

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AUGUST 19, 2021
ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Chair Janow.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken DeWitt, Asaph Glosser, Dawn Janow, Jay Kinney, Tom Swolgaard.

MISSION STATEMENT: Commissioner Janow read the Park District's mission statement: The mission of the Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park & Recreation District is to build a healthy community through effective, sustainable stewardship of the District's parks and open space, and through the development and delivery of innovative cultural and recreation opportunities.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

David Knight said an ad hoc group of taxpayers and voters has engaged the law firm of Bricklin & Newman regarding the acquisition of the Bainbridge Athletic Club by the Park District. Based on their analysis of the transaction, the Park District is not empowered to purchase intangible assets under Washington State statutes. Bricklin & Newman contacted the Washington State Auditor to request that the Auditor review the transaction before closing to decide on the legality of the transaction. On August 11 a written response was received from the Auditor Manager which said they are a post audit agency and do not have the authority to intercede. Their purview is to examine past actions and if they comply with laws, regulations, and policies and they will consider these concerns in the next audit of the Park District in 2022. Bricklin & Newman also contacted the Attorney General and learned that the Attorney General usually only issues opinions when requested by state agencies, the legislature, and county prosecutors. Representative Drew Hansen has reviewed Bricklin & Newman's analysis of the transaction and in his official capacity has formally requested the Attorney General to review it. David Knight asked what happens if the transaction closes as scheduled and in the fall of 2022 the Auditor determines the Park District was not empowered to purchase the intangible assets. At least that portion of the purchase would be void and the seller would be ordered to return the money and the Park District to return the intangible assets. It may be difficult for the Park District to comply, and if the Park District does not comply the taxpayers could be on the hook. The Park District should be focused on determining with certainty that it has the authority to complete the purchase of the intangible assets. He suggested that if there is any question, that the transaction be terminated or at the very least delayed for 120 days to publicly analyze the transaction more thoroughly. Commissioner Kinney said that Park District attorneys have looked at this transaction and he is confident that the transaction is legal. He has no trepidation whatsoever that the Park District is acting within its constitutional and statutory authority and therefore the Park District will respectfully decline the invitation to delay the transaction.

Lee Parker said he is really disappointed in the Park District. He asked in early June for a copy of the Bainbridge Athletic Club's operating statements and was told that they are being withheld because of a confidentiality agreement with the seller. He has looked at length at the Attorney General's website and it is very clear regarding what you can and cannot disclose to the public. The information in the operating statements is the basis on which the purchase price was decided, and the public has every right to know. The business appraisal that was done has six pages of boilerplate language and one paragraph of an assumption for how the appraiser came up with the value with no facts or figures. An example of why he would like to see the operating statements is that when one evaluates a business one first looks at the gross income and from that subtracts the expenses. Those expenses include salaries and show if the owner of the business has a salary or if it is reflected in the profit. This is a typical thing that bankers look at when making loans and he has not gotten a chance to investigate that. The operating statements are the basis of the purchase price and there is no justification for hiding that from the public or for it being subject to the seller's approval. He said this is disgraceful and shame on the Park District. Commissioner Kinney said he respectfully disagrees. The seller made it clear that only the appraiser would have the right to

see the operating statements. If the Park District had its choice, it would have given the operating statements to the whole world because the Park District has no interest in keeping the seller's finances private. The seller however has a right to litigate and block the production of her operating statements and Lee Parker has been told that before. Commissioner Kinney said he is sorry that Lee Parker is unhappy. The only way the Park District could acquire Bainbridge Athletic Club was with the procedure that was set up, so the Park District hired a very good appraiser, furthermore the seller has been running the business for decades and clearly is not running it at a loss.

BOARD CONSENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon hearing there were no corrections to the minutes of the July 8, 2021 special board meeting, Chair Janow stated the minutes stand approved as submitted.

