

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT  
 REGULAR BOARD MEETING JUNE 21, 2018  
 STRAWBERRY HILL CENTER**

**CALL TO ORDER** A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Chair Kinney.

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

**ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA:** Add executive session for real estate.

**BOARD CONSENT**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Upon hearing there were no corrections to the minutes of the June 7, 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
6/11/18	001 General Fund 300 Capital Improvement Fund 631 Deposit Fund	16648-16691	45,935.23	6/6/18
6/18/18	001 General Fund 300 Capital Improvement Fund	16692-16752	76,070.68	6/18/18

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**SAKAI PARK CONCEPT PLAN:** Senior Planner Perry Barrett asked that the public notice sent out in anticipation of this meeting be read aloud since it provides background information on the Saka Park planning process to date and the next steps needed in order to move forward. To summarize the notice, architect and landscape architect Jones & Jones was selected by the Park Board to assess the community's recommended uses for Sakai Park that came from a six-month public outreach effort in 2016. With these uses in mind, Jones & Jones developed several site plan options that were presented to the board and community during the summer of 2017. Using the input received from these public meetings, Jones & Jones narrowed the options down to one site plan that could best accommodate the community's recommended uses while considering regulations and property constraints. The concept plan developed by Jones & Jones includes this site plan as the proposed master plan for Sakai Park and reflects community input provided over several years as well as site analyses and studies. At the December 7, 2017 board meeting, the board accepted the concept plan and asked for a formal public process in January 2018 to solicit public comments on it. Further public comments were provided at the 2/15/18 board meeting. To move forward with the planning process for Sakai Park, the next step is adoption of the concept plan by the board. This will allow preliminary analyses and cost projections to be obtained, and provide a blueprint to work from that will produce the information needed to make informed decisions about the park, such as which features and phases in the concept plan may be viable options for the community. It was noted that this notice was widely circulated prior to the board meeting. Once the notice was read aloud, Perry Barrett introduced Johnpaul Jones, Jones & Jones principal, who expressed appreciation to the Park District for the opportunity to have developed the concept plan. He commended the Park District for the initial public outreach effort that solicited community input in 2016, saying it provided a good base for them to work from in

developing the concept plan. He also commended the community for their involvement throughout this two-year process. He said the concept plan provides a good guideline for the park and for what can be done at this community treasure. Chair Jay Kinney provided an opportunity for public comments, and since there were none, asked for board discussion. He clarified that if the concept plan were adopted by the board this evening, it would not mean there's been a decision to build anything. Adoption of the concept plan would help the board move along towards later decisions on what to do with the property. Board discussion followed. Commissioner Cross said she was impressed with how flexible the plan is, saying it provides a good foundation to move forward with. **MSC: DeWitt/Cross: To adopt the Sakai Park Concept Plan developed by Jones & Jones in 2017.** Commissioner Swolgaard thanked Johnpaul Jones for all their work, saying they did a phenomenal job.

**KIDS UP NEXT GENERATION OF PLAY COMMITTEE REPORT:** Park Services Director Dan Hamlin introduced staff member Doug Slingerland who has been working with the Kids-Up Next Generation of Play Committee as they explore options for renovating the playground at Battle Point Park. Doug Slingerland summarized what the committee has done to date, saying they began by conducting a community survey to get direction on what to do with the failing playground structure. From this the committee found out how important it is to the community to keep the spirit of the original playground, and they could then establish a set of parameters. Preserving the main entry towers became a priority and staff has since rebuilt them. The committee wants all features to be accessible so a path to each will be provided. Landscape architect Chris Cain has developed a bubble drawing showing where in the footprint various features could go. Features are likely to include an adventure area, covered area, swings, slides, sand, and spinning devices. Natural materials will be used when feasible. The committee has engaged two companies and will select the one that one can best capture the parameters they've laid out. Some concern was expressed by the board about preserving the view corridor from the south end of the park and how the height of the covered area might block it. In response to a question about donor recognition, Doug Slingerland said the committee wants to honor the original donors and whenever possible preserve those parts of the playground that give them recognition. The board was pleased with the direction of the committee, asked them to continue and to keep them informed as the work progresses.

