

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MARCH 5, 2015
 STRAWBERRY HILL CENTER**

CALL TO ORDER A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Vice Chair Cross.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lee Cross, Ken DeWitt, Jay Kinney, Kirk Robinson, Tom Swolgaard.

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA: As Chair Robinson was running late the meeting was brought to order by Vice Chair Cross and immediately started with Board Consent items, so that Commissioner Robinson could be present for public comments.

BOARD CONSENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon hearing there were no corrections to the minutes of the February 19, 2015 regular board meeting, Vice Chair Cross stated the minutes stand approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS: MSC: DeWitt/Swolgaard: Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing that has been made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board, by a unanimous vote, does approve for payment those vouchers included in the above list and summarized as follows:

Batch No.	Batch Date	Batch Amt	Fund No.	Fund Name	Fund Amt	Pre-Approved
022515	2/25/15	55,910.98	001	General	55,652.95	2/24/15
			300	Capital	258.03	
021815	2/18/15	40,992.42	001	General	40,657.91	2/17/15
			300	Capital	334.51	
	Feb.	Payroll	001	General	334,509.65	
030315	3/3/15	36,668.05	001	General	33,931.81	3/1/15
			300	Capital	2,106.24	
			310	Land Acquisiti	630.00	

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Tracy Powell, Commodore Lane resident, spoke about his concerns regarding the proposed sale of the Suzuki property by the City of Bainbridge Island. He would rather see the property left natural and as wildlife corridor than turned into high density affordable housing, which he has heard has been proposed by the City. He wants to bring the Suzuki Property to the attention of the board and is interested in finding out what can be done, as well as any partnership or grant opportunities available that could support preservation of the property.

Steven Gall, spoke about the Madison Avenue Tot Lot, he is concerned about transferring the tot lot to a noisy corner from what he considers an ideal location. He trusts that documents concerning the title of the property indicate that the lot must remain as a park and wants to make sure the documents are brought to the attention of the board.

Margaret Celestino, neighbor of the Madison Avenue Tot Lot, expressed her enjoyment at having access to the tot lot. She believes that the corner of Wyatt Way and Madison Avenue is not a suitable place for a park and requests that the board reconsider. She also thanked the board for all the work done for the Sakai property purchase.

Jon Zobenica, spoke about the Madison Avenue Tot Lot, he believes that covenants and location prohibit the proposed property swap from being acceptable as an equal exchange.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

AQUATICS CENTER INDOOR LIGHTING:

Mark Benishek, Aquatic Center Administrator, detailed the proposed project for upgrading lighting in the Nakata Pool from metal haloid to LED. The project would be dependent on receiving a Puget Sound Energy grant for part of the funding. The long term savings would be both in energy and operational costs. Staff is requesting approval to reallocate funds from the chemical controller project in the Capital Improvement Fund budget to this project. The chemical controller project would be moved into a future Capital Improvement Fund budget. Commissioner Robinson asked staff if prior investments in energy upgrades are meeting expectations. Amy Swenson, Finance Manager, replied that the District has exceeded cost saving projections on recent projects.

MSC: DeWitt/Cross: That Resolution 2015-07, amending the 2015 Capital Improvement Fund Budget, be adopted.

JOHN NELSON LINEAR PARK UPDATE:

Perry Barrett, Senior Planner, presented to the board a new proposal regarding a floating easement with Asani (Island Seniors) that is very different from what has been proposed previously. More survey work is being done which will give the owners and the District more information. The Board is generally not satisfied with the new proposal as currently shown and agreed that they would like to give Asani an opportunity to attend the next board meeting and make a final mutually agreeable proposal so that this project can be concluded. A meeting with Asani is scheduled for this coming Wednesday.

SAKAI PROPERTY: PHASE 1 ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY RESULTS:

Perry Barrett, Senior Planner, presented the board with the memorandum that summarizes the environmental study done by Floyd Snider and he stated that the entire document is posted on the District website for viewing. There are two petroleum product tanks above ground that show no signs of leakage with regard to either the tanks or the surrounding areas. There is one underground petroleum product tank also on the property. The tanks will be pressure tested and possibly removed. There is also an underground heating oil tank in the life estate area which is still in use. Staff would like this tank to be pressure tested as well or removed or a long term solution negotiated with the owners. The District will eventually be liable for that part of the property. The due diligence process has been extended by 60 days with the seller through an Addendum to the Purchase and Sale Agreement in order to give the District time to address the study results. There could be a level two environmental study done to determine the extent of any leakage found. Perry Barrett asked the board if they wanted to make a motion at this time concerning the environmental study, the board declined.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Park Services Superintendent: Dan Hamlin: reported that the sun dial installation near the Observatory at Battle Point Park will happen in April; the Schel Chelb trail bridge is done and the trail will be open tomorrow; the Blakely Harbor Park restroom is now under construction; new maps with updated QR codes are being installed throughout the Grand Forest East and West.

