

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT  
 REGULAR BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 1, 2015  
 STRAWBERRY HILL CENTER**

**6:00 - 6:45 PM:** Executive session for real estate.

**CALL TO ORDER** A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:52 pm by Secretary Tom Swolgaard.

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

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

Tracy Powell, who lives in the Commodore neighborhood, said he came here six months ago asking the Park Board to consider whether the Park District could do anything with the City owned Suzuki property. He said the Commodore neighborhood has been asking the City Council to not sell the property for development saying a City study several years ago shows people move here for the open and green space. Some City Council members have indicated that if the Park District were to express interest and show a plan for what could be done with the property, they might reconsider what they do with it. Tracy Powell would be glad to work with the Park District towards this end.

Marshall Tappen, who lives in the Commodore neighborhood, also came to speak about the Suzuki property. He said a City Council member asked him several weeks ago why no formal open space groups like the Park District have expressed interest in the property. Marshall Tappen told him it was likely the Park District was booked right now since it had just acquired the Sakai property, a decision which he supports. He told the City Council member it would be a shame to develop the property now when in five years or so the Park District might have the resources to take on another project. The City Council member responded saying the Park District wouldn't have to come up with the money now and that he'd be willing to consider a proposal from the Park District that presented a vision for what it could do with the property in the future. Marshall Tappen indicated that the RFP process begun by the City is intended to generate proposals from the community as well as developers. He encouraged the Park District to step forward with a proposal for the property saying this is a one-time opportunity that will be lost once the property is developed.

**BOARD CONSENT**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Upon making the following revisions to the minutes of the September 10, 2015 regular board meeting, Chair Robinson stated the minutes stand approved as corrected: p. 2: Delete "an amount allocated towards this in"; p. 3: correct spelling of "Suquamish"; p. 3: change "official" to "ceremonial".

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS: MSC: DeWitt/Kinney: 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:**

<b>Batch Dated</b>	<b>Batch Amt</b>	<b>Fund No.</b>	<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Fund Amt</b>	<b>Pre-Approved</b>
9/15/15 Rev	345,030.38	001	General	188,051.87	Batch revised aft approv at 9/10/15 bd mtg
		300	Capital	156,978.51	
9/29/15	139,230.20	001	General	97,850.61	9/28/15
		300	Capital	41,379.59	
September	Payroll	001	General	341,652.57	

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **POTENTIAL PROPERTY RELATED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN BI LAND TRUST/BIMPRD:**

This Memorandum of Understanding addresses a potential property purchase by the BI Land Trust that would be transferred to the Park District once acquired. The ten acre parcel is adjacent to the Grand Forest. The MOU pertaining to it was discussed earlier in executive session by the Board. BILT President David Harrison said this transaction involves a private piece of property that is very much a part of the Grand Forest right now, and it is in the best interest of both BILT and the Park District to put it in public hands. He said there are a number of complex issues related to it and it is exciting the landowner is willing to make this property available. David Harrison noted this transaction will be one more step in the excellent partnership between the Land Trust and the Park District.

**MSC: DeWitt/Kinney: That the potential property Memorandum of Understanding between the BI Land Trust and the BI Metropolitan Park & Recreation District regarding the Soutter property be passed with the condition that the Board approve the language of the conservation easement reverter clause referred to in Section 4.5 prior to spending any funds on vacation of the existing road easement.**

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Senior Planner: Perry Barrett: has been finalizing the Reilly trail easement and working on others.

Park Services Director: Dan Hamlin: NW Runner Magazine is featuring an article about the Park District's trail system; the contract with Kitsap Humane Society has been approved by their board with minor edits and will come before the park board at the 10/15/15 board meeting.

Recreation Services Superintendent: Mark Benishek: a number of grants are being pursued for the Senior Center; Youth & Teen after school programming is increasing and utilizing rooms at the Aquatics Center recently vacated by the Boys & Girls Club.

Recreation Services Superintendent: Bryan Garoutte: efforts are underway to purchase a new kiln for the Eagledale Pottery Studio using the Rosemary Hawk Fund as well as grant funds that are being sought; the new floor for the BHS gymnastics room has been purchased and installed.

Executive Director: Terry Lande: a ceremonial transfer of the Sakai property from the Sakai family to the Park District will be held on October 20; a new family friendly event, the Haunted Hayride, will be held at Battle Point Park on October 26 and 27.


**UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:** 10/20/15: Ceremonial transfer of Sakai property; 10/26 & 27 Haunted Hayride.

## **BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:**

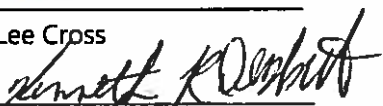
- Commissioner DeWitt attended COBI's Rolling Bay planning meeting last night and was encouraged to hear a provision for a park is still included in the plan's language for this area.
- Commissioner Swolgaard said his granddaughter loves to swim now after taking lessons at the Aquatic Center and is no longer afraid of water.
- Commissioner Swolgaard has just learned that Kitsap PUD will be taking out the water tank on the west side of Gazzam Lake near Crystal Springs Road.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** at 7:11 pm.

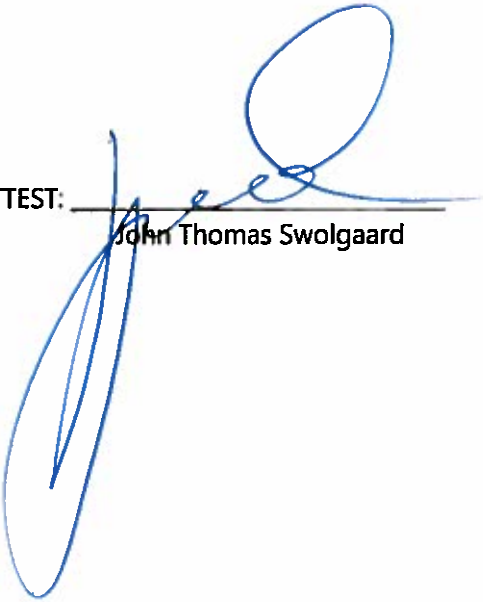
Elizabeth R. Shepherd  
Terry M. Lande  
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN  
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BY:   
Kirk B. Robinson

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Lee Cross

BY:   
Kenneth R. DeWitt

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jay C. Kinney

ATTEST:   
John Thomas Swolgaard