

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
 REGULAR BOARD MEETING JULY 6, 2017
 BAINBRIDGE ISLAND AQUATIC CENTER**

CALL TO ORDER A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Chair DeWitt.

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Terry Lande, Perry Barrett, Mark Benishek, Bryan Garoutte, Dan Hamlin, David Harry, Elizabeth Shepherd, Amy Swenson.

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA: Change executive session from real estate to personnel.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Doug Crist, island resident, commended the Park District for how well the Fort Ward Parade Grounds are being maintained and said the community is grateful for the District's stewardship of this park. He also invited everyone to come to an upcoming event called "Let's Make History". This jazz gala will be held at IslandWood on July 30 as a fundraiser for the Fort Ward Community Hall renovation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Edith Hartmann, island resident, said she hoped that the architect tonight would touch on the half acre that has been suggested as the site for a miniature steam train.

Ron Piland, island resident, said he hoped that no decisions would be made about the use of Sakai Park until there is more definitive knowledge about the parcel's buildable space and the impact mitigation efforts could have on this. Chair DeWitt said no decisions about Sakai Park will be made tonight.

BOARD CONSENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon hearing there were no changes to the minutes of the June 15, 2017 regular board meeting other than the following corrections made by Elizabeth Shepherd, Chair DeWitt stated the minutes stand approved: p. 6: change "his" to "this"; p. 7: Add "Lori Mejia" after "Community Outreach Program Manager".

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS: MSC: Swolgaard/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:

Batch Dated	Batch Amt	Fund No.	Fund Name	Fund Amt	Pre-Approved
06/20/17	62,008.00	001	General	41,390.58	06/20/17
		300	Capital	20,617.42	
06/27/17	69,917.57	001	General	64,809.49	06/27/17
		300	Capital	5,108.08	
June Payroll		001	General	377,498.66	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SAKAI PARK SITE PLAN OPTIONS: Senior Planner Perry Barrett said any emailed comments received from the public after the 6/1/17 presentation of site plan options for Sakai Park have been given to both Jones & Jones and the board. Principal Johnpaul Jones said they have considered the comments that came in, most which pertained to an additional

pool, and have put together drawings that respond to the concerns they heard. The drawings should help provide understanding over what can be done on the land, and the feasibility of the ten recommended uses for the site that came out of last year's public process. No decision by the board will be made this evening. Johnpaul Jones said the question is how to do the most things on the property that will best help the community, while at the same time respecting the land and remembering that this is a park. He said Jones & Jones brings a mixture of professional talent to their work, and consists of architects, landscape architects, and engineers. Six of the twenty-three acres are available to build on, and once buffers and storm water restrictions are considered, the amount of buildable land is just over two acres. They are trying to fit the most they can into this buildable area while considering the community's recommended uses. Johnpaul Jones said there is a pool study currently underway, aside from the work they are doing, that is assessing the Ray Williamson Pool. These results are not in yet and must be considered in the mix of what Jones & Jones is putting together.

Project Manager Duane Dietz presented updated drawings from the last presentation, and showed three site plan options for Sakai Park. Option 1 showed the impact of a pool on the property, and included three drawings of possible pool layouts. Although smaller than what was presented on 6/1/17, each of these pool sizes would still use up all or most of the impermeable square footage allowed for the property. Several additional drawings were presented that showed how the site of the current BI Aquatic Center could be used to expand the Park District's current pool capacity; the results of the pool study underway for the Ray Williamson Pool will be informative in this regard. Option 2 included a community center campus and two outdoor tennis courts. Since this option exceeds the permissible impermeable area by 1000 square feet, drawings were provided that show alternative locations for tennis courts in other parks. Option 3 included a community center campus which includes a community center, indoor recreation field and gymnasium, and an indoor court. Option 3 came in below the permissible 93,000 square feet. The alternative sites for a pool and tennis courts were explored since all the community's recommended uses for Sakai Park will not fit on the Sakai property.

Engineer David Schwarts commented on the restrictive factors related to storm water, and how these factors limit the impermeable surface available on the property to build on. Only a certain volume of water can go into the wetlands since too much will damage the stream. Because the soil at Sakai is hardpan, rainwater runs off it into the pond and does not infiltrate well into the soil. While Jones & Jones have included the use of a vegetated filter strip in several of their site plan options, ways of capturing water such as swales would not be effective on this site since the water does not infiltrate well into the soil. To increase through mitigation the impermeable surface beyond the 93,000 square footage allowed for the property would be costly. As an example, diverting water around the wetlands would require permitting and going across private property; approval of the project would depend on the impact of the additional water on the stream. Re-using water, such as harvesting rainwater into cisterns, could provide water for toilets and irrigation. These systems can cost up to \$3 million dollars and still not provide the amount of water needed for irrigation; there are also restrictions that prevent the reduction of water to wetlands.

