

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MAY 17, 2018
STRAWBERRY HILL CENTER**

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken DeWitt, Jay Kinney, Tom Swolgaard. Absent: Lee Cross, Michael Pollock

BOARD CONSENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon hearing there were no corrections to the minutes of the May 3, 2018 regular board meeting, Chair Kinney 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 Date	Fund Number & Name	Warrant Numbers	Total Batch Amount	Pre-Approved
05/8/18	001 General Fund 300 Capital Improvement Fund 310 Land Acquisition Fund	16450-16512	105,650.90	05/17/18
5/14/18	001 General Fund (May Payroll)	EFT (direct deposit)	337,561.51	
5/17/18	310 Land Acquisition Fund	Pre-approval	80,000.00	

GENERAL BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2018-06: HONORING THE MEJIAS: Staff members Mike Mejia and Lori Quick-Mejia are retiring and were honored for their many contributions to the Park District in the resolution that was read aloud. Mike Mejia was recognized for how much he did to transform Fay Bainbridge and Fort Ward Parks after they were transferred to the Park District in 2011 by WA State. Lori Quick-Mejia was recognized for her talents in organizing community and special events. Board members offered them each their personal thanks, expressing appreciation for their vision and hard work. **MSC: DeWitt/Swolgaard: That Resolution 2018-06, honoring Mike Mejia and Lori Quick-Mejia for their years of service to the Park District, be adopted.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FORT WARD COMMUNITY HALL CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT: Senior Planner Perry Barrett said this agenda item has been pulled for the evening, saying an insurance question still needs to be resolved. In the meantime, work is continuing under the existing MOU.

KPUD EASEMENT PROPOSAL FOR FAY BAINBRIDGE PARK: Park Services Director Dan Hamlin noted this is a follow-up to the April 5 board meeting at which time KPUD presented a proposal for a vault site easement at Fay Bainbridge Park. KPUD General Manager Bob Hunter discussed a drawing that provides specifics about the proposed easement. In response to a board question from the April 5 board meeting, the other side of the street was looked at as an option, but is not feasible for the easement. Commissioner DeWitt brought up the possibility of combining KPUD's work with shoulder improvements for pedestrian and non-motorized use. Bob Hunter was open to considering this. **MSC: DeWitt/Swolgaard: that the easement for the KPUD vault site at Fay Bainbridge Park be approved.**

KPUD EASEMENT EXPANSION PROPOSAL FOR GAZZAM LAKE NATURE PRESERVE: Park Services Director Dan Hamlin noted this is also a follow-up to the April 5 board meeting at which time KPUD presented a proposal for an enlarged water storage easement at Gazzam Lake Nature Preserve. KPUD General Manager Bob Hunter said the current easement can be expanded in several directions depending on what will have the least impact to the site. He noted that there are new requirements for fire flow, and the Gazzam site makes the most sense for serving both the new Blakely Elementary School and the south end of the island. KPUD wants to create a partnership with the Park District and is willing to discuss how it can assist with parking and relocating the trail at the park. KPUD is also interested in a broader partnership with the Park District saying its role in working with municipalities is to create collective partnerships resulting in efficient use of public lands. He said parks and conservancies are critical for water supply in the future. Jane Stone, Executive Director of the Bainbridge Island Land Trust, said the Land Trust has a conservation easement on the property and an amendment to this would be needed for the expanded easement. This would require a process that will take time. She would like the Land Trust to be involved in the discussion about the KPUD proposals for Gazzam before any decisions are made. She noted that at this time there is not enough information for them to make an informed decision. Bob Hunter said he was willing to meet with all involved parties and does not want to push for a decision before people are ready to make it. **MSC: DeWitt/Swolgaard: To approve the KPUD proposal to expand the water tank easement at Gazzam Lake Nature Preserve subject to negotiations with the BI Land Trust regarding the existing conservation easement on the property; and to work with KPUD and the BI Land Trust in relocating the Gazzam main trail and increasing parking off Deer Path Lane.**

