

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MARCH 21, 2013
STRAWBERRY HILL CENTER**

CALL TO ORDER A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Chair Swolgaard.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Jim and Vicki Reilly, neighbors of the Schel Chelb property acquired through the City's Open Space Bond and transferred to the Park District, said they set up the Lynwood Community Market last year in order to raise funds for a play area. There are currently none in the vicinity. The market was set up as a non-profit with a charter to build a playground. They would love to see the meadow area of the Schel Chelb property used for this purpose, saying it would be a perfect spot since it is an area where people already come to play. They would like to see donations for this run through the Bainbridge Island Parks Foundation, with all funds going to the Park District should the non-profit dissolve. Commissioner Cross said she was on the Open Space Commission when the land was purchased and it is intended for passive use. She thinks this project fits within these parameters and that it is a terrific idea. The Board was in support of the initial concept and directed staff to move forward with the idea. Executive Director Lande clarified with the Board that the project would include a natural play area, picnic bench, and some parking.

BOARD CONSENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon making the following revisions to the minutes of the April 19, 2013 regular board meeting, Chair Swolgaard stated the minutes stand approved as corrected: Robinson: Page 1: Replace: *"He also said the District has offered to take on the City's parks, Waterfront Park, Strawberry Packing Plant, and Pritchard Park, but the City does not want to transfer them to the District"* with: *"He also noted that when approached by the City to take on the project at Waterfront Park, the Park District was agreeable to this provided that due to issues of accountability the park be transferred to the District. In an effort to be consistent with community sentiment to have all the island's parks turned over to the Park District, the District was also willing to accept the transfer of Strawberry Packing Plant and Pritchard Park (all but the EPA site). The City was not interested in this overall package involving the transfer of three parks."* Page 2: Insert "District" before "parks". (Note: this correction was emailed to the Board for their review prior to the board meeting and included in the copy signed by the Board).

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS: MSC: Cross/DeWitt: 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	Batch Date	Batch Amt	Fund No.	Fund Name	Fund Amt	Pre-Approved
031213	3/12/13	51,994.79	94952	General	39,089.60	2/21/13
			94955	Capital Improvemt	12,905.19	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2012 ANNUAL INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT REPORT: Park Services Superintendent Dan Hamlin said it was pointed out recently by Maria Mason and Dale Spoor, who worked with the District to develop the IPM Plan, that an annual report needs to be presented each year to the Board outlining the chemicals used in parks during the previous year. This became apparent when addressing a recent incident where the District failed to post signs in an area where chemicals were being applied. Dan Hamlin said this incident has spurred the District to action and that procedures

related to this are being tightened up. He then presented the annual report showing chemicals used in parks in 2012. Out of the 1600 park acres, only 414 acres were treated, with the majority of these being at Battle Point Park. Treated weeds included broadleaf, poison hemlock, poison oak as needed for public safety, and others. Treatment was done in conjunction with Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control. No power spray devices were used; chemicals were applied with backpack pumps. Whenever possible mechanical or biological means were used to avoid spraying. Volunteers spent many hours manually pulling invasive weeds, and the goats will return again this summer. A multiple approach seems to work best. Maria Mason mentioned the need to include an educational component so the general public is aware of: 1) the great job being done by the City, School District and Park District and 2) the amount of chemicals that are not being used as a result of this effort. Dale Spoor encouraged the District to keep up the good work noting that for the amount of acreage the District has, there is minimal use of chemicals. Maria Mason would like to see glyphosate eliminated. Dan Hamlin is researching this and in the meantime purchasing a different product. *glyphosate product that does not include surfactant*

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT: REQUEST FOR APPLICATION IN 2013: In accordance with District policy, Dan Hamlin presented the projected use of chemicals in parks for 2013 and asked for Board approval to proceed with this. He said that as the District takes on more property, most of these new parcels will not require use applications. It is the more manicured sites that require the most chemical use. He noted an exception for the new Waypoint site, saying a group of volunteers has agreed to care for the park, thus minimizing the use of herbicides. He also noted changes in procedures regarding signage, saying larger signs will be posted more prominently and will be kept up until the solution is dry. **MSC: DeWitt/Cross: To approve the 2013 herbicide application presented by staff.**

GENERAL BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2013-04: AMENDED 2013 SALARY SCALE: Executive Director Lande said the amended salary scale is needed for two reasons: 1) To add the regular part-time positions to the salary scale; 2) To add several aquatics coaching positions. **MSC: Cross/Kinney: That Resolution 2013-04, amending the 2013 Salary Scale, be adopted.**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Recreation Services Director: John DeMeyer: Seven staff members just returned from a worthwhile RecTrac seminar in Bend, Oregon; next year the District might host the seminar here on the island; work on the summer brochure is underway and for the first time people will be able to sign up as soon as they get their brochures or see the class offerings online; staffing of summer camps is going on; a motor that runs the showers at the pool broke and has been repaired; the annual Senior Center retreat was just held and was very positive; Sue Hylen met with the director of the new art museum who is interested in displaying the artwork of students who participate in District classes.

Senior Planner: Perry Barrett: Asked to schedule a meeting to update the community on the Rotary Park improvements and it was decided to hold the meeting from 6:00-7:00 pm before the April 18 board meeting. Another public meeting will be needed to discuss the dock at Hidden Cove Park and it was tentatively set for 6:00-7:00 pm before the May 16 board meeting. He presented a draft letter he wrote regarding the SMP at the request of Lee Cross and it was decided that Commissioners Cross and Swolgaard would work with him to prepare a final copy for the Board Chair to sign.

Park Services Superintendent: Dan Hamlin: There were two recent incidents involving dogs off leash at Battle Point Park; work on the floors at Prue's house will start soon; a trails work party has been scheduled for Fort Ward this weekend; Pac is touring areas for potential trail connections.

Park Services Superintendent: Mike Mejia: Installation of the new septic system at Fay Bainbridge should be done next week; the Student Conservation Corps will be working to eliminate scotch broom from Fort Ward; Odyssey School is clearing blackberries at Fort Ward by the barracks; John Rudolph's family is interested in providing irrigation and

benches around the observatory; staff is going to Port Angeles tomorrow to look a possible pay station for the Fay Bainbridge campground.

Executive Director: Terry Lande: Met recently with Council Member David Ward who called and was interested in meeting him; had an encouraging meeting with BI Land Trust President Tom Backer and their new Executive Director Hallie Stevens.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS: April 18: Community meeting Rotary Park Improvements; May 16: Public meeting Hidden Cove Dock; May 13-17: dates set to file for public office.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

- Commissioner Cross mentioned that the online group Islandmoms has expressed concern over off leash dogs.
- Commissioner Kinney updated the Board on a recent dog committee meeting attended by both he and Commissioner Robinson, saying discussion has been held about making it a violation of statute to have dogs off leash in parks and at schools.
- Commissioner Swolgaard attended a recent IGWG meeting with Executive Director Lande and said there is interest in mapping neighborhoods as a part of emergency preparedness.
- Commissioner Swolgaard said the dates to file for public office are May 13-17.

MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:49 pm for discussion of real estate and personnel, with announced time to reconvene at 8:05 pm. **MEETING RECONVENED** at 8:05 pm and **ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 8:06 pm for continued discussion of the above items, with announced time to reconvene at 8:20 pm.


MEETING RECONVENED at 8:20 pm and **ADJOURNED** at 8:22 pm.

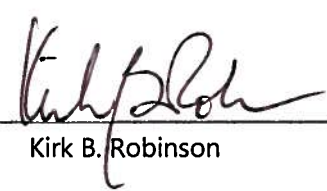
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