

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MAY 7, 2015  
STRAWBERRY HILL CENTER**

**CALL TO ORDER** A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Chair Robinson.

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

**ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA:** Add to Unfinished Business: Lynwood Trail Dekker Easement

**BOARD CONSENT**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Upon making the following revisions to the minutes of the April 16, 2015 regular board meeting, Chair Robinson stated the minutes stand approved as corrected: p. 1: add "Director" after "Executive"; p. 2: add "out" before "of control".

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS: MSC: DeWitt/Cross: 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:**

<b>Batch Dated</b>	<b>Batch Amt</b>	<b>Fund No.</b>	<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Fund Amt</b>	<b>Pre-Approved</b>
4/21/15	53,277.38	001	General	24,143.17	4/17/15
		300	Capital	29,134.21	
4/28/15	176,443.17	001	General	68,379.58	5/7/15
		300	Capital	1,361.34	
		310	Land Acquisiti	106,702.25	
1/13/15	2,083.39	001	General	2083.39	
5/1/14	528.00	001	General	528.00	

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**SHEL CHELB PARK DESIGN REVIEW:** On behalf of the Lynwood Community Market, Vicki Reilly presented a \$2000 check to the Board as an addition to funds they have already raised for the Schel Chelb playground. Park Services Director Dan Hamlin said the group has raised well over their share for half the project cost, and that with the Park District's contribution, over \$50,000 is now in hand for the project. He then reviewed the final Schel Chelb Park design which includes several changes from when it was first presented to the community at the May 16, 2013 board meeting. Some of the changes include: 1) Location of playground has been moved further back away from the shoreline and road; 2) Parking location has been moved off the main driveway to across from the Reilly's home; 3) Fewer parking spaces since more people are expected to walk to the playground using a new trail that will connect the park to Lynwood Center; 4) Increased planting along the main drive to provide more buffer for the neighbors; 5) Tire swing has changed to a boat swing; 6) Excavated dirt will be used to create a slide mound. The playground theme has not changed and will continue with its natural and imaginative elements of ocean, sea serpent and shipwreck. Dan Hamlin said they have tried to create something significant for the community with as little impact possible on the neighbors. He asked the Board for approval to move forward with the project. Commissioner Cross said she was on the Open Space Commission and this is exactly what they were expecting when the property was purchased. Chair Robinson then opened the discussion up to public comments.

Sharon Dierickx, immediate park neighbor, expressed appreciation to Dan Hamlin for his collaboration with the neighbors. Their major concern is safety. She would like sidewalks and a crosswalk across Point White Drive to safeguard children from running across the street. She is also concerned about how many cars park along Point White Drive and wants the City to move the signs back to where they used to be. While public beach access is great, she said safe access must be provided. People do not drive at the 25mph speed limit.

Dean Dierickx, immediate park neighbor, asked for more clear trail access into the park from Point White Drive so people will see it and be less inclined to walk up the driveway.

Joe Rochelle, neighbor to the estuary, said that while he is aware the estuary is under State jurisdiction and not the Park District, he is concerned that the waterfowl nests will be disturbed as more children play in the park. He is also concerned about overuse of the beach and misbehavior of people. He values the beauty of the beach as it is and does not want to see this lost.

Loyal Moore, neighbor to Lynwood Center, expressed concern about parking, traffic and safety, saying crossing the road is a real threat. He wonders if a traffic study has been done on Point White Drive.

Marilyn McLaughlan, island resident who lives on Pleasant Beach, said she is here on behalf of the neighborhood and said the behavior that goes on at the beach is shocking. She said development will happen but neighborhood zoning calls for safety, lighting, and sidewalks. While she is in favor of parks and open space, she questioned how a park can be developed before the problems have been solved.

Jason McLennan, park neighbor, said he has a strong interest in the park for a number of reasons. He owns much of the land near the park as well as the private beach adjacent to the public beach. He also has young children and the trail is on his land. He expressed thanks to the Park District, and said it has been a positive experience working with Dan Hamlin and Perry Barrett on the trail easement. He thanked the Reilly's for caring about the community. He likes having a trail on his property. He likes the new trail underway to Lynwood Center. He is glad parking has been reduced. He likes the narrow road, saying studies have shown the wider the road the less safe it is. He likes the playground design and its location. He is very supportive of the park, but said the edge of the park is unsafe. He said the challenge is that the road (Point White Drive) falls outside of Park District jurisdiction. He encouraged the Board to lobby the City for increased safety measures, saying when someone comes off the trail onto the road, they could be hit. He said the area is becoming increasingly dense and while parking on the road is not the Park District's responsibility, support from the City should be demanded for infrastructure that will accommodate the impact of development planned for the area.

Barbara Resager, who lives on Arrow Point Drive, said the playground looks like it will be for younger children whose parents will be there to watch them, and it's unlikely they will walk all the way to the beach and across the road by themselves. She lives on a busy road and had to teach her children when very young to watch and listen for traffic. She questioned whether the playground will have much impact on the problems that already exist, and said more parks are needed.