Park Services Superintendent: Mike Mejia: said that all but one camp host position has been filled for the upcoming camping season; trees at Fay Bainbridge Park have been recently evaluated by an arborist and some alders near the south restrooms may need some work; a recent volunteer work party at Fay Bainbridge Park successfully removed a lot of scotch broom plants. Lori Mejia, 50th Anniversary Coordinator, and Georgia Browne, Public Relations/Cultural Events Manager, attended a recent Kiwanis Club meeting with Mike and gave a presentation about the 50 year anniversary the District is celebrating this year.

Recreation Services Director: John DeMeyer: stated that the summer brochure is currently being worked on by staff; Mark Benishek, Aquatic Center Administrator and Greg Fallon, Aquatics Facility Operator, have rebuilt the sauna at the Aquatic Center; the District's internship program is now viewable on the website and being advertised at several northwest colleges; a new boating coordinator, Haley Lhamon has been hired; Mark Benishek, Aquatic Center Administrator, is taking over the Splash Ball program from the Water Polo Club; there is a Float and Float event featuring the movie Megamind this Friday; Jeff Ozimek, Outdoor Program Manager, would like to apply for a grant from the Bainbridge Community Foundation for a storage unit to place at Strawberry Hill Park to use as the outdoor gear bank location.

MSC: Swolgaard/Kinney: To approve Jeff Ozimek going out for a grant for an outdoor gear bank shed.

The memorial service for Jay Abbott will be held April 12 at 3pm at Islandwood.

Senior Planner: Perry Barrett: attended a meeting with the Bainbridge Island Park Foundation last night.

Executive Director: Terry Lande: he met with the City Manager, Douglas Schultz, and learned that the City is ready to transfer as much of Pritchard Park, including the point, as the District is willing to take on. The City is interested in getting out of the park business. The Board brought up that before agreeing to sign a transfer, off-leash dog issues and the issue of any liability associated with the point at Pritchard Park, need to be addressed. He later stated that Douglas Schultz, City Manager, was open to the idea of signage if not a cross walk at the Grand Forest and Schel Chelb road crossing areas.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS: March 7: BI Chamber of Commerce Awards Ceremony.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

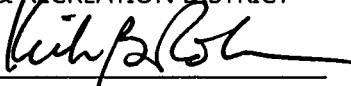
- Commissioner DeWitt inquired if staff has a plan for District-wide lighting upgrades. Dan Hamlin, Park Services Superintendent, replied that it is something staff is working on.
- Commissioner Swolgaard asked about the status of the Peters Trail sign. Dan Hamlin, Park Services Superintendent, replied that it will be up soon. Commissioner Swolgaard extended a thank you to Lori Mejia for the 50th anniversary celebration kick-off event at Camp Yeomalt Cabin on February 26. Last, he inquired as to why the high dive has not been available during open swim and family swim. John DeMeyer, Recreation Services Director, said it should be open and that he would follow up.
- Commissioner Cross attended the recent Bainbridge Island Park Foundation meeting with Perry Barrett, Senior Planner. The Foundation has a very ambitious business plan for this year with many exciting projects on their radar as well as possibly giving seed money for groups that present project ideas and need to attract additional funding. The City will allow parking in the right of way next to the Fort Ward bakery building.
- Commissioner Kinney passed on a compliment from Little League Softball that the fields look very good.
- Commissioner Robinson said that the Madison Avenue Tot Lot has the best trees in that area and even if they are maintained during initial development, once ownership transfers to the buyers from the developers the trees could be removed. He attended a Non-Motorized Committee meeting last night and mentioned that they have a retreat this Saturday at Strawberry Hill Center that he will attend part of. This week he has had two wheels in the woods walks with people using various types of wheelchairs, it is useful to see how different chairs handle various terrains. He is interested in getting some information published in the summer catalogue to create an interest list for future wheels in the woods walks.

MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:58 pm for discussion of real estate and litigation with announced time to reconvene at 8:30 pm.


MEETING RECONVENED at 8:35 pm and **ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 8:36 pm for continued discussion of the above items, with announced time to reconvene at 10:00 pm.

MEETING RECONVENED at 10:00 pm and **ADJOURNED** at 10:01 pm.

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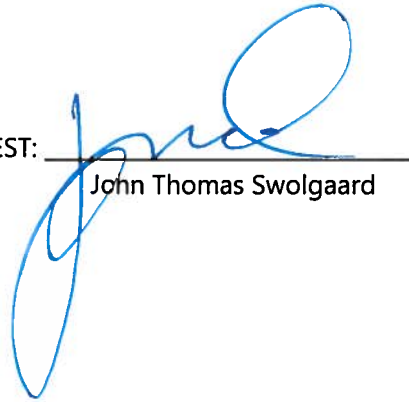
BY: 
Kirk B. Robinson

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Lee Cross

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Kenneth R. DeWitt

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Jay C. Kinney

ATTEST:


John Thomas Swolgaard