

**APPROVED**  
**MAY 16, 2018**

**KITSAP COUNTY PARK ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MINUTES APRIL 18, 2018**

Meeting called to order by Chair Larry Walker at 6:04 PM.

Attendance – Larry Walker, Kathryn Thompson, Ani Gatz, Brian Higgins, Joanne Clark, Frank Stricklin, Jon Pearson, John Grinter, and Josh Hopp.

Staff Present: Jim Dunwiddie, Travis Buell, Dori Leckner & Leigh Snyder

Members of the Public – 2

**Approval of the March 21, 2018 minutes**

<p><b>Motion:</b> Frank Stricklin      <b>Second:</b> Kathryn Thompson Motion to accept the March 21, 2018 minutes as presented Discussion: None <b>Action:</b> Motion passed</p>
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Public Comment: None

Dennis Johnson Hansville Greenway Steward Manager presented information on the Greenway and the educational arrangement they have with North Kitsap School District to provide funds to bus students out for educational opportunities presented by experts in nature. This has been going on for ten years with a grant funding from the Suquamish Tribe and proceeds from book sales.

Directors Report -See attached for full report – Legal and Risk are working on a 10- year agreement for the Ride Park at Port Gamble with a presentation at the May PRAB Meeting from the Westsound Chapter of the Evergreen Mountain Bike Group. Several Grant applications have been made for the Timbers Edge acquisition, Playgrounds at Silverdale Waterfront Park, Youth Athletic Fields, Port Gamble Ride Park and Wildcat Lake Picnic area upgrade.

Parks Superintendent – Dori Leckner – Thank you to the Navy for their continued volunteerism. The 7<sup>th</sup> fleet sent several groups – Naval Base Kitsap, Harbor Patrol, Hospital, Nimitz crew, to assist in the Wildcat Lake park clean up to ready the Park to open after the tree removal to include brush removed and clearing, hauling, raking, installation of 600' silt fencing, stump removal and seeding. In total 219 hours were given.

Finance Subcommittee – first meeting held last Friday. Working statement has been drafted and the focus will be on a draft plan to present to the PRAB by November of this year. Brian will work with Jim and Travis to gather data to formulate a baseline, identify gaps of funding and identify revenue options.

Parks & Property – Coulter Creek experts will meet on to evaluate the site.

Forestry – Resolution drafted to make program permanent. Herbicides discussion is ongoing.

Visitor Services – First meeting today with the Finance Subcommittee. Will take survey findings from PROS plan, will meet with Dori and Billie, look at policy, scheduling, fee structures etc. with a presentation to the PRAB at year end.

Communications – Parks Foundation – poster up and first donation received. Marketing for Parks in May with the focus on public education with a presentation to the PRAB at the June meeting.

Stewardship –

NHHP – Bremerton Hospital Pediatric Ward volunteers trimmed Wolf Ridge Trail, Garage Sale this Saturday at the Van Zee, looking to provide stipend for the Lighthouse Students who give so much time and effort to the Park.

NKHP- This Friday – 12- hour park use assessment survey being conducted. Snapshot of usage will be used for the Master/Management plan update. All parks could benefit from a survey of users.

Landscape Management Plan is beneficial to all parks. He will recommend a survey to the NHHP stewardship group. John Grinter mentioned that parking lot location and expansion information could also be gleaned from this type of survey.

Banner Forest – rain fence repair and water diversion work continues in the wet areas.

Olalla Boat Launch – when will the re-planting to the area be completed? Dori will plan to have this done.

Old Business – Thank you to the volunteers who restored a small park by the Olalla school to use as a learning center for the students. Thank you to Steven Starlund who provided guidance.

New Business – Board Arena is being used and users seem happy with the venue. Annual Volunteer Recognition Event will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 at the County Administration Building April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Motion: Jon Pearson	Second: Brian Higgins
Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:00 PM	
Discussion: None	
Action: Meeting Adjourned	