Upon making the following revisions to the minutes of the August 5, 2021 regular board meeting, Chair Janow stated the minutes stand approved as corrected: On page two, line 14, change spelling of "seams" to "seems." Commissioner Glosser requested his board member item regarding the Bainbridge Island Parks Foundation board meeting be updated to include his comment regarding signage at the Battle Point Park pond.

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 Amt	Pre-Approved
07/29/21	001 General Fund 300 Capital Improvement Fund	21629-21652	29,070.26	07/29/21
08/03/21	001 General Fund 300 Capital Improvement Fund	21653-21685	47,080.53	08/03/21
08/10/21	001 General Fund 300 Capital Improvement Fund 310 Land Acquisition Fund	21686-21725	102,486.74	08/10/21
08/17/21	001 General Fund 300 Capital Improvement Fund	21726-21741	10,667.15	08/17/21

GENERAL BUSINESS

AMENDED 2021 BUDGET: Administrative Division Director Amy Swenson shared an overview of tonight's presentation which will include the General Fund amended budget for current operations, the budget for the Bainbridge Island Recreation Center, and then an overview. For current operations, changes in revenue include increases from the CARES Act reimbursement, program and activity fees due to increased class size and capacity limits, camping and rentals, and the Washington Recreation & Park Association SEEK grant. Increases in expenses include merit increases which were reinstated, rehiring for vacant positions, and purchases delayed due to concerns surrounding coronavirus pandemic implications. There are reductions in the amount of money being spent on utilities and transferred to the Land Acquisition Fund. The projected surplus for current operations is \$922,423.13; \$900,000 of which is from the Recreation and Conservation Office grant for Sakai Park, which is unencumbered. The proposed budget for BIRC is for the last four months of the year. For the last four months of 2021 the debt interest payment for BIRC is approximately \$80,000. The BIRC budget was pulled together using information from Bainbridge Athletic Club's contracts and agreements which were obtained during the due diligence period. Most contracts and agreements for things such as septic, equipment repair, software, and elevator will be continued by the Park District. A conservative estimate for revenue based on proposed user fees in 2021 is \$577,380 and expenses are projected to be \$433,167 resulting in a projected surplus of \$144,213 for BIRC in 2021. In the

amended budget overview containing both current operations and BIRC, there is a revenue surplus of \$1,066,636 projected for 2021.

Commissioner Glosser asked if the plan is to continue with BAC contracts and agreements for maintenance or if the Park District has existing providers that will take on the work and if BIRC will have a separate line item in the budget for maintenance. Park Services Division Director Dan Hamlin said that staff looked at each contract and agreement and determined about 70-80% will continue as is to benefit from historical knowledge as well as to keep the facility operating in a similar fashion. The remaining contracts and agreements will be rolled over to existing Park District service providers. Amy Swenson said that while BIRC is part of the General Fund, BIRC maintenance will have its own cost center for tracking purposes. Recreation Division Director Mark Benishek talked about the benefits of and prices for BIRC monthly user fee levels, punch passes, and daily use options. Commissioner Swolgaard asked if the proposed BIRC rates are comparable to current BAC rates and Mark Benishek said the rates are very comparable other than the non-resident rate which gives preference to taxpayers. There was a lot of research done regarding fees for this type of facility and the proposed fees are in line with regional industry rates. Commissioner Janow asked if punch passes would expire and if the monthly users and daily users would have access to exercise programs. Mark Benishek said the punch passes will not expire and access to classes will be based on availability in the exercise programs. Commissioner Glosser asked if there is a cap on the total number of users such as capacity limits of the facility, and if demand exceeds supply how that will be handled. Mark Benishek said that when registration for BIRC opens the public will be given the same opportunity as current BAC members to sign up, capacity limits will be evaluated based on the facility's limits, parking, schedules, and COVID-19 guidelines and that information will be available in the next couple of days. Commissioner Janow asked how the projected revenue number was arrived at and how many users it is based on. Mark Benishek said the projected revenue is based on existing enrollment numbers as well as increased public access. Recreation Superintendent Bryan Garoutte said the budget is based on 960 users per day.

