

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MARCH 2, 2017
STRAWBERRY HILL CENTER**

CALL TO ORDER A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Chair DeWitt.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken DeWitt, Jay Kinney, Kirk Robinson, Tom Swolgaard. Absent: Lee Cross

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Terry Lande, Perry Barrett, Mark Benishek, Bryan Garoutte, Dan Hamlin, David Harry, Elizabeth Shepherd.

BOARD CONSENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon making the following revisions to the minutes of the February 16, 2017 regular board meeting, Chair DeWitt stated the minutes stand approved as corrected: p. 2: change "outdoor" to "outboard".

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS: (There were no vouchers needing approval for this board meeting).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RECOGNITION AQUATIC CENTER STAFF: Recreation Services Director Mark Benishek said there was a major medical emergency at the Aquatic Center on February 20, requiring staff to perform CPR and administer the AED device prior to the arrival of EMT personnel. Jerry Walk spoke, saying he is the man who "went horizontal" shortly into his workout after he could not catch his breath. He last remembered waving his hand and then waking up six hours later in the hospital where his heart had been stabilized. He attributed training and equipment to what saved his life, and expressed tremendous gratitude to staff. He said he saw the doctor yesterday and can now resume all his activities. Fire Chief Hank Teran with the Bainbridge Island Fire Department commended the Aquatic Center staff for their teamwork and mentioned by name Lisa Claesson-Gordon, Marjorie LeMaster, Nancy Rogers, David Wallace and Dave Perkins, who all performed critical functions during the course of this emergency. He then, with the help of BIFD Commissioner Scott Isenman, presented certificates to the three staff members who worked directly with the patient, Taylor Walker, Tyrone Kleim, and Megan Pleli. He said the expertise they showed was outstanding. The lead paramedic concurred saying they arrived on the scene to find these three hard at work performing excellent CPR and use of the AED device. What they did he said made all the difference in this man's life, and they are very proud of them. Fire Chief Hank Teran extended his congratulations again, and the Park Board said they too are very proud of staff.

PROPOSED DESIGN FOR DISC GOLF COURSE AT BATTLE POINT PARK: Park Services Director Dan Hamlin said the disc golf group has come back tonight with a proposed design for a disc golf course at Battle Point Park. John Papajani said they provided an overview of what they'd like at the 12/1/16 board meeting, and were told by the board to work with staff to develop a course layout. Since then they have walked the course and refined the layout, taking into account board considerations expressed at the December 1 meeting. Tonight's layout was developed to be safety compatible with other uses, include sufficient buffers, and maintain clear visibility. Joe Tschida said the proposal is for 18 holes with a north and south section in the park. The first tee is close to the soccer field with good access to parking. They developed a course that is challenging and directs discs so they are thrown away from trails or vehicles. The course requires 18 baskets, 18 4'x10' aggregate concrete pads, and signage marking tees, and informing parks users of the disc golf course. Greg Scharrer said the budget is \$18,000 (\$1000 per hole) and reviewed potential funding sources. The cost could be less since some of the labor to install the course will be provided by volunteers. He addressed board concerns raised at the 12/1/17 board meeting by responding as follows. They don't anticipate worn paths since the paths vary with where the discs go. There are no cleats so divots are unlikely. Any path erosion can be mitigated with gravel or bark. The layout is for unused portions in the north end where people tend to stay on the trail and use the northeast corner the most. The route steers clear of wet areas so year round play should not result in

damage. Sight lines are left open, with the exception of low profile disc golf baskets that come in colors that can blend with the environment. There is no understory to be damaged since the course is not in a wooded forest. Trees that are hit from a 30' or 40' range are not damaged. Trees in a closer range can be protected with tree armor or wood slats. There are alternatives to concrete pads, but concrete is standard for the industry and is best for preventing injury to players. If played at maximum capacity in the summer, this would result in 24 cars/hour. During the school year, this would be reduced to 8-12 cars/hour. Taking out one use in the park if another new use is added did not seem to apply to disc golf since it is a dispersed activity and not in one large contiguous area. After providing this response to board concerns, the group thanked the board for the opportunity to present their proposal, and offered to show the course to board members. Park Services Director Dan Hamlin said the group is looking for direction on the next step. Executive Director Terry Lande said the next step will be a public meeting on the project so community input can be heard. Following a brief board discussion, Chair DeWitt said a public meeting would be scheduled, and gave staff the go ahead to begin drafting a memorandum of understanding to define how the disc golf course would work.

MEETING ADJOURNED FOR A SHORT BREAK at 7:15 pm and **RECONVENED** at 7:22 pm.

TEENS PROGRAMS PRESENTATION: Recreation Superintendent Bryan Garoutte said notice from the School District was received several months ago to have the Teen Center Building removed from the High School by the end of June. Since then, staff has been exploring options related to teens, and how to best handle the loss of this facility. He outlined a number of goals developed by staff for teen programming, including maintaining a presence on the Bainbridge High School campus and providing a safe place for teens to gather. It's been determined the Aquatic Center will best meet these goals in the area previously used by the Boys & Girls Club. Meeting Room C, the smaller room in back, will be set up as a permanent space where teens can congregate. It will include couches, a big screen, and computers for doing homework. Regular hours will be established. Pool tables will be set up outside Room C in the back of Meeting Room B, and the rest of Room B will be available for teen and other activities. This summer there will be over 100 camps, classes, and off-island trips available for teens through the Park District. They will be indicated in the summer catalog with a teen icon so they are readily apparent. These activities promote a healthy lifestyle for teens, and provide ways to relieve the stress that can lead to less healthy behaviors. The board was impressed with how much work staff has done, and commended them for developing a good program.

