

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2020-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT, KITSAP COUNTY, WASHINGTON, IN HONOR OF JEFF OZIMEK, OUTDOOR PROGRAMS MANAGER.

WHEREAS, Jeff Ozimek has served for almost ten years as the Outdoor Programs Manager of the Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park & Recreation District from September 1, 2010 through February 14, 2020, and

WHEREAS, he has resigned from his position in order to pursue a new career opportunity outside the Park District; and

WHEREAS, in the performance of his duties as Outdoor Programs Manager, he was known for his ability to think outside the box with innovation and creativity and then step forward with confidence into uncharted waters; and

WHEREAS, in his years as Outdoor Programs Manager, he developed a remarkably successful outdoor program including sailing and paddle boating, hiking, backpacking, and climbing, biking, mountain biking, skiing and snowshoeing, foraging, fishing, birding, and more; and

WHEREAS, to encourage people's enjoyment of the outdoors, he created and stocked the Gear Bank making outdoor equipment available to the community, and

WHEREAS, he demonstrated tremendous dedication to his staff, instilling within them a commitment to excellence and expertise, and attributing to them the success of his programs; and

WHEREAS, he was an instrumental member of the Intern Committee, chairing it for two years and mentoring several interns, one of whom is now employed by the Park District in the Outdoor Programs Department; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure at the Park District he increased annual outdoor program revenues from \$56,00 in 2010 to \$500,000 by 2020, and secured almost half a million dollars in grants and donations; and

WHEREAS, his efforts have been recognized on state and national levels, and he has received several WRPA outdoor program awards and in 2018 the NRPA Robert W. Crawford Young Professional Award; and

WHEREAS, he will be fondly remembered for his warmth and boundless exuberance, his booming laugh, his love for all things culinary, his daily horoscope readings, and the blast of heat from his office,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park & Recreation District, Kitsap County, Washington, that Jeff Ozimek be commended and acknowledged with appreciation for his service to the citizens of Bainbridge Island and to its Park District.

PASSED by the Board of Commissioners of the Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park & Recreation District, Kitsap County, WA, at a regular meeting thereof held this 6th day of February, 2020, the undersigned commissioners being present.

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BY: _____

John Thomas Swolgaard

BY: _____

Dawn Janow

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Board Vacancy

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