

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
 REGULAR BOARD MEETING April 20, 2023
 BAINBRIDGE ISLAND RECREATION CENTER**

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

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

MISSION STATEMENT: Vice-Chair Swolgaard 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

Jerry Elfendahl said he is interested in a historical research center and archive at Sakai Park.

Adam Hunt said that Sakai Park must be developed including active use and said that the community needs the board to act now.

Jeffrey O’Donnell expressed the need for an indoor youth sports facility at Sakai Park and encouraged the board to support it.

Susan Oblak said tennis players are advocating for no change to the use of the shared tennis courts at Battle Point Park.

Bill Hunt said he supports Adam Hunt’s approach to this process and agrees with everything that he said.

Jim Maushan said he supports everything Adam Hunt said, and that the role of government is to bring people together to share costs and build community.

Dan Hardy said there is a need for and interest in a mixed-use indoor facility and encouraged the board to do something with the resources they have to make Bainbridge Island a better community.

Erin Gardner said it is inexcusable to not provide the facilities children need so they do not miss games and so they can compete fairly.

Dave Johnson said that little has changed in terms of facilities for organized sports since 2015 and that the infrastructure for kids on Bainbridge Island needs to be better.

Loanne Harmeling said thank you for the Sani-can at the Madison Tot Lot and said that it is important for people of all ages to have a place to play.

BOARD CONSENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon hearing there were no corrections to the minutes of the April 6, 2023 regular board meeting, Vice-Chair Swolgaard stated the minutes stand approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS: MSC: Janow/DeWitt: 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
04/05/23	001 General Fund	EFT & 25229-25260	65,011.99	04/05/23
04/12/23	001 General Fund 300 Capital Improvement Fund	25261-25376	316,802.46	04/12/23

GENERAL BUSINESS

SKATEPARK PLAN UPDATE: Creative Services Manager Douglas Slingerland thanked Bainbridge Island Parks & Trails Foundation Executive Director Mary Meier and the BIPTF for their support on this project. He also thanked the skatepark committee and the youth advisory committee. At the 11/17/22 board meeting a draft of the skatepark design was shared and public comments were taken. Comments were then incorporated into the design. James Klinedinst with Grindline Skateparks Inc said the project goal was to add to the current skate bowl with design input from the community. Since the last meeting the height of the bowl was adjusted, the ferry ledge was adjusted, more strawberry elements were added, and more flow was incorporated into the pump track. The additions to the design can hold more skateboarders and will complement the current skatepark. It will be a world-class facility. Barbeques, seating areas, and water fountains have also been included in the design. The project has been broken down into several phases for funding. Commissioner Janow asked how many people could skate at a given time in a park like this. James Klinedinst said 50-100 people could be at the skatepark at a given time with 6-8 people skating at a time. The skatepark committee has reviewed and approved the revised design.

Jessica Perkins, the co-chair of the skatepark committee, thanked the board, staff, BIPTF, the youth advisory committee, and the skatepark committee for their work on this project.

MSC: Janow/DeWitt: Approve the skatepark project. Commissioner DeWitt asked about the project phasing. Douglas Slingerland said there are three phases related just to building the actual skatepark, building a roof would be an additional phase. Commissioner Swolgaard said the skatepark is part of the concept plan for Strawberry Hill Park.

STAFF REPORT

Administrative Division: Administrative Division Director Amy Swenson said that the 2020-2021 audit is finished, there were no findings, and it was a clean audit.

Park Services Division: Park Services Division Director Dan Hamlin said that the Earth Day Expo is Saturday. The concrete has been poured for the ADA ramp being installed at Battle Point Park for the area adjacent to the observatory where outdoor events are held.

Recreation Division: Recreation Division Director Mark Benishek said that staff are getting ready for summer registration on April 29. The interview process for a new Aquatic Program Administrator has begun. The pool at the Bainbridge Island Recreation Center will open May 1. Recreation Superintendent Bryan Garoutte said summer hiring is underway. The adult/child dance last weekend was a success.

BOARD MEMBER REMARKS:

- Commissioner Janow said that she has heard good things about the ADA ramp being installed at Battle Point Park.
- Commissioner Janow said she is looking forward to the Earth Day Expo.
- Commissioner DeWitt said he will be at the Earth Day Expo.
- Commissioner DeWitt said he attended a Trails Advisory Committee meeting last week.
- Commissioner Swolgaard said that he received the summer recreation catalog in the mail and thanked staff for their work on it.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:15 pm.

Helen M. Stone
Terry M. Lande
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN

PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

BY: Jay Kinney
 Jay C. Kinney

BY: John Thomas Swolgaard
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BY: Dawn Janow
 Dawn Janow

BY: Kenneth R. DeWitt
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ATTEST: _____
 Tom Goodlin