed Donohue encouraged members of the board to “walk the property”. Jon Pearson walked some of the properties with Ric Catron recently. The properties will need to meet current “open space” criteria and Jim feels some of them will have a fatal flaw and be rejected right off the block. Chad Krepps feels the structure is sound. Anthony Otto wanted to know what bucket the funds go to when a Park is divested. Parks or the County? It’s Jim’s desire that they go back to the Park Capital Improvement fund but that is a discussion for another meeting. Susan Cruver voiced concerns about the balance between the three districts. Jim feels more properties in the North district will not meet the criteria. Anthony Otto likes the report and the history provided by Ric Catron. He posed the question if the property is divested will it be sold at market value and Jim stated that there are several ways the properties can be sold. The consensus of the PRAB was to present the document to the Board of Commissioners on the February 25.

Staff Reports: Written reports were provided individually by the Division Superintendents. Minutes from a recently held Baseball Meeting, discussing issues with field usage will be forwarded to the PRAB on February 25. Jim reported that the Newberry Hill Heritage Park Stewardship Group has prepared and adopted their Forest Implementation Plan. Candidates for the Country Forrester position are being reviewed.

Discussions are continuing with the Kitsap Pumas for the use of Gordon Field as their home field on a three year contract. The group has donated 14 sets of bleachers..

South Kitsap Regional Park recently suffered damage to the gate when a stolen truck was driven through it. A new gate is being fabricated. Staff will be removing mounds that are more than 4 ft high in the BMX area on February 21. Wayne Chapin brought up the “bunkers” that were erected. Ric has asked the contractor to pull the fences in around the skate park to allow for more use of the trails. The Skate park designer has inspected the site and has designed a full pipe – mouse hole for the bowl area. SKSPA is providing the additional \$10K to make the addition. Phase I completion is anticipated May 7th and the Grand Opening is set for June 22nd. Ric Catron reported that the department received a one year extension on phase 1A items, and that the funding for the expansion (\$107K in matching funds from the SKSPA) cost to the county will be \$22K will be announced this spring. The longevity of the trails and maintenance of them were addressed by Ric Catron – crushed gravel works well and has a longer life and easier to maintain than bark and much cheaper than asphalt. Current trails are 8’ wide and are also ADA accessible.

Calvinwood - no update. Anthony Otto feels this is a worthwhile program and hopes it finds a place.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Nomination Committee – Chair requested volunteers to form this committee – Anthony Otto, Ed Donohue and Susan Cruver volunteered.

Stewardship – Jon Pearson mentioned that Klahowya middle school environmental class is behind in the voting to get in the top 5 and receive another \$105K from the Samsung contest. They were one of the 15 schools chosen with their environmental video which qualified them for \$40K in from Samsung.

Jim reported that he as met with Commissioner Garrido to discuss the apple orchard being planned and planted by the group at Howe Farm site. He noted that the Commissioner intends to create Stewardship groups at Banner Forest, South Kitsap Regional Park, and Howe Farm by April 2013.

Stewardship Groups will meet at Island Lake County Park on February 26 to discuss work plans. The funding of projects will be covered by a \$20K budget line item. With the support of Commissioner Brown, the county will assume payments of DCD permit fees associated with Stewardship projects processed through the Park Project Coordinator. This alone, has already saved \$700 in fees for Newberry Hill.

Jon Pearson commented that he was impressed with the “Beaver Deceiver” he viewed in North Kitsap to thwart dam building and there is at least one site that could use one of similar construction (Clear Creek) if they could figure out a way to get it in there.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.