Loanne Harmeling said that as a senior citizen she would like to advocate for and advise that Silver Sneakers, which is a monthly user level option, and senior citizens are not equal. She has never been able to go to BAC because she does not have Silver Sneakers as part of her insurance. At the Aquatic Center she receives a senior citizen discount, and she does not see one for BIRC except for Silver Sneakers and asked staff to add some sort of senior discount. Mark Benishek said there is a youth and senior rate for the daily use and punch pass options and staff is looking into offering the Silver & Fit program which is looking at expanding their coverage to more insurance providers so more people will qualify.

Joanne Berkowitz asked about the assumptions made regarding keeping current members in terms of budget projections and if the Park District will be keeping current instructors and class schedules. She also asked if monthly users would have preference as opposed to daily users and what expertise the Park District will bring to running a fitness facility versus parks. Mark Benishek said staff is qualified and has years of experience in managing recreational programming including exercise classes. About 70% of the current BAC staff have accepted positions at BIRC and all BAC employees who interviewed with the Park District were offered positions. Commissioner Glosser said that while it may feel like semantics, it is important that "member" is not the terminology that will be used. As an example of benefits for being a monthly user, Bryan Garoutte said that if one is a tennis monthly user, they will have the ability to sign up for tennis court reservations before daily users. The class schedule will remain similar. Commissioner Janow spoke to the expertise of Park District staff. When she moved here in 2005 the Park District's program guide was very small and programming has expanded significantly since then. As seen in the budget numbers presented this evening, the Park District operates in the black, which is a testament to the staff who provide depth and experience in the programming offered. She feels confident in staff based on historical precedent seen year after year with expanding programs and managing them well. Joanne Berkowitz said that taking over a stand-alone facility versus running classes seems a bit of a leap.

Irva Cooper asked if the tennis court reservations will be available online and if tennis competitions will continue to be held. Bryan Garoutte replied that tennis court reservations will continue to be available for booking online and that tennis competitions will continue.

Susan Johnson said she currently has a single tennis membership at BAC and asked what the cost will be for her after the transition and if she will have to sign up. Amy Swenson said there will be an opt in option for current BAC members to transfer their information to BIRC and there is no joining fee for island residents. Mark Benishek replied that the fee will remain the same for tennis individual monthly users.

Kimberly Kowren said her husband coaches a youth basketball team and asked what the cost to rent the basketball gym at BIRC will be and if it can go down. Her husband's team spends about \$80 an hour now to rent the basketball gym which is very expensive and for the last year it has been the only available facility because the schools have been closed. Their fear is that the coronavirus delta variant will be raging, and the team will again have nowhere else to play. She said a fear that she and other people have is that there will be a long closure for the transition to BIRC because there will not be the same sense of urgency that a private company would have to get running quickly and asked what kind of assurances the Park District can give the community related to that. Amy Swenson said the Park District wants to get BIRC open as soon as possible to bring in revenue to pay for the facility and takes its responsibility to the taxpayers very seriously. Mark Benishek said there will be a short closure to transition staff, change signage, and launch the new systems. Staff will be moving as quickly as possible. As for the rental component, those rates have not yet been determined but staff will follow up with the emails received on that topic. Kimberly Kowren said rental costs seem like they should already be determined or almost determined. Commissioner Janow asked if the Park District can assure the public that the teams that are already practicing in the basketball gym will have an opportunity to continue their current use at a comparable rate. Executive Director Terry Lande said there is very little change in the monthly user fees and that will probably be the case with rental fees, which will likely be decided in the next few days. The transition closure is expected to be September 1-6, just six days, which is mostly based on the time needed for the software transition.

