Welcome & Introductions

Adoption of the April 18, 2018 minutes

Opportunity for Public to Address the Board – 3 minute limit

- Port Gamble Ride Park- Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance/Westsound Chapter

Director’s Report

Sub Committee Reports

- Finance
- Parks & Property
- Forestry
  - Integrated Forest Management Policy
- Visitor Services
- Communications

Park Stewardship Reports

Old Business

New Business

Adjournment

NEXT MEETING
June 20, 2018 6:00pm
Long Lake Community Center
5448 Long Lake Road SE, Port Orchard, WA
Meeting called to order by Chair Larry Walker at 6:04 PM.


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

Members of the Public – 2

Approval of the March 21, 2018 minutes

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<th>Motion: Frank Stricklin</th>
<th>Second: Kathryn Thompson</th>
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<td>Motion to accept the March 21, 2018 minutes as presented</td>
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<td>Discussion: None</td>
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<td>Action: Motion passed</td>
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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 7th 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 – Couller 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 19th.

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

Issue Description: Parks Department Briefing

Meeting Date: May 16, 2018
Attendee: Jim Dunwiddie, Travis Buell, Arno Bergstrom, and Frank Stricklin

Action Requested At This Meeting: Briefing of Parks Department projects and initiatives.

Fair Sustainability Study

RFQ for firms interested in performing a Sustainability Study of the County Fair & Stampede, was has been posted. Submission deadline is June 20, 2018.

WSU Agreement

A draft agreement has been forwarded to WSU to cover Master Gardener, Equine, and WSU sponsored program activities on various county park properties.

Forest Management Plan

The Kitsap County Forest Stewardship Program was created as a pilot program in 2012. The program was to run for a five (5) year trial period to provide time to evaluate achievement of program goals and objectives, and to demonstrate financial sustainability. The program was funded by an internal loan of $150,000 from the Parks Department Revenue Account at an annual interest rate of 1.0%. In 2016, the County extended the pilot program through July 1, 2018.

The $150,000 internal loan, and $6,212.22 of interest has been satisfied May 2018. Program expenditures (2014-2018 to-date) has totaled $659,216. Net revenue for the same period totaled $899,712.

The Parks Department has prepared a draft resolution adopting the program, effective July 1, 2018.

Attachment: Executive Summary
Forest Stewardship Program 5-year Review (pages 1-4)

Chart
Acres Restored/Timber Harvest Volume 2014-2018 (Page 5)

Chart
2014-2018 Revenue/Expenditures Comparative Summary (Page 6)
Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park – Ride Park

Parks and DCD staff preparing revised forest practices application.

Assistant Parks Director and Risk Manager toured Douthie Hill Ride Park, a King County facility being used as a model for development, and agreement between the County and Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance.

Continuing regular meetings for staff, park steward chair, EMBA and its' West Sound Chapter representatives to discuss planning and agreements necessary for the development of the Ride Park. Draft agreement being finalized. Presentation of concept plan scheduled for May 16th Parks Advisory Board meeting.
Executive Summary

Kitsap County Forest Stewardship Program 5-year Review

The Kitsap County Forest Stewardship Program was implemented in June 2013 followed by the adoption of the Forest Stewardship Plan for Newberry Hill Heritage Park in January 2014. The first forest restoration thinning project was executed at Newberry Hill Heritage Park in July 2014. Since then Forest Stewardship plans have been created for North Kitsap, Port Gamble Forest and Coulter Creek Heritage Parks and forest restoration thinning has been executed on a total of 976 acres of parkland. This included 130 acres at South Kitsap Regional Park.

In June 2015 the Board of County Commissioners adopted resolution 106-2015, a policy for the protection and restoration of riparian (RMZ) and wetland management zones in Kitsap County Parks. This policy accepts the Washington Forest Practices rules and provides additional protection for riparian areas and all wetland types including forested wetlands.

Over 150 citizens were engaged in both the development and implementation of the four fores: stewardship plans. These volunteer park stewards also delineate riparian and wetland management areas; made forest restoration decisions by marking trees for removal; helped clear and open park roads; and under planted 50,000 trees in the areas thinned and in riparian and wetland management zones. An additional 150 citizens helped with special tree planting events in partnership with the Great Peninsula Conservancy, the Washington Conservation Corps and host of other organizations.

Even though it is still too early to do comprehensive ecological assess of the forest restoration practices, the density and diversity of the understory vegetation has increased significantly due to the increased light reaching the forest floor. Typically, it takes 8 to 10 years before the trees full respond to the impact forest restoration thinning. Permanent plots have and are being established for monitoring changes to the forest ecosystem over time.

The restoration thinning has typically results in the removal of half the trees (smaller) and one-quarter of the volume. As of this report, approximately 6,000,000 board feet has been harvested retaining 18,000,000 board feet of the biggest and most diverse species as leave trees.

The Forest Stewardship program has also contributed to the local economy and employment. Harvest operations and trucking have provided private sector employment for approximately 1.5 FTE annually. Commercial and professional services, suppliers and rentals that support the forest ecosystem restoration are not included in this estimate. Program and support staff represent 1.5 FTE’s annually.
Over the past five years:

- Over 300 citizens have contributed to the planning and implementation of the Forest Stewardship Program.
- One thousand acres have been ecologically restored to a more natural forest condition.
- 50,000 tree seedlings have been planted in the understory and riparian areas.
- The average acres per year restored = 217.
- The program is financially sustainable.

Unit 9, Newberry Hill Heritage Park – Area Skipped

Unit 9, Newberry Hill Heritage Park – Area Thinned
Unit 9, Newberry Hill Heritage Park – Area Skipped

Unit 9, Newberry Hill Heritage Park – Area Thinned
Unit 9 Newberry Hill Heritage Park - Cedar Seedling 3 to 6 feet tall

White Pine and Hemlock saplings thriving
### Forest Stewardship Program – Acres Restored/Timber Volume Harvested/Year

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*2018 represents half of the expected production.

1 MBF = 1,000 Board Feet

Average park acres thinned from 2014 through the first half of 2018 = 217 acres/year

### Forest Stewardship Program – Total Acres Restored and Cumulative Volume Harvested in KC Parks

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<th>Volume</th>
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*Net Value equals timber sale value minus harvesting and trucking costs. Additional costs include road work, scaling and professional services fees.