

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT  
 REGULAR BOARD MEETING APRIL 2, 2015  
 STRAWBERRY HILL CENTER**

**CALL TO ORDER** A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Chair Robinson.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

Jim Cutler, BI resident for 41 years, architect, and co-founder of BI Land Trust was instrumental in the acquisition of the Grand Forest, Meigs Farm and a number of other park properties. He along with others attending this evening came to petition the Board to name a trail after a close friend of theirs, Mac Kennedy, who died on Sunday. Mac Kennedy was an inveterate mushroom hunter and after living on the island for 42 years, had secret spots all over the Grand Forest where he went to pick mushrooms. He instilled his love for mushrooms in his son who is now the best mycologist researcher in North America. In honor of their friend, Jim Cutler asked on behalf of himself and the others present to have a trail off Mandus Olson in the Grand Forest named "Mac's Mushroom Trail".

Gale Cool, island resident for 45 years, seconded the hope to name a trail after Mac saying that while the mushrooms in the Grand Forest may not be magical, Mac certainly was. *JK Lee*

Dan Gunn, island resident for over 40 years, said he's been on many trails in the Grand Forest with Matt, and that this would be a fitting tribute to one of the better citizens on this island. *JK Lee*

Lee Stubbe, island resident for over 40 years, thinks it would be a fitting to have some designation in the Grand Forest with Mac's name on it.

Susan Levy, Mac's wife, said Mac found it healing to go into the Grand Forest. He felt one with this forest.

Wes King, island resident for 38 years, said he can't think of another person more deserving of this.

Chair Robinson said the Park District has a naming policy and suggested that this be referred to staff to work with Mr. Cutler to discuss the parameters for naming things in parks, and that staff then return to the Board with a recommendation.

**BOARD CONSENT**

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

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS: MSC: DeWitt/Cross: 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 Dated	Batch Amt	Fund No.	Fund Name	Fund Amt	Pre-Approved
3/24/15	46,645.39	001	General	43,180.29	3/19/15
		300	Capital	3,465.10	
March	March Payroll	001	General	336,516.51	

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**SAKAI AMENDMENT TO PURCHASE & SALE AGREEMENT:** The Park District's attorney Ryan Vancil presented a Second Amendment to the Sakai Purchase and Sale Agreement that addresses items identified in the environmental

assessment done during the due diligence period which expires today. These items include several fuel tanks above and below ground as well as other materials on the property including containers, florescent lighting fixtures, and tires. The Amendment serves as a placeholder while steps are defined between the two parties for addressing the above items. It gives the Park District the right to terminate the Agreement if any issues raised during this process are not resolved by the Seller in a manner that is acceptable to the District as Buyer. Ryan Vancil said there is a question over whether there is any soil contamination from the fuel tanks. If contamination is found, a new level of discussion will open up. He noted a possible fuel tank in the vicinity of the pond has come up, and said the Second Amendment has been revised in two sections to include reference to this (Recitals: Section D and Agreement: Section 3.1). He also said the Amendment gives the District the right to conduct sampling of water quality in the pond. **MSC: DeWitt/Cross: That in reference to the Sakai property, the Second Amendment to the Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement dated December 3, 2014 be approved as revised on April 2, 2015, and that the Executive Director be authorized to sign.**

**JOHN NELSON LINEAR PARK:** The Park District's attorney Ryan Vancil brought two items related to the John Nelson Linear Park before the board tonight for approval: 1) Statutory Warranty Deed; 2) Trail Easement Agreement. The Statutory Warranty Deed is the permanent portion of land, or dedication area, that will satisfy the City and State RCO requirements related to the City's trade of John Nelson Park for the Strawberry Packing Plant years ago. It makes up a portion of the loop trail. To complete the loop, the owner has agreed to have a trail easement across a portion of the property that is not included in the dedication area. As part of the Trail Easement Agreement, a temporary easement for a portion of the trail is included. The temporary easement allows flexibility for a part of the trail that will be affected by future grading anticipated as part of the development's construction. Once the grading is complete, this part of the trail will be moved into the permanent easement area. Chair Robinson then opened the discussion to public comment. Roy Behling spoke as a representative of the Vineland Lane homeowners. While expressing general support for the project, he emphasized the importance of communication and asked that they be kept informed of the construction process and in particular when the project will begin. He encouraged the District to consider meeting with the homeowners at Vineyard Lane to discuss the project. **MSC: Cross/DeWitt: To approve the Statutory Warranty Deed for John Nelson Linear Park. MSC: DeWitt/Cross: To approve the Trail Easement Agreement between Grantors, Island Seniors Community LLC, and Grantee, BI Metropolitan Park & Recreation District and that the Board Chair be authorized to sign the documents.** The Board expressed delight over concluding this transaction saying it has been in progress for many years.

**COBI EARTH DAY RESOLUTION:** Executive Director Terry Lande introduced the City of Bainbridge Island's joint jurisdictional Earth Day Resolution saying approval of it will endorse the Park District's support of the resolution. **MSC: DeWitt/Cross: To approve the City of Bainbridge Island Resolution 2015-XXXX regarding Earth Day as presented on April 2, 2015.**

**ROTARY PARK RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE:** Park Superintendent Dan Hamlin introduced Roberto Gurza who was instrumental in getting this project underway. Roberto Gurza thanked the Park District for pulling all the pieces together and creating a center with multiple resources for the local neighborhood. He said he couldn't be more thrilled. Dan Hamlin said the upper ballfield is being used this season. There have been some complaints about puddles but this has been remedied. There is a new Little League Board now from when the project began and a good relationship with them is being formed. Ed's Shed is complete and the new facility on site will be available for rentals after Little League season is over. The electrical work has been done for the upper field and is in place for the lower field. Surveying for the lower field has been done and the bid package has been revised and will be ready to post in April. A benefit to the project being delayed is that the dirt that was stockpiled from the lower field has broken down into good soil that can now be used for the field's topsoil. A request has been received for a water fountain. There is

water on site that can be accessed in the restrooms but amenities must wait until the project has been completed and the final budget can be assessed.