Pete Olson said he is a current BAC member and plans to be a monthly user at BIRC. His concerns are losing privileges he now has as a member and if he will have to compete with people who buy punch passes for tennis court reservations that he needs. He also asked if for people who do not pay the monthly user fee if there is a court fee. He wants to make sure that if he is still going to spend \$200-250 a month that he is not losing benefits. Bryan Garoutte said tennis monthly users will have the ability to reserve tennis courts seven days in advance as opposed to daily users and punch pass holders who will have to wait until 72 hours in advance to reserve courts. Pete Olson said he thinks that losing benefits is a valid concern and he speaks for a lot of current members that are worried. If the Park District is using the number of current BAC members to come up with budget projections it should be aware that when the fifth tennis court was turned into a gym a lot of members started playing at the Bremerton tennis club. It should be accounted for that if anything is taken away from the current members then it is not out of the realm of possibility that they will go to Bremerton to play tennis, which throws the projected budget numbers into question. He will not continue to pay the same rate for less benefits and advised the Park District to be careful as he expects some people are already considering leaving if some of their benefits go away.

Markos Scheer said he saw the interest only portion of the obligation but has not seen projections on how the Park District will cover the obligation without utilizing tax dollars once the principal debt comes due in five years. He has two kids in the Park District's gymnastics program and wants to know if there has been any consideration for moving the gymnastics teams to BIRC. Terry Lande said that staff is working on those projections and at this time there has been no discussion of moving the gymnastics teams to BIRC. Amy Swenson clarified that the principal amount will not be due in five years, rather that is when the Park District will start paying principal. Commissioner Janow said that grants may be received for the facility acquisition and that the loan can be paid back or down at any point.

A woman said that she is wondering if the childcare program will continue at BIRC. Mark Benishek said Kids Club will remain and be evaluated going forward.

Keith asked if specialty classes will continue to have the same or cheaper fees. He also asked if the tennis court reservation system will be active during the transition closure for making reservations for the second week of September. Mark Benishek said the specialty classes will remain mostly status quo, there will be some adjustments to prices which will be made public soon. Regarding tennis court reservations, the process will be clearly communicated as to when users will be able to make tennis court reservations.

Markos Scheer said there is a sizable loan obligation on the Park District for BIRC and asked what the projections are to cover the debt service portion of the obligation when it comes due in five years. It is concerning to him that the plan is to figure it out in the first five years. He is not sure that any private enterprise would make a purchase for 13 million dollars without a plan for how they are going to cover the debt service when it becomes due. It is deeply concerning to him because if it is not met it becomes an obligation for the taxpayers. Relying on potential grants seems to him a speculative plan for financing the obligation. He asked if the plan is simply to figure it out in the next five years or if there is a substantive plan to finance this significant obligation, short of asking taxpayers to cover it. Terry Lande said the plan is that user fees and rentals will cover the obligation. The budget presented tonight was made using very conservative user numbers and yet still projected revenue. The goal of full payment on the obligation in five years is very doable. The appraiser found the current owner was able to make that kind of money and he was confident that the Park District would be able to do that same thing. The numbers have been looked at and staff feels confident that in five years the Park District will be able to cover the debt payment, and in fact hopes to pay the loan off early by expanding the number of users to past levels.

Irva Cooper asked if she will be able to make tennis court reservations on August 31 for September 7 and after. Terry Lande said the Park District does not take ownership of the building until September 1. The tennis court reservation system relaunch timeline will be worked out and communicated to those qualified to make reservations via email. She said current members can pay for a guest to use BAC and asked if that would be the same as paying for a daily user going forward. Mark Benishek said that going forward the daily user option can be utilized for those people BAC refers to as guests.

