

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING October 20, 2022**  
**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND RECREATION CENTER**

**CALL TO ORDER:** A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Vice-Chair Kinney.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tom Goodlin, Dawn Janow, Jay Kinney, Tom Swolgaard.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA:** Item 50.1, Director's Report, was removed from the agenda.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Commissioner Kinney read the Park District's mission statement: The mission of the Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park & Recreation District is to build a healthy community through effective, sustainable stewardship of the District's parks and open space, and through the development and delivery of innovative cultural and recreation opportunities.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Nick Mosich is a neighbor of Battle Point Park and has two concerns. He feels there is significant flooding to his property from Battle Point Park. He also feels that Logan Road is being used as an access point for neighbors and others for Battle Point Park and the Forest to Sky trail. He would like the Park District to discourage the public from using Logan Road and his property to access the park.

Jessica Malouf is in attendance to talk about a playground in Fort Ward. She lives on Fort Ward Hill Road and is concerned that it is not a safe road for kids to use to access a playground due to high-speed traffic. She hopes that is strongly considered when the board decides where to put a playground in Fort Ward, especially when there are other options.

Caitlin Lombardi brought her daughter, Maple Lombardi, who presented her artwork and said that she wants a playground.

Mike Sumsky spoke to the lack of safety on Fort Ward Hill Road. He said kids' safety has to be the number one priority. He is also concerned about large branches from trees falling in the proposed upper Fort Ward Park location. The Fort Ward Parade Grounds location does not have any of those problems.

Grant Morgan said there is a consensus that the neighborhood wants a playground just not on where to put it. He said there has been enough process, he does not want to see this process get paralyzed. The Fort Ward Parade Grounds is the number one choice in the neighborhood as a playground location. He asked that the process move forward.

Loanne Harmeling said she does not live in Fort Ward, but the upper Fort Ward Park site is not a good site for a playground.

JD Sumsky said that she investigated it, and Fort Ward has a history of people not wanting things in their backyards. Families are already playing and meeting up with each other on the Fort Ward Parade Grounds. They want a playground on the Fort Ward Parade Grounds where families already are. They are ready to raise money, break ground, and build a playground.

**BOARD CONSENT**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Vice-Chair Kinney stated that the minutes of the September 15, 2022 regular board meeting will be tabled until the November 3 board meeting so that on page 4 under the Director's Report, Park Services Division, starting with the second sentence, the minutes can be changed to read: There was a meeting for the user groups regarding the artificial turf field proposal at Strawberry Hill Park. Football, soccer, little league softball, and ultimate frisbee representatives were in attendance; boys and girls lacrosse were invited but did not attend. Work to remove weeds from the ballfields will begin soon, permission was received from the board to spray this fall.

Upon hearing there were no corrections to the minutes of the September 29, 2022 special board meeting, Vice-Chair Kinney stated the minutes stand approved as submitted.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 2022-12: PETTY CASH:** Administrative Division Director Amy Swenson said this is a housekeeping type resolution. Staff is closing two petty cash funds and changing the custodian for another two petty cash funds. **MSC: Janow/Swolgaard: Pass Resolution 2022-12 regarding revising the Park District's petty cash and change funds.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED** to a four-minute recess at 6:24 pm with announced time to reconvene at 6:28 pm. **MEETING RECONVENED** at 6:28 pm.

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

- Commissioner Janow said that since she has been on the board she had been interested in bringing art into parks. There is a project happening currently in the Pacific Northwest where ten large wooden trolls are being built. The ask for the Park District would be the site location, site preparation as needed, as well as tools for building the troll. Commissioner Janow said the Park District could take the lead to work with partners, but it is important to get the process underway so that the artist can start to do the design work. **MSC: Goodlin/Swolgaard: Commissioner Janow will proceed to work toward procuring the troll project for the island and that the Park District anticipates helping to locate and build the troll.**
- Commissioner Goodlin said he and Commissioner Kinney, as the board liaisons with the Bainbridge Island School District, met with the vice-president of the School District board, Mark Emerson, regarding the Aquatic Center and the School District property around it. It was a good initial discussion. The Park District's needs and desires for a replacement pool were discussed. Commissioner Kinney said it was a good meeting. The commissioners explained that the Aquatic Center replacement pool project is frozen until there can be a negotiation of the lease envelope with the School District. Commissioner Swolgaard asked if the need for co-location of a new pool with the Aquatic Center was explained, and Commissioner Goodlin replied yes. Commissioner Kinney said the other thing that was communicated was that there would be a problem with putting any new pool in the same spot as the Ray Williamson pool because then only the Don Nakata pool would be available for two years. The idea is that when the Ray Williamson pool is past its useful life, a replacement pool would have to be built, probably in the north parking lot. The School District has a lot of planning to do and hopes to get a bond through for the Ordway Elementary School/Commodore building campus before any of that would happen.
- Commissioner Kinney said that he heard there was a bear in the dumpster at Bainbridge Island Recreation Center.

#### **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

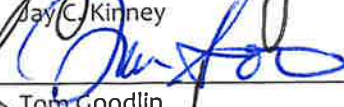
Several emails and a letter were received by board members regarding the proposed Fort Ward playground.

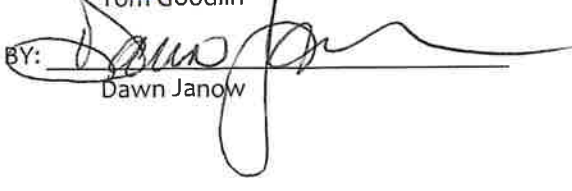
**MEETING ADJOURNED** at 6:52 pm.

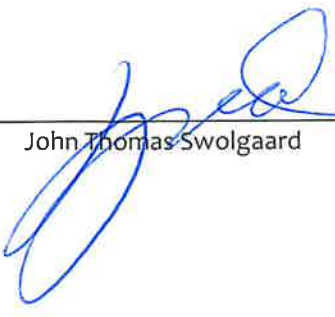
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