

**Kitsap County Park Advisory Board
Minutes March 20, 2019**

APPROVED
APRIL 17, 2019

PRAB Members Present: Frank Stricklin, Kathryn Thompson, Josh Hopp, Jon Pearson, Joanne Clark, Larry Walker, Ani Gatz. Brian Higgins (excused absence)

Staff Present -Jim Dunwiddie, Travis Buell, Leigh Snyder

Members of the public -1

Meeting called to order by Chair Larry Walker at 6:02 PM

Adoption of the February 20, 2019 minutes

Motion: Frank Stricklin	Second: Kathryn Thompson
Discussion: None	
Action: Minutes approved	

Public Comment: none

Directors Report – Jim Dunwiddie – Village Greens Golf Course will not open for the 2019 season. Commissioner Garrido will be involved in setting up public meetings for suggestions of future use for the property. Press release will be forthcoming. BoCC has approved transitioning the Kitsap County Fair & Stampede to a Non- Profit Group for 2020. Harper Estuary community meeting will be held at 6:00 on 3-21-19, at the Colby United Methodist Church. Annual Stewardship meeting will be held March 27, 2019 at Island Lake beginning at 6:00 PM. Removed playground equipment at Long Lake due to deficiencies noted by Staff. A new playground will be designed and moved to an area closer to the ballfield. Anderson Point Park parking lot expansion -trees removed and minor grading done. Waiting for permit to proceed. Coulter Creek – steering committee will start the process on a draft plan. Tri-Babes donated \$1,500 for Wildcat Lake Park – they have been great partners and an asset in raising funds toward improvements at this park.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Communications: Posters handed out to PRAB in support of the “Great Give” for the Park Foundation. Link will be shared on the vi-cap presentation Travis of which took part in the next 10 days.

Parks & Property: meeting to finish property evaluation will be held, Jim Dunwiddie is drafting language for a “Reserve Category” designation. No news on the Port Gamble grant. NKHP draft plan – Director and Commissioner have reviewed and made comments. This will go back to the stewards with a meeting follow up to discuss. NHHP, Hansville Greenway are parks that have had recent/ongoing issues with unsanctioned entrances being built.

Finance: no report

Visitor Services: Policy recommendations for non-motorized vehicle and park hours are in review. Jon Pearson noted that Visit Kitsap has been actively promoting Kitsap Parks on Facebook.

Stewardship Reports:

North Kitsap Parks – clean up from winter storms continues.

Newberry Hill Heritage Park – Scotch Broom removal continues, prepping for the bridge project – permit has been granted.

Banner Forrest – Arno Bergstrom came to stewardship meeting to discuss technical. Group needs education on restorative thinning and is organizing a trip to NHHHP to view. Frank Stricklin will be happy to take group on a tour. Work party to clean up trails and remove trees, branches and trail re-route held.

South Stewardship Coordinator – Jackson Lee is advertising and actively seeking SKRP and Harper stewards.

Old Business -Jim Dunwiddie asked the full PRAB board if they wanted a copy of the comments made to the NKHP plan. Volunteer appreciation Tuesday April 9, 2019 from 4:30 to 6:30 at the County Administration Building in Port Orchard

New Business – none

Adjournment –

Motion: Ani Gatz

Second: Jon Pearson

Discussion

Action: Meeting adjourned at 6:25PM