Charlie Kratzer, who lives on Point White Drive, thinks a lot of the traffic problems could be handled with well-marked crosswalks and speed bumps on either side of them. He supports the park and thinks it is great to have beach access.

Anthony Flannery, said he is very supportive of the park, and that that it sounds like the majority of the concerns tonight have to do with the development in the area that is outside the Park District. He suggested there be a committee or someone designated to go to the City and raise these issues. He asked for some picnic tables in the park.

Vicki Reilly, park neighbor and playground fundraiser, thanked everyone for all the assistance that has been given. She agrees with her neighbors that there are some problems that need to be solved, but thinks the playground is a great

idea that will simply provide a small playground for young children. Chair Robinson thanked the Reilly's for all the work they have done. *JK*

Discussion followed in which several neighbors raised the question of whether a park should go in prior to infrastructure improvements that could improve safety and prevent potential accidents from occurring. Executive Director Lande and the Board expressed appreciation for these comments, and noted that while a lot of the neighbor's concerns are outside the District's control, the Park District can continue approaching the City to be sure they are aware of the issues raised tonight. Chair Robinson cleared up some confusion about the responsibilities of the Park District and City of BI, saying the agencies are two separate jurisdictions. Roads and the related infrastructure are handled by the City. Marilyn McLauchlan, who spoke earlier, found this helpful saying many of the issues raised tonight are not problems that the Park District controls and that the neighbors should address their concerns to the City. Executive Director Lande said the responsibility of the Park District is to provide parks and community services. He noted that many parks are near busy roads and that while the Park District does what it can to make them as safe as possible, it cannot eliminate all risks. Despite this, he said the Park District does what it can to minimize risk. This is one reason why the playground was moved farther back on the property. Other safety measures that could be considered are a barrier or fence along Point White Drive. **MSC: Kinney/DeWitt: To move forward with the Schel Chelb playground design as presented in Concept Plan B with the proviso that the Park District will work hard to make the street crossing at Point White Drive as safe as possible for pedestrians.** Chair Robinson expressed concern over promising something the District does not control. This was discussed and it was understood by the board and those present that Park District efforts related to infrastructure concerns would primarily involve support to the neighbors in bringing this issue before the City.

**OWEN'S PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISING UPDATE:** Park Services Director Dan Hamlin commended Stacey Marshall and those who have assisted with fundraising efforts for Owen's Playground saying more than enough money has been raised for Phase 1. *Ms Marshall* She expressed heartfelt thanks to the Board for their support and commended Dan Hamlin for his enthusiasm and thoughtfulness saying he is a true collaborator to whom they are grateful. She introduced a number of volunteers involved in the community outreach and fundraising efforts which have included a catalog, numerous events, and many creative opportunities for people to donate. They are eager to begin raising funds for Phase 2 which will shift in focus from accessibility to the larger community. A number of children presented money to the Board that they had saved or raised in order to make a contribution to the project. The Board expressed thanks to all for their hard work and especially the children. *JK*

**INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT APPLICATION HIDDEN COVE BALLFIELD:** Park Services Director Dan Hamlin informed the board of a devastating crane fly infestation at Hidden Cove Ballfield that required immediate application of a higher toxicity pesticide. He referenced the section in the District's Integrated Pest Management policy that allows the Executive Director to approve application of these products without prior board approval in the event of an imminent threat or emergency. The problem was initially detected in December when park staff contacted Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control to assess the situation and provide guidance. While numerous efforts since then have been made to address the issue, the infestation rebounded in spring and the application of a stronger product was required. In accordance with the IPM policy, he said he is notifying the board this evening that the usage of application "7" was necessary. He said board approval is needed for follow-up treatment with the same product sometime this fall or next spring. *scvin* **MSC: DeWitt/Cross: That use of application "7" on Hidden Cove Ballfield be approved as needed for follow up preferably when bees are not active.** *JK*

**LYNWOOD TRAIL DEKKER EASEMENT:** Senior Planner Perry Barrett said items related to the trail anticipated between Schel Chelb Park and Lynwood Center are moving more quickly than anticipated. The Dekker party from

whom an easement is needed has placed their home on the market this week, and it is necessary to act quickly in order to secure the easement. He said board approval for the purchase of the easement using PAC funds is needed subject to a recommendation from the Committee that funds be used for this purpose. The purchase price is approximately \$8700. **MSC: DeWitt/Cross: To authorize the expenditure of PAC funds to purchase the easement across the Dekker property that will connect Schel Chelb Park to Lynwood Center subject to the following two conditions: 1) Receipt of a formal Parkland Acquisition Committee recommendation; 2) The purchase shall not be consummated until a written agreement is obtained from all affected parties.**

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Recreation Services Superintendent: Bryan Garoutte: registration for summer classes began last week with summer and art camps, stunt classes, parkour, sailing and flag football filling quickly; the gymnastics Girls' Team ended their season with a successful meet last weekend; the recent fly fishing expo was a great success at the Battle Point Park pond.