Markos Scheer said that if you extrapolate the projected \$144,000 in BIRC revenue for the fourth quarter of this year, it will mean only about 2.8 million dollars accrued over the next five years. A 25-year amortization schedule means there is a substantial balloon payment at the end of ten years. What he does not see is something that outlines how the capacity of BIRC is going to cover that debt service when it comes due and asked if the Park District has a projection for how it will cover the debt service both in five years and in ten years and if it has been provided to the public to assess. He understands that the Park District has a business consultant that says it is going to work but that is different than a business plan that includes the assumptions that are being relied on. Assuming that there are going to be 2,000 members is rather generous if the Park District is going to continue the service as it is currently. He wonders at what point the debt will become a taxpayer obligation. Amy Swenson said that there is no balloon payment in ten years, or ever, however the Park District will begin to pay principal on the loan in five years. The amended 2021 budget for BIRC projects 2021 to be a slow year due to the coronavirus pandemic and the transition. No problem is expected with BIRC user numbers as Park District programs and facilities are booked constantly. Terry Lande said that Amy Swenson can send Markos Scheer the loan payment schedule if he is interested. Commissioner Janow said that tonight's amended budget reflects a \$400,000 increase in registration for fall programs, the levy lid lift just passed with a yes vote from more than 67% of the island, park services run extraordinarily well, and she cannot speak highly enough about the Park District staff and the work that they do. The assumption that the Park District will not run BIRC properly is based on nothing but an idea. It is sad that the assumption is that the Park District will not continue to treat this facility in the same manner that trails, parks and recreation facilities are managed.

Megan thanked the commissioners and the Park District leadership for their work on the acquisition of BIRC. She said this is a wonderful gift for the community and extremely needed.

Pete Olson said that there is a big difference in running a particular facet of the business and running a facility like BAC, which is very nuanced. The concerns are not necessarily an insult, it is not easy to run a facility like BAC and he thinks concerns coming from the membership and from the community are valid because it does take experience. Commissioner Janow said she welcomes the questions, and that this forum is fantastic as an opportunity for the community to share and hear directly from staff. The intention is to make this work for the community. Terry Lande said that while staff has experience with recreation programs and community centers, staff is new at running BIRC, and it is nuanced. The Park District will make mistakes, some that will be regretted and some that will be learned from. He is a big believer that people make mistakes, it is how they respond to their mistakes that is critical. If you do not make the same mistake repeatedly, you learn from them, and you move on. While mistakes will probably be made, staff is aware that they will have to fix any that are made and move on. The primary goal is public service, both to meet the needs of the community and to treat people with as much respect as possible. The Park District will always take advice and will even use some of it. He said citizens do not need to wait for a board meeting to ask a question, they can reach out and call any day of the week.

Commissioner Glosser expressed his appreciation to staff for working through all of this. Commissioner Janow thanked everyone for listening and caring about the island, community, and Park District and said that is what makes Bainbridge Island such a special and great place to live.

MSC: Swolgaard/Glosser: Approve amended 2021 budget as presented this evening. Commissioner DeWitt abstained from this vote.

Lissa said there are rumors that tennis court reservations will be \$25 per person per tennis court regardless of the user's fee level status and asked if that is true. Terry Lande said that the fee structure seen tonight is correct and will be distributed tomorrow. She said a lot of tennis players feel like they have been asking for additional tennis courts on the island and that acquiring the tennis courts at BAC is not additive. She asked if there is any commitment from the Park District to add tennis courts to the community. Terry Lande said the Park District recognizes that the acquisition of BIRC by the Park District does not add any tennis courts to the island. The Capital Improvement Budget will be looked at during the 2022 budget process this fall regarding the possible addition of more tennis courts. She said she is happy to hear that, as others will be, because they have not heard that before. It has felt like the Park District is just shifting and they want to hear about additional tennis courts. Terry Lande said the board will make that decision as part of the budget process and encouraged Lissa to communicate her support of additional tennis courts to the board.

