

**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MINUTES**  
Wednesday, August 1, 2018 5:30pm, Lacey City Hall

**Present:**

Commission: Ken Balsley, Aram Wheeler, Troy Kirby, Sarah Daniels, Erwin Vidallon

Excused:

Staff: Jen Burbidge and Desiree Atkin

Public: Ed Pole

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm, by Chair Ken Balsley

**Additions or deletions to the Agenda**

**Motion approved to move items 7A and 6B after approval of the minutes and item 12A after Correspondence.**

**Announcements & introductions**

**Minutes**

The June 6, 2018 minutes were approved and placed on record.

Introduced Desiree Atkin, New Recreation Coordinator

Youth Sports Interest Group: September 12 is the first group meeting. This group is tasked with looking at partnerships with other groups to fill in any gaps for sports/activities for kids in the Lacey community.

**Correspondence**

None

PARC foundation report: James Reddick reported:

- The Capital to Bay fun run/walk, August 11.
- Puddle Jump 5K and 10K run/walk, October 28.
- Oly Fed is considering sponsoring Earth Day and National Trails Day.
- September 22, 15 to 16 community members will meet to look at the current operations and future of the PARC Foundation. The meeting will be at Lacey City Hall in the Community Room.

**Old Business**

a) Park rule updates

-tobacco/vape bans. Thurston County paid for and printed 500 posters and 10,000 business sized educational notices, with a grant they had received. The cards are for staff to hand out to park goers regarding the new no smoking or vaping ban.

-freedom of speech. Nothing new to report.

-drone use. The recommendation from the City of Lacey legal department is that we refer to FAA rules and safety guidelines. Jen will make a fresh copy of the Park Rules updates so Park Board can review them before it goes to Council.

b) Youth Sports Interest Group (moved to after minutes)

c) Long Lake Beach changes. Lifeguards feel confident about the changes and things have been getting better.

d) Indoor Sports Feasibility Study. Hunden Strategic Partners is conducting the study. In the packets is the kickoff meeting agenda.

- July 17<sup>th</sup> was the kickoff meeting
- Jen and Sue Falash gave them a tour of our facilities
- Connected them with Dean Burke, Tacoma Sports Commission

- Follow up sometime in August
- End of September will be the final recommendations

### **New Business**

- a) New Recreation Coordinator, Desiree Atkin (moved after approval of minutes)
- b) North Thurston Public Schools Joint Use Agreement update. Council approved the new joint use agreement.
- c) Early Fall Park Tour. Friday, 9/28/18 from 12:30-4:30p.m. Jen will make an itinerary.

### **Director's Report**

- a) Construction Project Updates
  1. Wonderwood Park: A portion of the parking area at Wonderwood Park's 32nd Avenue SE entrance will be closed for several months to accommodate storage of materials required for the City of Lacey's 2018 Street Overlay project. About 15 of the park's 145 parking spaces are affected.
  2. Woodland Creek Community Park. The trail connection project has begun.
  3. RAC Bleacher covers are completed.
- b) Planning
  1. Updated work plan included in packets.
  2. MPD update. Council voted 6 to 1 to put a ballot before the voters.
- c) Grants & Budget
  1. 2019 & 2020 Budget requests
- d) Volunteers  
No report
- e) Miscellaneous  
No report

### **Commissioner's Report**

Aram Wheeler inquired whether the city has ever conducted a wild life study.

### **Chair's Report**

Ken was re-appointed to a three-year term on the Parks Board.

### **Citizen/Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

Ed Pole, who is on the Committee Against the formation of a Lacey Metropolitan Park District, introduced himself and said he had some questions. Park Board commissioners welcomed and thanked him for attending. Jen got his email address in order to send him the documents and answers requested.

### **Committee Reports**

- a) PARC Foundation (moved after correspondence)

### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 5:30pm at Lacey City Hall.