Recreation Services Superintendent: Mark Benishek: youth and teen camp enrollment is up from last year; the Teen Center is celebrating its 23rd birthday; a teen alumni group is being formed; special events and birthday parties are up from last year; Masters Swim Team finished second regionally in Nationals; a Puget Sound Energy grant may be awarded for the pool lighting project, resurfacing of the Nakata Pool is scheduled for August 18; the Boys & Girls Club moved out of the Aquatics Center on April 30.

Senior Planner: Perry Barrett: the wetlands analysis has been completed for the Blakely bridge project; he is working to narrow the scope for a proposed bid that has come in on the jetty bridge; work with IslandWood is underway for a trail connection to Hey Day Farms; the City planner has signed off on the Hidden Cove dock project.

Park Services Director: Dan Hamlin: met with equestrian community leaders to explore solutions to horse waste on trails; commended David Harry for phenomenal job of constructing the Blakely Harbor Park restroom; the bid documents are out for constructing the lower ballfield at Rotary Park.

Executive Director: Terry Lande: the BI Land Trust appreciated the WRPA award the Park District nominated them for related to partnership efforts; discussions with the City are underway concerning road issues and the development going in across from Manzanita Park; work is underway to re-structure the District's community outreach efforts; he is pleased with how the recreation department has been restructured with the retirement of John DeMeyer and expressed confidence in the two new recreation services superintendents; the tanks have been removed from the Sakai property and the soil will now be tested for contamination, an appraisal for the McNabb property is expected soon and a decision on whether to pursue acquisition of the property will be required by the end of June; he will be on vacation next week.

Terry Lande also reported on a recent meeting with City Manager Doug Schulze. The City Council passed a motion on May 5 to allow off leash dogs at Pritchard Park on Tuesdays, Thursdays and until noon on Saturdays, and that the signs stating these hours would be taken down several weeks before the City transfers the park to the Park District. This raises the following concerns: 1) The decision was made without talking to the Park District, co-owner of Pritchard Park; 2) Concern about fecal matter on the beach; the possibility of fecal matter reaching Puget Sound was a reason the Vincent Road dog park did not go through; 3) Turn out for public testimony was primarily from proponents of off leash dogs in the park; 4) Attitude of teaching the Park District a lesson about the feasibility of designated hours for off leash dogs in parks. Executive Director Lande went on to review a number of concerns already considered by the Board regarding off-leash hours in parks, including enforcement and monitoring the park. Discussion followed, after which board members indicated a willingness to turn the park over to the City to conduct its experiment provided the Park District would be released from all liability.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:** 5/18: IGWG meeting; 5/21: board meeting will be cancelled due to lack of a quorum; 5/24: 50 Cents Pool Party.

**BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:**

- Commissioner Cross attended the Story Share project at the Senior Center regarding the BI Japanese American Exclusion Memorial. She said a discussion was held about community memory which differs from personal memory. She noted that a memory becomes a community memory as other points of view are excluded or dropped away, and that it is important to remember these other perspectives.
- Commissioner Cross said she and Perry Barrett attended a BI Parks Foundation meeting during which the following was discussed: the Foundation has put together a Friends of Hidden Cove Dock group to raise funds for the dock; the fundraisers for Owen's Playground <sup>have</sup> ~~has~~ asked the Foundation to serve as the group's fiscal partner rather than the Rotary Club (which has served in this capacity until now and agrees to this change since the project is in a park and Foundation deals more directly with parks than the Rotary Club); an anonymous donation has been received to hire Phil Pearl to work on trail connections.
- Commissioner DeWitt <sup>mentioned</sup> ~~attended~~ the Kingston Community Center groundbreaking.
- Commissioner Robinson attended the Waterfront Park Open House to review the final design; it is anticipated that the project will start this summer.


**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**


An email was received from Linda Sohlberg regarding the Manitou Beach property. Staff has looked at the property and thinks four parking spots with one being accessible is reasonable. Chair Robinson will relay this to Mark Epstein with the City.

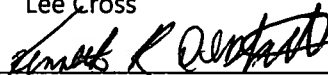
**MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 9:10 pm for discussion of potential litigation, with announced time to reconvene at 9:25 pm. **MEETING RECONVENED** at 9:25 pm and **ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 9:26 pm for continued discussion of the above items, with announced time to reconvene at 9:50 pm.

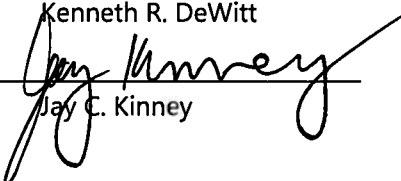
**MEETING RECONVENED** at 9:50 pm and **ADJOURNED** at 9:51 pm.

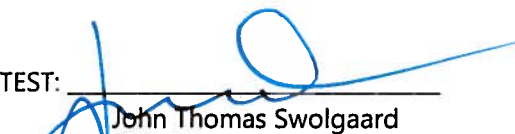
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