KPUD TEST DRILLING PROPOSAL FOR GAZZAM LAKE NATURE PRESERVE: Park Services Director Dan Hamlin noted this is also a follow-up to the April 5 board meeting at which time KPUD presented a proposal to drill a test well at Gazzam Lake Nature Preserve. He said KPUD believes the Statutory Warranty Deed gives them the right to do this, while the Park District's attorney upon his review believes it could be argued either way and finds the language inconclusive. KPUD General Manager Bob Hunter said if the Park District doesn't want KPUD to drill, they will not fight this. It is their view that the site at Gazzam is the best site to do this since it is a community resource, the reservoir is there (water storage tanks), the site is protected, and the south end of the island needs a redundant water source. However, if the involved parties don't want KPUD to drill at the Gazzam site, they will drill elsewhere. He noted that if the test drill indicates capacity, it will likely be used, since the intention is to serve those that need to be served. Before they can drill for a well, KPUD would need to know if the easement expansion is a go. It was decided that the next step is to have a meeting between KPUD, the Land Trust and the Park District. Once there is a decision about the expanded easement, the question of a test drill will be addressed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Recreation Division: Division Director Mark Benishek said Bainbridge Boogie is gearing up again; the Life Design course will be offered as an internship program through Bainbridge Youth Services; Rotary grant funds were received for pace clocks that will be used for timing aquatic activities; interviews are set for three of the five firms that submitted proposals for the second phase of the Aquatic Center study. Division Superintendent Bryan Garoutte said the gymnastics room at the High School was broken into several times this past month and cameras will be installed; Rotary grant funds were received for the Teen Center pool table and air hockey table; the Outdoor Program is hosting a power boat certification course this week; the annual fly fishing event is this weekend on Sunday.

Park Services Division: Division Director Dan Hamlin said over 50 people showed up today to play pickleball at the newly lined tennis courts at Battle Point Park; plaques are being installed at Hidden Cove Park to recognize those who contributed funds to the new dock; parking areas at Hidden Cove park are being reconfigured to include 15-20 stalls;

alternate trail routes are being considered in an effort to prevent rogue mountain bike features from being built on the main trails; Rotary grant funds were received for Rotary Centennial Park improvements including a restroom.

Administrative Division: Senior Planner Perry Barrett said the WA State Department of Ecology has identified Blakely Harbor as a next likely clean-up site and met with staff regarding the role the Park District would be required to play; any physical work on the site is out 7-10 years since studies must be done. He is responding to the Corp of Engineers about the Blakely Harbor Park jetty bridge asking them to move forward with the application despite continued tribal concerns. Executive Director Terry Lande said Julie Reilly with the tennis group has asked to meet with him to discuss how he views the future of tennis. A meeting is being scheduled soon with the law firm Perkins Coie to discuss their work on liability issues regarding Pritchard Park and the potential transfer of ownership. He said the City Council held a recent work session regarding the Sound to Olympic Trail, and noted there was some confusion about their perception of the Park District's views on this. He confirmed with the board that in an effort to avoid cutting trees down along Hwy 305 and exposing Sakai Park to the highway, the Park District would like to see the STO trail go through the park, most likely west of the pond, and then reconnect with Hwy 305 at some point north of the park. The STO trail through the park would be paved, 10' wide, and would intersect with the Park District's gravel trail, until COBI has funds to complete the STO connection back to Hwy 305. The board indicated their commitment to this.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

- Commissioner DeWitt asked about the new Old Mill Trail (formerly referred to as the IslandWood Trail). Staff told him there have been some problems with off leash dogs approaching neighbors and that Kitsap Animal Control will be getting involved.
- Commissioner DeWitt noted a policy update is needed to address the increase of motorized bicycles on trails.
- Commissioner Swolgaard asked about the work Perkins Coie will be doing. Executive Director Terry Lande said the Park District is getting a legal opinion on liability so the board can decide if it wants to proceed with the transfer of Pritchard Park. At the same time, discussions are underway with NOAA, the federal agency that must approve the transfer of deed associated with two NOAA grants on the property. It was also noted that the changes to the draft transfer documents made by the Park District's attorney appear to be acceptable to the City of Bainbridge Island. Perry Barrett noted that the decision regarding the EPA Record of Determination and final remedy should be coming this summer.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:53 pm.

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Terry M. Lande
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN
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BY: 
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ATTEST: 
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