



**Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 19, 2020 6:00 pm
Odell Park Basketball Shelter
Minutes**

In Attendance:

Staff: Mark Hickok and Marcie Wily

Board: Nan Noteboom, Glenna Mahurin, Anna Cavaleri, Suzanne Cross (via teleconference), Mike McCarthy

Public: None

Regular District Board Meeting

Call Regular Meeting to Order

Noteboom called the meeting to order at 6:05pm

Comments from the General Public (3 minutes per person, per subject, Maximum 30 minutes public comment taken)
None

Review Minutes

1. July 15, 2020 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Action: Consider a motion to approve the July 15, 2020 meeting minutes

Cavaleri made a motion to approve the minutes with the amendment to reflect that the board wasn't opposed to private rental of the pool but that public safety due to increased use during Covid 19 was considered first. Mahurin seconded. All approved.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Reports (*informational, no action needed*)

2. Finance Report

Hickok reported that this is the time of the year (the beginning of the fiscal year) where reporting numbers is not as accurate because we have a lot of year-end items that will need to be journaled to the previous fiscal year. By the September meeting the report will be back to normal.

3. Directors Report

Hickok gave the director's report.

Covid-19 Response: The Parks District continues to monitor the changing guidelines from the state of Oregon, making adjustments as necessary.

CAREs Act Funding: The Parks District has received COVID relief reimbursement for expenses related to the pandemic and is currently waiting on approval for expenditures from the past month.

Columbia Land Trust License for ICT extension: The board proposed changes to the contract terms with the Columbia Land Trust for the Indian Creek Trail extension, and the Land Trust staff thought that the Parks Districts change requests were reasonable. They will have to wait until their next board meeting for

approval, which is in September.

Multi-Jurisdictional Master Plan: The latest draft has been completed. The City of Hood River is scheduled to accept the plan for parks and recreation planning at their next council meeting, with the Parks District potential adoption scheduled for the September board meeting.

Barrett Park: Hickok reviewed the email correspondence he received from Barrett Park neighbor, Keir Bryerton, who expressed discontent on a variety of items, including noise, the desire for an alternate entrance, a vegetative buffer, and trash at the park. Hickok showed board members a map of the property and discussed some possible ways to work to with the neighbor. The property has fence posts in, so the fence could be built. A vegetative buffer is one solution. Moving the driveway and parking to east side of the barn may require permits from the county, as well as the added expense of moving driveway and parking lot. Hickok reported that the cross country team had approached him previously about completing a loop trail around the park to keep runners off the fast county roads and asked for board feedback on the idea, with the trail connecting to the relocated parking area. The board discussed the various scenarios, stating that a loop trail would be a nice feature, and that it would create a safe place for people to park rather than on the side of Alameda, and it might encourage people to use that spot rather than Arrowhead Road for trail access. McCarthy stated that he didn't believe that the Parks District should do any further development of the trail or invest anymore funds in Barrett Park. Cross stated that while she was originally for the idea of completed a trail and moving the driveway, she thought it was a better strategy to conserve, to work out a different deal with the land-owner, one that would require less expense. The group decided to work towards a solution with the landowner that didn't include the extra expense of moving the driveway. The board instructed Hickok move forward with the fence, and to offer the neighbor the same deal that had been given to another neighbor several years ago, where the home owner can provide the trees, we plant them on park property where appropriate, then the homeowner irrigates the trees.

4. Aquatics Report

Wily gave the aquatics report, stating that the pool had been open close to two months, and that the systems to maintain health and safety during COVID-19 had been going well. Swim lessons have resumed with new measures in place to ensure safety of staff and participants, like parents in the water with the beginner swimmers to help hold and guide them. Staff conducted a lifeguard training class in July and was able to hire new lifeguards. Board asked about how the pool was doing financially and if we had an accurate number of the cost recovery. Financials appear to be better for the pool than originally anticipated, but Hickok stated that we would have a more accurate picture of the cost recovery at the next board meeting. He did ask for any feedback on the possibility of suspending three month and annual passes (which aren't used by a great number of swimmers) to day use only or to discount tickets for simplicity with the uncertainty whether the pool will remain open during the winter.

Executive Session

5. Executive Session, per ORS 192.660(2)(e). To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions. *(The District Board will now meet in executive session. All members of the audience are asked to leave the call. No decision may be made in executive session. At the end of the executive session, we will return to open session and welcome the audience back.)*

Mahurin moves to enter Executive Session. McCarthy seconded. All approved.

McCarthy moved to leave executive session. Mahurin seconded. All approved.

New Business

1. Approval/Final Action of Executive Session Topic

Cavaleri made motion to authorize Noteboom to sign the option agreement for the Blackman/Skakel Property. McCarthy seconded. All approved.

Hickok discussed the next steps, on due diligence for the property. According to County Planning, in order to know all the specific allowable uses under the properties National Scenic area (NSA) designation, we will need to apply for a conditional use permit. At the next board meeting we will discuss needs and desires for the property including creating a timeline that would detail the items that need to be completed before submittal of the conditional use permit.

There is a clause in the contract that allows the Parks district to reimburse the landowners for repairs and improvements to the properties if they are approved by the parks district. The landowner Jackie Skakel requested reimbursement to repair and replace the field drainage system. Hickok asked for guidance and approval to complete the work. Cavaleri made a motion to give Hickok to make improvement for drainage work for up to \$20,000 to the Blackman/Skakel Property. Mahurin seconded. All approved.

Adjourn

McCarthy made the motion to adjourn. Mahurin seconded. All approved.

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