

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING JUNE 16, 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, Jay Kinney, Tom Swolgaard. Absent: Kirk Robinson

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA: Delete from General Business: Resolutions 2016-10; 2016-11, 2016-12 since it has been determined amended 2015 budgets are not needed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Harvey Gilbert, island resident, expressed concern over the number of tennis courts on the island compared to the island's population. He referenced several public records from the City of Bainbridge Island, Kitsap County and the Park District pertaining to population figures, both current and projected, and noted that much of the concentrated growth is expected in Winslow. He said in 2015, there were ten public tennis courts on the island, but that the new high school principal has limited access to six of these for much of the year. The four remaining public courts owned by the Park District are also restricted in use due to park programs. With the addition of pickle ball court lines, access will be even more restricted. He wanted to know how the board will address this shortage, saying eight new courts are needed on the Sakai property to replace the six courts that were once available at the high school and address projected growth.

Eric Draluck, island resident since 1990, said there used to be public tennis courts at Waterfront Park, the court at Strawberry Hill Park is not playable, and the BHS courts have restricted use. He compared Bainbridge Island to Mercer Island, saying that while the population is greater here, there are far fewer courts. Mercer Island has 14 public tennis courts and 25 private courts. He said it is sad for a place that is this affluent to have only 2 playable courts, that there have been no improvements in 30 years, and that courts that were once available here have been taken away. He wants tennis courts at the Sakai property, saying tournaments could be held there that would bring in money.

Philip Powell said he is a competitive tennis player originally from New York and he is disappointed in the condition of the tennis courts on the island and by how few there are. He said the community lost the courts at Waterfront Park and he's heard the court at Strawberry Hill Park is no longer going to be maintained. He wants to know why the courts are decreasing, and wants to see this loss reversed.

BOARD CONSENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon making the following revisions to the minutes of the June 2, 2016 regular board meeting, Chair Swolgaard stated the minutes stand approved as corrected: p. 1: insert "almost" before "forty".

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
06/7/16	27,022.34	001	General	26,107.11	6/3/16
		300	Capital	2,735.12	
06/14/16	82,405.32	001	General	61,411.41	6/15/16
		300	Capital	20,993.91	

6/13/16	48,122.00	300	Capital	48,122.00	
06/7/16	52,025.77	001	General	48,652.15	6/16/16
		300	Capital	3,373.62	

GENERAL BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2016-13: AMENDED 2016 GENERAL FUND BUDGET: Finance Officer Amy Swenson said the amended 2016 General Fund Budget shows an estimated ending cash/investments balance of \$1,646,234. She reviewed the needed amendments as outlined in the resolution and in her Power Point presentation. Some of these included additional expenses to update the District's IT infrastructure and make a retiree's vacation/sick leave payout. There were also several revenue changes including payment on an interfund loan. Commissioner Cross clarified that the projected loss in revenue from the Senior Center is based on the assumption that a new agreement with the Senior Center will be agreed to and signed. The net result of these changes is a decrease in the funds needed from reserves of \$8692. **MSC: DeWitt/Cross: That Resolution 2016-13, approving an Amended 2016 General Fund Budget, be adopted.**

RESOLUTION 2016-14: AMENDED 2016 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND BUDGET: Finance Officer Amy Swenson said the Amended 2016 Capital Improvement Fund Budget includes the carry forward of funds from 2015 for projects that were either not completed or did not occur in 2015. The single line item for the boiler project has been broken into four line items, with many of these components happening simultaneously. Also noted was the significance of community groups that raise funds for projects they are working on in partnership with the Park District. Examples include the grassroots fundraising efforts for Owen's Playground which raised over \$300,000 for this project, and the current grassroots campaign of the Friends of Fort Ward non-profit that is raising funds to renovate the old Fort Ward bakery building into a community hall. **MSC: Cross/Kinney: That Resolution 2016-14, approving an Amended 2016 Capital Improvement Fund Budget, be adopted.**

RESOLUTION 2016-15: AMENDED 2016 LAND ACQUISITION FUND BUDGET: Finance Officer Amy Swenson reviewed several changes needed to the 2016 Land Acquisition Fund Budget including the carry forward of Sakai bond funds remaining at the end of 2015, and partial payment towards an interfund loan. **MSC: Cross/DeWitt: That Resolution 2016-15, approving an Amended 2016 Land Acquisition Fund Budget, be adopted.**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Recreation Services Superintendent: Bryan Garoutte: Staff are busy preparing for summer programs many of which are starting up next week; 19 kids are signed up for a hike to Mt. Saint Helen's; art camps are filling and more are being added; a woman came in last week to conduct a training session for 25 staff members on adaptive recreation and how to best assist program participants with special needs.

