

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 8, 2016
STRAWBERRY HILL CENTER**

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lee Cross, Ken DeWitt, Kirk Robinson, Tom Swolgaard. Absent: Jay Kinney
Also absent: Executive Director Terry Lande

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA: Add to Unfinished Business: Document before Planning Commission

BOARD CONSENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon hearing there were no corrections to the minutes of the August 18, 2016 regular board meeting, Chair Swolgaard stated the minutes stand approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS: MSC: Cross/DeWitt: Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing that has been made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board, by a unanimous vote, does approve for payment those vouchers included in the above list and summarized as follows:

Batch Dated	Batch Amt	Fund No.	Fund Name	Fund Amt	Pre-Approved
08/19/16	156,610.43	001	General	134,503.57	8/19/16
		300	Capital	17,670.61	
		310	Land Acquisiti	4,436.25	
8/24/16	68,420.96	001	General	67,765.28	8/24/16
		300	Capital	655.68	
8/24/16	41,259.59	001	General	32,604.54	8/17/16
		300	Capital	8,655.05	
8/30/16	127,701.24	001	General	65,377.62	8/30/16
		300	Capital	62,323.62	
9/7/16	20,988.78	001	General	20,861.16	9/1/16
		300	Capital	127.62	
09/08/16	172,202.00	001	General	172,202.00	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DOCUMENT BEFORE PLANNING COMMISSION: It has recently come to the attention of the Park Board that a document is coming before the City of Bainbridge Island's Planning Commission this evening that would have a grave impact on park lands as well as road and conservation easements. The document is the Island Wide Transportation Plan's study which is being reviewed this evening by the Planning Commission as part of the City's Comprehensive Plan update. Commissioner Cross said the proposed roads through the Gazzam Lake Nature Preserve would be horrific and suggested the board take a position by sending a park commissioner to the Planning Commission meeting tonight and later submit more lengthy comments. Commissioner Robinson said that in addition to Gazzam, the transportation study also includes a number of other roads that would adversely affect park properties and easements. He asked City staff about the document, and was told many of the roads are included as carry-overs from prior versions and that while the plan identifies potential connections, it is not a recommendation of them. Commissioner

Cross said once lines are on a map, they take on a life of their own. The District's attorney Ryan Vancil noted that the public comment period for tonight's Planning Commission meeting is already over and suggested that a letter might be the next best step. The board decided that Commissioners Cross and Robinson would draft a letter regarding their concerns about the transportation study and have it ready for board review at the September 22 board meeting.

REQUEST FOR RE-ZONE OF PRITCHARD PARK: This topic was postponed to a future board meeting since Charles Schmid who is proposing the re-zone of Pritchard Park could not attend.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR REPORT: Volunteer Coordinator Emily Helgeson reported on two Park District programs that she supervises: 1) BI Student Conservation Corps: This is the seventh year of this program that involves high school students in the removal of noxious weeds throughout island parks and provides an educational component on conservation sciences and related career opportunities. The group of 23 students removed noxious weeds from over 38 acres of parks including Blakely Harbor Park, Fort Ward Park, Waypoint Woods, and Hidden Cove Park. Over 1000 trees were cleared of ivy, and a 30 yard dumpster was filled with English Holly that was removed from the Waypoint Woods. 2) Trails Crew: this six week program focuses on the construction, maintenance and monitoring of island trails. The crew of four Senior Park Aides did a lot of maintenance on existing trails and constructed a number of new trails including the Waypoint Woods trail that was constructed after the SCoCo students cleared out the noxious weeds. The board conveyed appreciation for all the work that was done and expressed interest in expanding the SCoCo program.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Park Services Senior Manager: David Harry: is sitting in for Dan Hamlin while away on vacation; the Rotary Park renovation project is wrapping up with handrails now installed on the stairs; trail maintenance work will begin soon to fill in any areas where the new trails have settled. Work has begun to redesign and rebuild the water system at Battle Point Park. When the bids came in too high last year, staff applied for and gained the necessary approval to install the system in-house. Fall is a good time of year to begin the work since doing the work during the spring and summer months would interfere with irrigation.

Recreation Services Superintendent: Bryan Garoutte: commended staff for the creative programs and activities they offered during the summer; fall activities are getting underway some of which include soccer, youth and adult sailing, foraging and medicinal herbs, theater, a youth volleyball league, and an ultimate Frisbee tournament; a Zumba class is being offered for staff and their families after work as part of a new Health & Fitness Committee. A recent School District decision to make the high school a closed campus has affected the Park District's ability to offer gymnastics classes there during school hours. As a result, gymnastics classes have had to be cancelled or relocated to other facilities.

Recreation Services Director: Mark Benishek: fall programs are underway at the Aquatics Center with swim classes and teams getting underway again; the Master's Swim Team now has up to 150 members; he is working with the City to get some clean-up and other work done to the exterior of Waterfront Park Community Center. The recent upgrade to the District's registration software has been a disappointment with many frustrating software issues that have affected both customers and staff. The software company is coming up with an action plan that should address these issues, but if this is not successful, the Park District will begin looking at other options.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

- Commissioner Cross attended a BI Parks Foundation board meeting this week and said the Foundation will be hosting a potluck picnic on Sunday, September 18, to raise funds for Blakely Harbor Park. She said the

Foundation has \$8000 for small community grants with a ceiling of \$2600 for any one grant. If the Park District applies for funds from this, someone from the community must support the project.

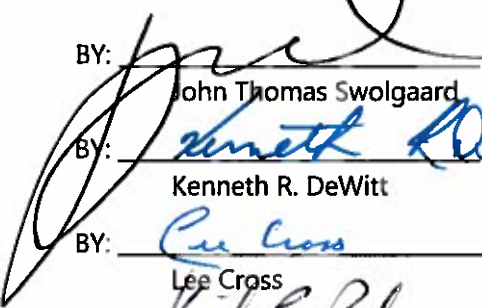
- Commissioner DeWitt mentioned an email he received regarding a possible playground at Seabold Hall and was encouraged to see the community's interest.
- Commissioner Swolgaard inquired into the next steps for the Sakai property now that the initial public process is completed. Other commissioners thought it might be addressed at the September 22 board meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was sent to Commissioner Kinney expressing interest in having a disc golf course on the Sakai property.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:21 pm.

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BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN
PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

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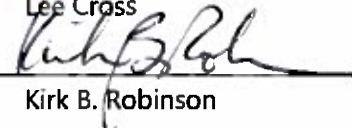
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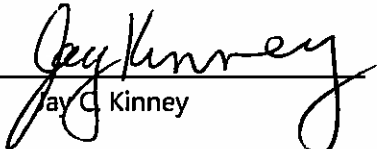
Kenneth R. DeWitt

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Lee Cross

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Kirk B. Robinson

ATTEST: 

Jay C. Kinney