

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 18, 2018
STRAWBERRY HILL CENTER**

CALL TO ORDER A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Chair Kinney.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lee Cross, Ken DeWitt, Jay Kinney, Tom Swolgaard. Absent: Michael Pollock

BOARD CONSENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon making the following revisions to the minutes of the October 4, 2018 regular board meeting, Chair Kinney stated the minutes stand approved as corrected: p. 3: change 10/2/18 to 11/1/18; change 10/16/18 to 11/15/18.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS: MSC: DeWitt/Swolgaard: 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 Amount	Pre-Approved
10/9/18	001 General Fund 300 Capital Improvement Fund	17333-17366	60,946.16	10/8/18
10/16/18	001 General Fund 300 Capital Improvement Fund	17367-17405	41,592.06	10/15/18

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Recreation Division: Division Superintendent Bryan Garoutte said the Teen Center open house went well last weekend and that the program managers were here to report on their programs.

Shannon Buxton, Youth & Teen Program Manager said the hiring process for new pottery instructors is being revamped as a search gets underway to replace an instructor who will be leaving; an acoustic jam will be held tomorrow night at Prue's House.

Sue Barrington, Active Adult Program Manager, said a new Tai Chi program is starting next week and a Dynamic Aging Conference will be held in March next year with community groups meeting beforehand to determine the agenda.

Julie Miller, Sports Program Manager, said tennis will no longer be offered through the Bainbridge Athletic Club and she has hired a new tennis pro for Park District classes; she is working with the Historical Society to bring a Pickleball tournament to the island.

Jason Balangue, Gymnastics Program Manager, said classes are full, three schools have contacted him about providing day gymnastics sessions, and staff is working to expand the Special Olympics program to a year-round program.

Lisa Claeson-Gordon, Program Coordinator, said swim lessons are full with participants attending from all over the county, including those with special needs, and there is not enough room for everyone. New classes are underway including "Splash into Fitness" for teens, and "I Used to Swim a Long Time Ago" for adults.

Megan Pleli, Aquatics Program Manager, said the upcoming BISC swim meets are full and they are turning people away; the Aquatic Center is recognized in the region as having some of the best trained lifeguard staff in WA State.

Ashley Miller, Community Outreach Program Manager, said preparations for the Haunted Hayride next week are in full swing, park staff has prepared the route and readied the park, over 1500 people have signed up, and approximately 50 volunteers and staff will work each of the three nights.

Mark Benishek, Recreation Division Director, commended the program managers for the good work they are doing.

Park Services Division: Division Director Dan Hamlin said the COBI project is underway at The Waypoint, and City and Park District staff are working well together; the east leg of the Hawley Cove boardwalk is done with handrails and benches going in next week in various sections; the Dog Advisory Committee met recently and is beginning to develop plans for an off-leash dog area at Pritchard Park.

Administrative Division: Senior Planner Perry Barrett said the federal Corps of Engineers is moving forward with the permit for the Blakely Harbor Park jetty bridge and it could be released in 2-4 weeks. Executive Director Terry Lande commended Perry Barrett for staying in contact with the Corps all these years and seeing this through to fruition. Perry Barrett said several board and staff members will be meeting next week with the Kitsap County Public Facilities District to explore possible funding options for the pool and/or Sakai Park projects. Terry Lande said next week he will begin meeting monthly with the new City Manager Morgan Smith. He expressed thanks to the board for their support of the Haunted Hayride who responded saying they support the event because staff does such a terrific job.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS: 11/1/18: First reading 2019 budget; 11/15/18: Second reading and adoption.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

- Commissioner DeWitt attended a recent meeting on the City of Bainbridge Island's Safe Mobility levy and received a request from a constituent for the Park District to come out in support of the levy. When he asked the board about this, the Commissioners noted that except for the Open Space Levy that the Park District asked the City to run due to the Park District's limited bonding capacity, the Park District has never endorsed another agency's levy and believed such support of the Safe Mobility levy to be problematic and inappropriate since the City itself cannot take a position.
- Commissioner DeWitt attended the recent Dog Advisory Committee meeting and reminded the committee that the Pritchard property transfer won't be complete until it's been signed by NOAA, the federal agency that contributed grant funds for the park's acquisition.
- Commissioner Kinney was concerned that island residents may be getting bumped from swim programs by participants from elsewhere in the county. He asked if islanders have a chance to sign up before people who live off island since island residents pay the taxes that support the aquatic center. While this is not done now, Recreation Division Director Mark Benishek said staff is aware of the situation and is monitoring it.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:43 pm.

Elizabeth R. Shepherd
Terry M. Lande
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN
PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

BY: _____

Jay C. Kinney

BY: _____

Lee Cross

BY: _____

Michael Pollock

BY: _____

Kenneth R. DeWitt

ATTEST: _____

John Thomas Swolgaard