

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AUGUST 27, 2015
STRAWBERRY HILL CENTER**

6:00-6:38 PM: EXECUTIVE SESSION: Real estate and litigation.

CALL TO ORDER A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by Chair Robinson.

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

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA: Add executive session to end of meeting for litigation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Margaret Celestino, neighbor to Madison Avenue Tot Lot, said she was there to follow up on the July 30, 2015 board meeting. While she understands the exhibit to the trail easement agreement has not yet been completed, she wants the Board to understand the importance this small park has to the surrounding community, and that every square foot makes a difference. While she is not against development when done responsibly, she does want to make sure a fair deal is made that respects this park and the trees in it. She thanked the board for what they do and asked them to protect this little gem of a park.

Jerry Elfendahl, island historian, is interested in developing an interpretive project on the history of the Battle Point Park Transmitter Building. He found an old insulator on site, and like all objects said this one tells a story that he wants to uncover. He is working with staff on this project.

Jerry Elfendahl, island resident, mentioned some concerns about the new heat system proposed for Camp Yeomalt.

BOARD CONSENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon making the following revisions to the minutes of the August 13, 2015 regular board meeting, Chair Robinson stated the minutes stand approved as corrected: p. 2: change "Gymnasts" to "Gymnastics", change "\$35,000" to "\$30,000".

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS: MSC: Kinney/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
August Payroll	408,798.23	001	General	408,798.23	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FAY BAINBRIDGE PARK LAWN BURWOOD TREATMENT: Park Services Director Dan Hamlin said the volume of use at Fay Bainbridge Park has increased each year with camping revenues over \$50,000 for the past two years. The lawn there is heavily used and the prevalence of burwood thorns throughout the grass has become a hazard. The Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Board Coordinator has offered to come out and treat the weed for the District under her supervision. The treatment will be applied in September with follow-up done in October if needed. It may take several years of treatment in the fall. The herbicide Capstone will be used; this product has been used before by the Park District for other noxious weeds. **MSC: Kinney/DeWitt: That approval be given the Park Services Division to move forward with the lawn burwood treatment as presented this evening.**

REILLY TRAIL EASEMENT: Senior Planner Perry Barrett introduced Vicki and Jim Reilly who have not only spearheaded fundraising for the Schel Chelb playground, but are now donating a trail easement that will become part of the trail connecting Schel Chelb Park to Lynwood Center. The easement will involve no monetary cost to the Park District. Perry Barrett Board extended his heartfelt thanks to Jim and Vicki Reilly for their many contributions to the Park District. **MSC: Cross/Kinney: To approve acquisition of the Reilly trail easement and authorize the Executive Director to sign all necessary documents.** Commissioner DeWitt expressed appreciation to the Reillys from the Board saying this has been a phenomenal example of a public/private partnership.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Recreation Services Superintendent: Bryan Garoutte: a new Outdoor Programs intern, Claire Hobelmann, has just joined the Park District and will be living in the District's intern house at Hilltop. Outdoor Programs Manager Jeff Ozimek said it is very exciting to have her here. Claire Hobelmann said she is impressed with how huge the District is with its extensive parks and recreation opportunities, and has never seen anything like this. She is looking forward to being here. Bryan Garoutte said the recreation departments have reached 85% of their projected revenue so far for this year, and attributed this to great staff.

Recreation Services Superintendent: Mark Benishek said the Don Nakata pool has been drained for resurfacing, and the work is on schedule.

Park Services Director: Dan Hamlin: an arsonist started several fires last weekend in Fort Ward Park along the paved trail extending from the upper parking lot to the lower trail. It is fortunate a hiker noticed and reported them when they did, otherwise the entire park could have gone up in flames. The fires were intentionally set and they are under investigation by the police and Fire Department.

Senior Planner: Perry Barrett: the Van Slyke trail easement closed today completing the trail connection between Eagledale Park and the Blakely cemetery.

Executive Director: Terry Lande: the Park District's 50th Anniversary birthday celebration will be held on Saturday rain or shine.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

- Commissioner DeWitt passed on a compliment for the Battle Point Park soccer fields from a person in Kitsap County who last saw them when they were dirt fields.
- Commissioner Cross thanked the staff for a fantastic fall brochure that presents a full range of what's happening in the Park District. She said she wants to sign up for everything!
- Commissioner Robinson walked the recently completed Kundsens trail at West Gazzam and complimented staff on a nice job.

MEETING ADJOURNED TO BOARD WORK SESSION at 7:10 pm to discuss the public process for the Sakai property.

MEETING RECONVENED at 9:25 pm

MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 9:30 pm for discussion of litigation with announced time to reconvene at 10:00 pm.

MEETING RECONVENED at 10:00 pm and **ADJOURNED** at 10:01 pm.

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