

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 20, 2020
STRAWBERRY HILL CENTER**

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken DeWitt, Dawn Janow, Jay Kinney, Tom Swolgaard.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Kirk Robinson, former park commissioner, said that as the board knows he has worked on getting people in wheelchairs out onto park trails. He and Marsha Cutting recently checked out the new jetty bridge at Blakely Harbor Park to assess it for wheelchair use. They were impressed with how good it is. They did however note that small wheelchairs will have difficulty getting on and off the bridge at each end where the grid meets up with the cement abutment. He asked that the levels be evened up at each end.

BOARD CONSENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon hearing there were no corrections to the minutes of the February 6, 2020 regular board regular board meeting, Chair Swolgaard stated the minutes stand approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS: MSC: DeWitt/Janow: I have reviewed the following vouchers, warrants and electronic payments and move that they be approved for payment.

Batch Date	Fund Number & Name	Warrant Numbers	Total Batch Amt	Pre-Approved
02/20/20	001 General Fund 300 Capital Improvement Fund	19678-19714	47,582.63	02/18/20

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BATTLE POINT PARK PICKLEBALL COURTS BID AWARD: Park Services Division Director Dan Hamlin said that during this third round of bidding out the pickleball courts for Battle Point Park, the lowest bid of \$350,880 still came in at \$86,000 over the budgeted amount of \$265,000. Funds budgeted for the project include \$220,00 from the Park District and \$45,000 from the pickleball group. The pickleball group has now exceeded their budgeted amount and raised \$50,000 for this first phase of the project. Dan Hamlin questioned whether the price would get any lower and said while there are options to reduce the project cost, staff does not recommend them. Board discussion followed. The following motion was made by Commissioner Kinney and seconded by Commissioner DeWitt: *To accept the bid, provided that the pickleball group agrees to fundraise for \$40,000 of the \$80,000 shortfall and that if the pickleball group agrees to this, the Park District will put up the other \$40,000.* The motion did not pass. (Aye: Kinney/Swolgaard - Nay: DeWitt/Janow). Commissioner Janow said this needs to be looked at from the perspective of all user groups. Dan Hamlin said pickleball has been through 2-3 rounds of asking the same people for funds and questioned how feasible it is to ask them for more. Executive Director Lande said there is no formal pickleball organization to make this agreement with. Bill Walker with the pickleball group said he'd like to meet to consider all the options. Commissioner Kinney would like to see the courts built this year since they will provide a long-term benefit to the community. **MSC: DeWitt/Janow: To table the bid award for pickleball courts at Battle Point Park until the 2/27/20 special board meeting (subject to confirmation that this can be added to the agenda in a timely manner) and in the meantime, work with staff to get the funding issue resolved.**

BOARD VACANCY FINALIST DETERMINATION: Commissioner Kinney said that as members of the Personnel Committee he and Commissioner DeWitt met to discuss the applicants and have selected five names to recommend to the board as finalists. He said the board could expand this list to include other applicants. Of the eighteen applicants, three withdrew prior to tonight's board meeting: Kirk Robinson, Joe Solseng, Alice Tawresey. Commissioner Kinney said the board can discuss the candidate's qualifications in an executive session if they would like one, but any ranking or decisions must be done in open session. The board decided against having an executive session this evening and agreed to the five recommended finalists. **MSC: DeWitt/Kinney: To approve the following finalists for the board vacancy: Kristine Cox, Kate Durand, Karl Fritzsche, Tom Lindsley, and Phyllis McNeice.** The board then reviewed the questions they had asked during the interviews for the board vacancy in 2019. They agreed to use the same questions this year with several slight revisions. They also discussed whether to ask the candidates to prepare written responses to the questions prior to the special board meeting next week. **MSC: Janow/Kinney: To send the interview questions to the five board vacancy finalists so they can come prepared to answer them, and to ask the finalists to provide brief written answers by February 26 to the following two specific questions: 1) What pertinent experience do you have that qualifies you to be on the park board? 2) What are your expectations for being a board member, and what is your understanding of a commissioner's responsibilities.** It was agreed that the written responses should be submitted to the Human Resource Department.

PROCEDURE FOR SPECIAL BOARD MEETING: The board discussed the procedure for interviewing finalists at next week's special board meeting. **MSC: Kinney/Janow: To approve the following process for the February 27 special board meeting: 1) Finalists will introduce themselves and provide a short statement; 2) The board will take turns asking questions of the candidates in different order; 3) The board will adjourn to executive session to discuss qualifications (no ranking or decisions) and the candidates can stay or leave; 4) The meeting will reconvene and the board will discuss the finalists and make a discussion on who to select in open session.**

DIRECTORS REPORT

Recreation Division: Division Director Mark Benishek said a new Ninja program for little kids is being offered by gymnastics and has filled; there are two new instructors at the Eagledale Pottery Studio; participation in e-Sports (video game competitions) is growing; new active adults intern Deleine Chavez is studying gerontology and recreation in school and her internship is providing her with opportunities to experience related services in the region; the Art Lab at Strawberry Hill Center is coming up on March 14; mountain bike programs are expanding and the ski bus is moving to Crystal Mountain next week; winter volleyball continues to expand; two full families came to a pickleball introduction this past weekend; the American Red Cross Instructors Academy recently wrapped up with the regional representative asking to renew the contract for another year since it went so well; swim teams are entering their competition season.

Park Services Division: Division Director Dan Hamlin said the siding on the house at the new Cave Family Heritage Park is being prepared for paint and a playground there will be installed soon; a Trails Advisory Committee work party is coming up at Fairy Dell; a mountain bike proposal for Grand Forest North will be brought to the board some time in the near future; he and Perry Barret had a good meeting recently with the COBI Planning Department and discussed a potential park zone.

Administrative Division: Senior Planner Perry Barrett said the final edits for the comprehensive plan are underway and will culminate in the final document for board adoption; discussions are being held in regards to interpretation features at the new Blakely Harbor Park jetty bridge; the SEPA announcement for pickleball courts at Battle Point Park

is coming up. Executive Director Terry Lande said two committees consisting of staff, board, and community members are going to be formed to explore how best to move forward with capital projects related to Sakai Park and the Aquatic Center. Board members tentatively agreed to serve on these committees as follows: 1) Sakai Park-Janow/DeWitt; 2) Aquatic Center-Swolgaard/Kinney.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS: February 27, 6:00 pm: Special board meeting

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

- Commissioner DeWitt said he attended a recent COBI work session on Island Center and learned development in this area is limited due to extensive wetlands.
- Commissioner Janow said she attended a recent Trails Advisory Committee Meeting and saw the mountain bike proposal for Grand Forest North.
- Commissioner Kinney asked about the status of the sustainable committee the Park District formed this past year. Mark Benishek said the committee has done a lot of work including a website mock-up and will bring an update to the board sometime in the future.
- Commissioner Swolgaard asked about the egg stuffing event; it will be held March 13 from 9am-1pm at the Aquatic Center.
- Commissioner Swolgaard asked about the status of the Pritchard Park transfer and was informed there is a federal process through NOAA that must still be completed prior to the transfer being done.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Kinney said two people from tennis have asked to meet with him in regards to a Bainbridge Community Tennis Association proposal for two courts at Sakai Park.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:52 pm.

Elizabeth R. Shepherd
Terry M. Lande
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN
PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

BY: _____

John Thomas Swolgaard

BY: _____
Dawn Janow

BY: _____

Board Vacancy

BY: _____
Jay C. Kinney

ATTEST: _____
Kenneth R. DeWitt