**AQUATIC CENTER FEASIBILITY STUDY SCHEDULE:** Recreation Division Director Mark Benishek said he's been working with Coates Design Architects to outline a schedule for the Aquatic Center study that will be done this summer. Items included on the schedule include: 1) meeting with the School District, the City of Bainbridge Island, user groups and the general public; 2) operational and funding studies; 3) cost estimates; 4) development of a final study and report. A progress report will be made to the board in September outlining what has been done to date. Three rough conceptual designs will be developed for each of the three options outlined by the Aquatic Design Group in their study last summer that provided options for the aging Ray Williamson Pool. Executive Director Lande noted that in several months, the Park District will run a similar process for Sakai Park so any decisions pertaining to the Aquatic Center and Sakai Park can be made in the context of having information pertaining to both.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Park Services:** Division Director Dan Hamlin said the Student Conservation Corps will begin their work this summer on Monday; the disk golf grand opening went well; the Williams-Olson committee is working well together in their efforts to bring a design for the park forward.

**Recreation:** Division Director Mark Benishek said summer programs are kicking off with many programs already full; a special Olympics athlete will be competing in Seattle this summer during the Special Olympics USA games; the public will soon be able to rent recreation equipment through the Outdoor Program's Gearbank; an inclusion workshop is being held this evening to train staff for working with individuals with special needs or disabilities; the World's Largest

Swimming Lesson was held this morning at the same time all over the nation and 38 people participated at the Bainbridge Aquatic Center; Bainbridge Boogie training continues; the Park District will be migrating soon to a new email provider, Microsoft 365.

**Administrative:** Senior Planner Perry Barrett provided an update on the Fort Ward Community Hall (renovation of the Fort's old bakery building) and said David Harry will be the Park District's representative for this project; the Corp of Engineers is negotiating with the Tribe on the Park District's behalf over the jetty bridge project at Blakely Harbor Park; the District's grant submittals to RCO are coming up for review. Executive Director Terry Lande reviewed some upcoming board meetings saying the Pritchard Park transfer will be on the agenda for July 19; in August there will be a six-month financial review of 2018, as well as a review of bid proposals submitted during the Sakai RFQ process; and in September there will be an update on the feasibility study that is being conducted for the Aquatic Center. He commended the disk golfers for their efforts to make the new course at Battle Point Park work, saying they have turned it into a positive experience where people of all ages are exercising together. He met recently with BI Land Trust Executive Director Jane Stone and expressed appreciation for her and the partnership between the two agencies.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:** June 30, 4:00pm: Hidden Cove Park dock open house. July 5: board meeting cancelled. July 8: BI Parks Foundation community picnic and fundraiser for Moritani Preserve.

#### **BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:**

- Commissioner Swolgaard attended a recent Trails Advisory Committee meeting and said a work party for Gazzam trails is coming up. He also said the committee discussed how to keep biking and horses separate on trails.
- Commissioner Cross attended a COBI Multi-Modal Transportation Advisory Committee meeting and mentioned several items discussed including the roundabouts that are being considered for Highway 305.
- Commissioner Cross said she received an email from Dave Shorett asking whether affordable housing could be provided in parks. She said this has been discussed before and asked if anyone wanted to address it again. As she recalls, the Park District's attorney researched affordable housing in parks some time ago and there were questions over whether a park district could do this. Commissioner Swolgaard and DeWitt also recalled complications. Commissioner Kinney said the Park District provides parks, and people want parks. He said the Park District is not here to turn park land into low income housing. When asked if the topic should be included on a future board meeting agenda, no board member requested that this be done.
- Commissioner Dewitt commented on how great Fay Bainbridge Park looks and said the parking area at Hidden Cove Park is better organized.
- Commissioner Kinney said he attended the grand opening for the disc golf course at Battle Point Park and it was a lot of fun.


#### **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

An email was received today from John and Ellen Hough commending staff member Julie McGinty for her assistance today as they reserved a picnic shelter at Fay Bainbridge Park. They said she was one of the best public employees they have ever encountered. This is noteworthy since as the board pointed out John Hough has long worked in public service, and due to his vision and guidance is one of the reasons the Park District acquired the Grand Forest.

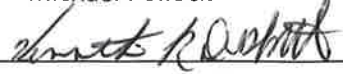
**MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 7:40 pm for discussion of real estate with announced time to reconvene at 8:00 pm and **ADJOURNED** at 8:05 pm.

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John Thomas Swolgaard