

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING JUNE 2, 2016
STRAWBERRY HILL CENTER**

CALL TO ORDER A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Swolgaard.

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

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA: Add executive session for real estate to conclusion of meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Philip Powell, island resident, had several questions for the board. 1) *At the public meeting regarding the Sakai property, what did Commissioner Robinson mean when he said they are encouraging groups to coalesce around what BI Parks wants for the Sakai property?* Commissioner Robinson responded by explaining the District's public process for the Sakai property through which ten work groups were formed, and ways other interested persons or groups could become involved in presenting possible uses for the Sakai property. When pressed by Phillip Powell to identify what "BI Parks wants", Commissioner Robinson said from his perspective what BI Parks wants is for the community to work within the 10 work groups decided upon by the community at the first public meeting or else to form their own group. 2) *What did Commissioner DeWitt mean when he made a statement (at the Sakai public meeting) about doing something completely different from what people have seen?* Commissioner DeWitt responded saying he has consistently said that the public process the Park District has decided upon for the Sakai property is something completely different from any other public process that has been done on the island in the forty years he's lived here. 3) *As a tennis player he asked, what process did the Park District go through to decide upon adding pickle ball lines to the tennis courts, and was there any public process?* In response, Executive Director Terry Lande said there has not been a public process around this since it is an operational issue the Sports Department is considering. There is a lot of interest in pickle ball on the island and adding lines for pickle ball to the tennis courts would make the courts multi-use and available to more users. Philip Powell objected to this, saying a tennis court is not a multi-use piece of equipment. He said the District's tennis courts are already difficult to access (due to high use), and they are also dangerous and dilapidated. He said he called the Park District office five weeks ago to report that while playing on the Egleddale tennis court, his partner slipped and injured his wrist because the courts were muddy. Philip Powell said he asked at a recent board meeting if the Park District was responsible for injuries that took place on park property and was told this is so if the District has been put on notice. He said he is now putting the Park District on notice that the tennis court at Egleddale Park is dangerous.

Steve Fradkin, island resident, said he was here representing the Roller Hockey league. They would like to re-build their storage shed to make it bigger and more usable for them, and are willing to fund the improvements. His purpose tonight is to gain input from the board so he can come back with a more complete proposal and design. The new structure would require a foundation, be approximately 100 square feet, and sit on a slightly bigger footprint than the current shed. The additional space is needed in part due to the additional equipment they must store to keep the new surface on the rink dry and safe. Commissioner Robinson raised the question of building the shed over by the restroom in consolidation with other user groups who have storage needs. It was decided that the next step is for Steve Fradkin to meet with Dan Hamlin for his guidance in preparing a proposal to bring back to the board.

BOARD CONSENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon hearing there were no corrections to the minutes of the May 19, 2016 regular board meeting, Chair Swolgaard stated the minutes stand approved as submitted.

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 Dated	Batch Amt	Fund No.	Fund Name	Fund Amt	Pre-Approved
5/24/16	72,096.75	001	General	47,605.65	5/20/16
		300	Capital	24,491.10	

GENERAL BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2016-07: GAS CREDIT CARDS: This resolution follows up on a motion passed by the Board of Commissioners at the April 21, 2016 board meeting, at which time board members authorized the acquisition of gas credit cards. Executive Director Terry Lande said the gas cards are needed to obtain fuel now that the Fire Department has closed down its fuel tank during construction, and the Park District can no longer get gas there. He noted that the motion included a limit of \$4000 per month, but that upon a more thorough assessment since then, it has been determined a \$7000 monthly limit is more realistic. **MSC: Robinson/Cross: That Resolution 2016-07, authorizing the acquisition of gas credit cards and establishing a credit card limit of \$7000/month, be adopted.**