**2015 LAND ACQUISITION FUND BUDGET UPDATE:** Finance Manager Amy Swenson reviewed the language of the levy lid lift Resolution 2008-17 saying of any annual lid lift revenues, 75% goes to acquisition or development of any parks and 25% can go towards the operation and maintenance of parks. She then presented the status of the Land Acquisition Fund (which holds lid lift funds) saying it has a current balance of \$122,853.00. In 2012, the General Fund loaned the Land Acquisition Fund \$150,000 loan to pay expenses related to West Gazzam and Hilltop property purchases. Once back taxes have been collected, the loan will be paid back, and assuming all of the estimated \$68,133 is collected, \$40,986 will remain in the account. She noted that lid lift revenue was last received in 2011, and while she hopes it will start coming in again in the next few years, she is not able to predict when this will happen.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 2015-08: INTERFUND LOAN EXTENSION:** Amy Swenson said per auditor requirements, this resolution is needed to extend the loan period of the interfund loan discussed above. **MSC: Cross/DeWitt: That Resolution 2015-08, authorizing an extension of the interfund loan from the General Fund to the Land Acquisition Fund be adopted.**

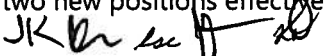
### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Senior Planner: Perry Barrett: Work is underway for Phase 1 of the appraisal for the McNabb property. Discussions are underway with Phil Pearl regarding acquisition of key trail connections on the island.

Park Services Superintendent: Dan Hamlin: Battle Point Park restrooms are getting a facelift; the restrooms at Blakely Harbor Park are being constructed; work at Red Pine Park is underway in preparation for the park's grand opening; he met recently with Kitsap Humane Society's Executive Director Eric Stevens.

Recreation Services Director: John DeMeyer: egg hunts will be held this Saturday; the Story Share program at the Senior Center is close to being done; a grant was received from the Rotary Club to replace the high dive at the Aquatics Center; re-surfacing of the Nakata pool will be going out to bid; gymnastics received second place in a recent State event.

Park Services Superintendent: Mike Mejia: This is the last board meeting in his official capacity as Park Services Superintendent. Effective May 1, he will move towards semi-retirement and Fay Bainbridge Park will become his primary responsibility. Over \$2000 in campground revenue has come in this year. The Student Conservation Corps have been removing invasive vegetation from a number of parks this week during spring break.

Executive Director: Terry Lande: Board volunteers are needed at the 50th anniversary pool party and Farmer's Market booths; several part-time employees will now fill the front office position that covers lunches and vacation/sick leave; Lori Mejia, coordinator of the 50th anniversary just learned Virginia Mason has agreed to a \$10,000 sponsorship of park programs; with John DeMeyer soon to retire, the recreation division is being reorganized with two recreation superintendent positions replacing John's position as recreation division manager; Bryan Garoutte and Mark Benishek will be assume the two new positions effective May 1; this reorganization will also free up funds for a community outreach position. 

**UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:** 5/24: 50th anniversary pool party.

### **BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:**

- Commissioner Cross commented on how much Sally Maron with the BI Japanese American Exclusion Memorial appreciated everything District staff did this week to prepare for the memorial anniversary.


- Commissioner Cross attended a recent BI Parks Foundation meeting and commented on a number of their priorities including trail connections and the Jay Abbott memorial. The Foundation is making a contribution to Owen's Playground.
- Commissioner Robinson attended recent hearings the City of Bainbridge Island held on the Rowing Club building at Waterfront Park and the Manitou Beach uplands, and provided a brief update on what took place.


**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**


Chair Robinson will respond to a letter from Sharon Gilpin commenting on the environmental assessment done for the Sakai property, as well as an invitation to the opening reception for an art exhibit at Olympic College titled "Archaeology at Yama: An Immigrant Japanese Village in Western Washington".

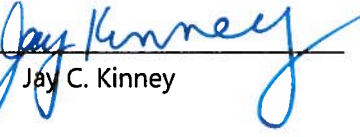
**MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 8:09 pm for discussion of real estate and personnel with announced time to reconvene at 8:25 pm. **MEETING RECONVENED** at 8:28 pm and **ADJOURNED** at 8:30 pm.

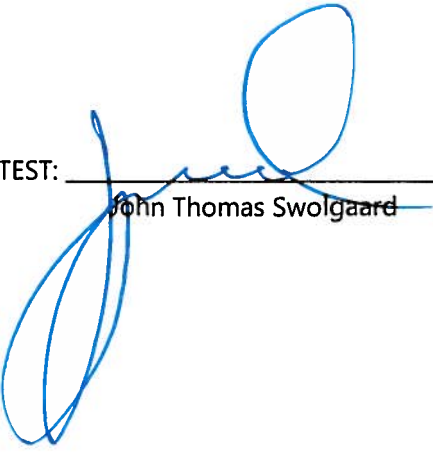
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