Senior Planner: Perry Barrett: He is assisting with a parking analysis needed for the bakery project's permitting process and the adjoining development that will share the parking right-of-way. Work on getting a park zoning designation is on-going and he was called in last week to go before the COBI Planning Commission. He found them generally sympathetic towards the Park District's needs and was directed to work with City staff regarding this. Out of the meeting which followed between Park District and City staff, several options came up as a possible alternative to a change in zoning. Executive Director Terry Lande said he appreciates the new Planning Director's interest in wanting to work proactively with the Park District. Perry Barrett went on to say the survey conducted in 2008/2009 at Blakely Harbor Park may have contained an error in the Park District's favor concerning the height of the jetties. The Park District is seeking confirmation of this since it could affect the cost and feasibility of the jetty bridge project. He has

notified the City of the Park District's application for State RCO grant funds for the Sakai property, saying this is a new legislative requirement.

Recreation Services Superintendent: Mark Benishek: a power outage this afternoon at the Park District's administrative office left the pool without software capacity to register open swim participants, but staff did a great job processing admittance using checks and cash. A joint effort between the Aquatics and Youth & Teen Departments have brought a formerly contracted babysitting class in-house with both sessions filled and two more being added; a "grad graffiti" night was recently held at the Senior Center with permission obtained from the City for WPCC seniors to paint their graduation years in the street on Bjune. The view from the Senior Center has improved as trees have been taken down or limbed in Waterfront Park, and meetings with the Rowing Club are getting lined up to keep the Senior Center abreast of their construction project.

Park Services Director: Dan Hamlin: the round-about at Battle Point Park is done; all seasonal staff will be on board next week; work by the Student Conservation Corps will begin soon and one of their initial projects will be to clear ivy in the Waypoint woods in preparation of the trail work that will be done there.

Executive Director: Terry Lande: met recently with the president of the ham radio club about an overnight event they will be holding on June 25-26 in one of the parks to test for radio contacts around the world. This is done as a training practice and also for emergency preparedness. There will be a lot of participation by the Park District in the upcoming parade on July 4.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

- Commissioner Cross said BI Parks Foundation may be interested in posting signs in all the parks they have done fundraising for, similar to the signs of the BI Land Trust. She expressed appreciation for the funds BIPF is raising and wondered if there might be another way to acknowledge their contribution than through putting more signs in parks.
- Commissioner Cross said she read an article in the Kitsap Sun that indicated the City is likely to get some grant funds from the federal government for a foot bridge across Highway 305 at Vineyard Lane, and noted this could affect the new John Nelson Linear Park.
- Commissioner Cross thanked Harvey Gilbert for his volunteer work on the tennis courts, saying the Park District could not operate without its volunteers. She went on to acknowledge the concerns expressed this evening regarding tennis, noting they are understandable with the closure of the High School courts. It was noted that the High School tennis courts were closed due to security reasons.
- Commissioner DeWitt attended a recent Trails Advisory Committee meeting, saying it is a very proactive group that takes a lot of pride in their work. He updated the Board on a number of their projects.
- Commissioner DeWitt attended a recent COBI Non-Motorized Transportation Advisory Committee meeting, and provided an update on the many items discussed. One future project planned by the City is to extend the bike lane on the east side of Miller Road from Tolo Road up to Peterson Hill Road. This will have an impact on parking for the Grand Forest.
- Commissioner Kinney attended a recent Dog Advisory Committee meeting, and said the committee seems to think that the next step related to off leash dogs is shared use.
- Commissioner Swolgaard ran into Jim Reilly who said the new playground at Schel Chelb Park is getting lots of use. Commissioner DeWitt noted how the park is serving as a place for moms to gather, and that the high use is an indication of how highly a park in this area has been needed.

MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:29 pm for discussion of real estate, 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 item, with announced time to reconvene at 8:30 pm.

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

Elizabeth R. Shepherd
Terry M. Lande
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John Thomas Swolgaard

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Kenneth R. DeWitt

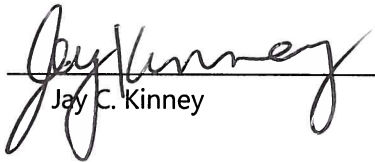
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Lee Cross

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Kirk B. Robinson

ATTEST:


Jay C. Kinney