RESOLUTION 2016-08: TRAIL NAMES: Park Services Director Dan Hamlin presented proposed names for four District trails generated by the Park District’s Trails Advisory Committee. Three of the trails are at Gazzam Lake Nature Preserve. The Veterane Trail and the Russ Knudsen Trail were made possible through the generosity of these two families, and were constructed in the past year. The proposed name for an existing trail commonly referred to as the Close trail is Westwood Shore Trail; the Close family specifically asked that the trail not be named after their family. The fourth trail name is for the recently constructed trail at the original John Nelson park site in Winslow in honor of John Nelson and his generous land donation many years ago. The opening of this John Nelson Linear Park will be held this Saturday on National Trails Day. **MSC: DeWitt/Robinson: That Resolution 2016-08, naming the Veterane Trail, the Russ Knudsen Trail, the Westwood Shore Trail and the John Nelson Linear Park, be adopted.** Commissioner Cross offered recognition to the Veterane family for their land donation to the Park District several years ago saying much of the new trail crosses this land. Commissioner Swolgaard thanked the Knudsen family there this evening for selling their property to the District at a very reasonable rate allowing the trail to be built, and also contributing towards the preservation of the west side of Gazzam Lake from development. Commissioner Robinson extended thanks to Dan Hamlin and his crew for constructing the trails at Gazzam, and commended them for the recent WRPA awards the trails won.

RESOLUTION 2016-09: PETTY CASH FUND: MSC: Cross/DeWitt: That Resolution 2016-09, revising the number of the District’s petty cash funds to include the addition of a petty cash fund for special events, be adopted.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Recreation Services Superintendent: Mark Benishek: Both swim teams are working to put together a promotional swim reflecting the flavor of the Olympics coming up this summer; the City called a meeting today with the Park District and BISCC Non-Profit to discuss the impact of the City’s renovation of Waterfront Park on the Senior Center as they begin removing trees and vegetation; the Outdoor Programs Department is participating in the boater’s fair this weekend; flag football and welding classes are filling.

Park Services Director: Dan Hamlin: The Student Conservation Corp is getting underway and beginning its summer work in parks on June 20; over 200 goats arrived yesterday at Blakely Harbor Park and will be consuming ivy on the meadow side of the creek; a monitoring camera has been installed to record the number of boats going through the Blakely jetties into the mill pond; camera footage shows 56 people crossed from one jetty to another in an 8 hour period during low tide; on Sunday this weekend, volunteers will be working to construct features for Owen's Playground; the heating unit at the Camp Yeomalt Log Cabin has been installed and is heating up the room quickly.

Senior Planner: Perry Barrett: survey work is underway to determine the high water mark on the Blakely Harbor Park jetties; a parking analysis is underway for the bakery project at Fort Ward; technical reviews were conducted this past week as he presented for the Sakai and Hawley Cove projects he just recently submitted for RCO grants, he has been working with the City's Comprehensive Plan process in a continued effort to acquire park zoning for park properties.

Executive Director: Terry Lande: He met yesterday with members of the BJAM Committee to discuss the future of the interpretative/visitor's center they are interested in building. An agreement for the project will be developed between BJAM, the National Park Service, and the Park District. It is unlikely the City will be a party to this agreement since they have indicated a desire to transfer their ownership of that part of Pritchard Park to the Park District. The visitor's center will be designed by Johnpaul Jones. An NPS ranger will now be on the memorial site each weekend. Terry Lande also met this week with the new School Superintendent, Peter Bang-Knudsen, and learned that as someone who grew up on the island Peter Bang-Knudsen's first paying job was at the Aquatics Center. Terry Lande was impressed with his attitude and his interest in working with the Park District. Terry Lande will be meeting next with the developer of the Cave property since the portion of the property along Ferncliff will be set aside for a park.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS: June 4, 10am: Opening of John Nelson Linear Park.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

- Commissioner Robinson noted that he will miss the next three board meetings.
- Commissioner Swolgaard said he has been asked to volunteer his expertise to develop architectural drawings for the renovation of the bakery building at Fort Ward.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Several emails were received concerning: 1) Tennis player opposition to having pickle ball lines painted on tennis courts; 2) A need for a therapy pool; 3) Real estate item to be discussed in executive session following the meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:09 pm for discussion of real estate, with announced time to reconvene at 7:45 pm.

MEETING RECONVENED at 7:45 pm and **ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 7:47 pm for continued discussion of the above item, with announced time to reconvene at 8:30 pm.

MEETING RECONVENED at 8:30 pm and **ADJOURNED** at 8:31 pm.

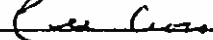
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ATTEST: 

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