GENERAL BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2017-06: SURPLUS TEEN CENTER BUILDING: Senior Manager David Harry went over five alternatives staff researched for moving the Teen Center building off the High School campus. 1) Move it to another Park District site: To get an idea of what this would cost, he looked into moving it to Strawberry Hill Park and learned this would cost \$32,000. The cost for the septic system would be on top of this; 2) Demolish the building: this would cost \$14,600; 3) Find someone to take the building for little or no cost. There are two interested parties in this option; 4) Transfer the building to the contractor that is doing the high school construction project: The contractor does not want it; 5) Give the building to the Housing Resource Board: he has not received a call back from them indicating interest. Park Services Director Dan Hamlin said David Harry has done a great job researching these options. The board is being asked tonight to declare the Teen Center surplus property since the costs for the District to keep it and move it to another site are prohibitive. Once declared surplus, staff will do what is necessary to determine the next best option. If no one wants the building, it will be demolished. **MSC: Robinson/Swolgaard: That Resolution 2017-06, declaring the Teen Center as surplus property, be adopted.**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Park Services: Division Director Dan Hamlin said a board member is wanted to speak this summer during the Student Conservation Corps program and was encouraged by the interest indicated by the Commissioners. The IslandWood trail wetland study has been completed and submitted to City staff. Transfer of the trail easement from the City of Bainbridge Island to the Park District is scheduled for approval at the 4/11/17 City Council meeting. Park District acceptance of the easement's transfer will follow at a subsequent board meeting. The park board will discuss the IslandWood trail route at the 4/20/17 20 park board meeting, at which time the neighbors will be invited to provide public input. The Olympic Drive project has been approved by the State, and while the project will extend 30 feet beyond Olympic Drive, it appears that the staging area will be in an area without trees that will be planted when done. A conference call was recently held with the District's insurance company to discuss risk management. It's been learned there is not a concern about having a disc golf course in a District park, provided there is appropriate signage and property layout. In regards to off leash dogs at Pritchard Park, the insurance company had more concern, but decided off leash use of the park is feasible provided it is allowed by City Code, that any area utilized for this purpose is deemed an official off leash dog area, and that the dog owners are responsible for following the rules.

Recreation Services: Division Superintendent Bryan Garoutte said the new carpet has been installed in the Transmitter Building. A new sound system for the BHS gymnastics room and a new stereo for the Transmitter Building have been donated by Gymnastics Team parents. Outdoor Programs Manager Jeff Ozimek attended an outdoor recreation summit in Bellingham with a lot of other outdoor professionals, and learned the BI Park District is in the lead in outdoor recreation. Adult tennis attendance is growing as well as spring soccer. The summer catalog should be up on the web on March 15. Division Director Mark Benishek said the Red Cross Academy was just held at the Aquatic Center with 20 participants attending from all over the country as well as Canada. There are still many issues with the District's registration software that are affecting its ability to operate correctly. The building control system at the Aquatic Center runs off a DOS operating system and is on its last legs; it controls the HVAC system and was migrated over from the Ray Williamson Pool to the Nakata pool. Executive Director Terry Lande said the new pool manager has been here now for three months and is doing a phenomenal job. Executive Director Terry Lande said the Bainbridge Island Senior Community Center and Park District have parted ways and terminated their partnership in an amiable fashion. An article in the Review has come out about this. Recreation Services Director Mark Benishek said District staff working to provide senior programs out of the Waterfront Park Community Center will be relocated to another office in a Park District facility, and will continue to offer recreation programs for seniors. He is meeting next week with the BISCC non-profit regarding logistics around this transition.

Administrative Services: Senior Planner Perry Barrett is working on getting the federal permit for the Hidden Cove Dock released this March. The final parcel of the Hilltop property is slated for transfer to the Park District; the first reading of the transfer documents will be conducted at the March 16 board meeting. Executive Director Lande said the summer catalog this year will be the largest it's ever been at 96 pages. He will be on vacation from 3/16-24, returning on 3/27.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

- Commissioner Robinson attended a number of meetings including the Park District's Dog Advisory Committee, BI Parks Foundation meetings, and the COBI Non-Motorized Transportation Advisory Committee. He provided brief reports on each.
- Commissioner Kinney suggested finding out how much traffic is generated by sports at Battle Point Park since he's heard there are less sports participants now.
- Commissioner spoke with someone interested in extending the pool hours later into the evening.

- Commissioner Kinney commended staff for their good work related to the Teen Center.
- Commissioner Swolgaard said he appreciates receiving the reports from staff each board meeting, saying it is amazing what everyone gets done.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Several emails were received expressing support for a disc golf course at Battle Point Park.

MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:35 pm for discussion of real estate and potential litigation, with announced time to reconvene at 8:55 pm.

MEETING RECONVENED at 8:56 and **ADJOURNED** at 8:58 pm.

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BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN
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ATTEST: _____

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