

APPROVED
MAY 15, 2019

Kitsap County Park Advisory Board
Minutes April 17, 2019

PRAB Members Present: Kathryn Thompson, Josh Hopp, Joanne Clark, Larry Walker, Brian Higgins, Ani Gatz, Jon Pearson, Jenise Bauman.

Staff Present: Jim Dunwiddie, Travis Buell, Leigh Snyder

Members of the Public – 5

Meeting called to order by Chair Larry Walker at 6:05 PM.

Adoption of the March 20, 2019 minutes

Motion: Josh Hopp Discussion – None Action: Minutes approved	Second: Joanne Clark
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Public Comment: Jim Heytvelt provided updates on the Harper Estuary Restoration. Group is still looking for legislation action to fund Phase II. Aquatic life is coming back in restored areas and the UW Sea Grant study to determine what types of aquatic life is living in the estuary will begin soon. DNR has been contacted and will remove old creosote logs from the estuary and surrounding properties in May. Judy Willet - spoke in support of E-bikes on state approved trails. John Conti spoke in favor of foot golf at VGGC. (see attached).

Directors Report – Jim Dunwiddie – tentative golf course operator to come in to VGGC. We are in preliminary discussing terms - no further information is available at this time. We are hoping for a draft agreement with a public meeting May 13, 2019. Community meeting on April 30th at the Hansville Community Center to discuss the possibility of a fishing pier at Norwegian Point Park. April 25th meeting at Wicks Lake with Arno Bergstrom to discuss forest practices. First quarter budget amendment will include \$10k to purchase a 4WD pickup with a plow blade attachment. Sustainability study for the policies and procedures for rental facilities at the Fairgrounds has also been approved. Teamsters contract has been approved and employees in the department have taken part in creating new performance reviews. Held a “Brown Bag Lunch” with employees to interact with the Director and Assistant Director and will schedule another for October.

Subcommittee Reports –

- Communications -Great Give in 6 days – keep the Park Foundation in mind.
- Parks & Property – working with the NKHP Stewards to get an update on the redline items to the master plan update -schedule meeting in the next to weeks to discuss. Jim Dunwiddie suggested a combination meeting to also review of 6 properties. Matrix can be used to determine status for possible surplus.
- Finance Committee – Brian Higgins – committee to meet to set work plan for the rest of 2019.
- Visitor Services – E-Bike policy – see attached recommendation for future discussion.

Commercial use of drones for commercial filming in County Parks – (see attached)

Motion: Ani Gatz

Second: Jon Pearson

Discussion: None

Action: recommend addition as appendix to future policy for drone use in parks. Approved.

Stewardship Reports –

Anderson Point Park – junk car left in parking lot – photo sent to Dori. Question answered about red tree marking. Timeline for permits -90-120 days to complete parking lot.

BF- Meeting on the April 25th to discuss restoration thinning with Arno. Park walk with Arno and Frank Stricklin on April 26th.

Annual Stewardship Meeting was a great experience as reported by Josh Hopp. He learned a great deal and some very great information. Saturday October 26th Education Day (mini conference) to discuss with all park stewards -standards for signage, forum to discuss issues and education.

Jenise Bauman introduced as newest PRAB member – currently involved in Poulsbo City Parks and looking forward to involvement with County Parks and stewards.

Old Business –

Discussion item from the Communications Committee (see attached) regarding Park Usage after Dark- recommend we keep with the same policy that parks close at dusk – disruptive to wildlife, hard for law enforcement to manage, dangerous to the public. Motion to make no change to current policy.

Motion: Kathryn Thompson

Second: Joanne Clark

Discussion: Add: Special Events may be held with written permission of the Park Director or Assistant Director.

Action: Motion Passed

New Business –

Ani Gatz will be relocating to Chicago for college. This will be her last PRAB meeting. A new Vice-Chair will need to be selected.

Director – Received support from the BoCC for a free admission fair in celebrating 60 years on the Fairgrounds. Transition plan to Kitsap Fair and Stampede to a non-profit. Fair Advisor has been hired to aid in the transition. Positions for the non-profit will be advertised in July.

Adjournment:

Motion: Ani Gatz

Second: Brian Higgins

Discussion: None

Action: Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.