In response to a question from the audience on why two tennis courts fit on the property in the last presentation and don't fit in this presentation, a Jones & Jones team member pointed out that the option shown in the June 1 presentation included a two story community center which used less of the allowable buildable surface. Two stories in buildings can be done, but are more expensive since they require an elevator and two sets of stairs. Several in the audience spoke to the importance of having tennis courts in Winslow since the Bainbridge High School courts are no longer available during school hours due to security reasons. In response to another question from the audience, Johnpaul Jones said the miniature steam train does not show up on the drawings since it was not one of the community's recommended uses. Ron Piland, a member of the public who commented earlier about looking into

mitigation options, said the community has invested \$6 million dollars in this property, and asked that at this time form, function and cost be set aside for the purpose of considering what is possible. While he understands cost is a factor, he is concerned that looking at options from a cost perspective at this time is limiting the view and scope of what is being explored. Another person commented about work being done at the site of the Ray Williamson pool, questioning where people would swim while the project was underway. She also questioned whether more of the Sakai property could be utilized for various uses, since only a very small percentage is being discussed as an option. Another person commented on the importance of incorporating as many different uses into the park to maximize the site's options for the community. The next presentation will take place after the pool study results are in.

MEETING ADJOURNED for a short break at 7:22 pm, and **RECONVENED** at 7:34 pm.

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFBRILLATOR GRANT APPLICATION: Administrative Services Director Amy Swenson said she is part of the Safety Committee, and in an effort to equip more Park District facilities with AED's (automated external defibrillators), they would like permission to submit grant applications to acquire them from various sources such as Walmart Foundation and Walgreens. **MSC: Kinney/Swolgaard: That staff move forward with submitting grant applications for the purpose of obtaining automated external defibrillators for Park District facilities.**

GENERAL BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2017-11: INDEMNIFICATION POLICY: Administrative Services Director Amy Swenson said the board already approved this indemnification policy by motion at the 10/6/16 board meeting, and it now needs formal adoption by resolution. Commissioner Swolgaard made a motion to adopt the resolution, but Commissioner Kinney as an attorney expressed concerns about how the policy is worded and was not willing to second the motion. He said the current wording opens the District to liability since it does not limit the protection it will provide employees to the District's available insurance. The motion died due to lack of a second. Once the policy is revised to address these concerns, it will be brought back to the board.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Recreation Services: Division Superintendent Bryan Garoutte said men's softball is going well; Little League made a recent donation of ballfield fencing; a summer soccer league is being held for the first time; the BI Police and Fire Departments will be involved in the Park District summer camp "Cops & Kids"; gymnastics staff are attending a training session; next week will be one of the biggest weeks for summer camps. Division Director Mark Benishek said a CPR class is taking place right now in the room next door; there are now 12 new lifeguards at the Aquatic Center; work on the Aquatic Center's building control system began this afternoon; the creative Active Adult class "Grandpa-Parrazi" was a great success involving grandparents and their grandchildren; the Bainbridge Boogie is moving into a competition level with both the Fire Department and City of BI beginning to learn the dance moves.

Park Services: Division Director Dan Hamlin said the Student Conservation Corps is in its second week and in full swing at a number of District parks with 538 trees now freed of ivy; the Fay Bainbridge cabins are underway with concrete footings just poured; staff recently walked the course at Battle Point Park with the disc golf group and revised the course to address concerns that were raised; Little League recently hosted a tournament at Rotary Park; the Firewise project is done with all goals reached and remaining funds used to pay for a new kiosk; the division is fully staffed now for the summer season.

Administrative Services: Division Director Amy Swenson said a free movie will be held July 13 at Battle Point Park for District employees, their families, and the board. Senior Planner Perry Barrett updated the board on work related to the Hidden Cove dock, and notified WA State Ferries in regards to work to be done at Waypont Woods. Executive Director Terry Lande said the first Concert in the Park was held last night with over 1000 people attending; he will be out of

town next week; the sailing program at the Springer House is underway under the current conditions for the property with kids being shuttled to the dock from the Hidden Cove dock; the campground at Fay Bainbridge is full and going well.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

- Commissioner DeWitt attended the June 23 grand opening of the Teen Center's new location at the Aquatic Center and said it was lots of fun with a good crowd attending.
- Commissioner Dewitt attended a BI Parks Foundation capital facilities meeting and updated the board on several projects involving the Park District.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

An email was received ^{from} by Malcolm Gander expressing liability concerns over the City's likely transfer of Pritchard Park to the Park District. The board noted that the transfer would not include the point which is the contaminated portion of the park.

MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:05 pm for discussion of personnel with announced time to reconvene at 8:25 pm.

MEETING RECONVENED at 8:28 pm and **ADJOURNED** at 8:30 pm.

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