Markos Scheer said he would still like to see a plan for responding to the debt service over the course of the loan. He also asked if the Park District has approached the Meadowmeer water board about water service or the Meadowmeer community regarding what the impacts of additional facility usage will be. Dan Hamlin said he has had multiple conversations with Steve Griest with the Meadowmeer water board and that the Park District has several shifts planned for water usage that should make water usage go down. Staff has also been in conversation with Kitsap Public Utility District which manages the Meadowmeer water system. Regarding increased usage of the facility, while numbers of users are down right now, the Park District is assuming usage will return to levels seen in 2019 before even contemplating going over any established past use.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Park Services Division: Park Services Division Director Dan Hamlin said the Dog Advisory Committee has been relaunched to talk about the expansion of the Strawberry Hill Park dog park, which was a stipulation for the donation of the property adjacent to Strawberry Hill Park. There will be a recommendation from the DAC for Pritchard Park which may be presented

as soon as the next board meeting. The Gazzam Lake Nature Preserve trail reroute around Kitsap Public Utility District's easement is nearly complete and the trails crew has done an amazing job. September 4 will be the grand opening of the renovated KidsUp! Playground. Staff is preparing for a soccer tournament this weekend. Logistics for the transition of Bainbridge Athletic Club to Bainbridge Island Recreation Center are being worked on. He met with John Benjes and David Maron to discuss a draft request for proposals for mountain bike park design on the property addition to Strawberry Hill Park. Staff will likely meet with the Bainbridge Island Parks Foundation to see if they are interested in forming a project agreement for Williams-Olson Park and creating a fundraising team for that effort. He will be meeting with the interest group advocating for improvements at the skate park next week to begin discussions with them as well as the BIPF regarding a project agreement for the skate park. There is what appears to be a right-of-way violation on the Forest to Sky trail by one of the neighbors and staff is working with the City of Bainbridge Island to get that corrected. City staff will attend the September 2 regular board meeting to give an update on the Sustainable Transportation Plan. Staff will meet with Steve Griest with the Meadowmeer water system to discuss water usage, historical water usage, and what the rates will be; they had some issues with the management of the water system which are being cleaned up and that information will be reviewed. Results of the survey work for the Battle Point Park pond dam repair were favorable, engineering is being finalized, and one bid has been received so far for the work that needs to be done. Signage will be developed to communicate the dam repair timeline to the public as staff works with contractors to see when the work can be completed. Dam repair work is still expected to be completed before the rainy season. Maintenance Coordinator Morgan Houk, who is running the Student Conservation Corps program, is doing a phenomenal job. Senior Planner Perry Barrett said the notices regarding the Port Blakely Tree Farm agreed order with the State of Washington for sampling at Blakely Harbor Park have been posted at the park and on the website. Efforts are underway through an agreement to initiate the sail float replacement designs in order to meet a dive window in October. To collect the grant money, work on the Recreation and Conservation Office grant for Sakai Park is underway to finalize the recreation deed. The Yukio/Koura trail easement transfer will likely be coming forward at the next regular board meeting.

Recreation Division: Recreation Division Director Mark Benishek gave kudos to Marketing Coordinator Allie Smith for handling work on the Bainbridge Island Recreation Center marketing materials while keeping up with the needs of current and fall programming. The open Aquatic Program Coordinator position has been changed to an Aquatic Program Manager position and was offered to and accepted by current Office Supervisor Marjorie LeMaster who will continue to supervise the front desk as well as taking on the Aquatic Program Coordinator duties. Her Office Supervisor position was back filled by Kaitlyn Walker in a regular part-time Office Specialist position. The candidate for the second Head Guard position will be receiving a job offer soon. The Aquatic Center is still in need of lifeguards and there are also several other open part-time recreation positions. The search committee is meeting tomorrow for the first review of the second round of applicants for the Bainbridge Island Swim Club Head Coach position. The Ray Williamson pool is currently being refilled and will be chlorinated and heated for a projected reopening on Monday. The Sounds of Summer concert on Wednesday was canceled this week but the drive-in movie is happening tomorrow. Active Adult Program Manager Sue Barrington is working on fall programming and on reimbursement opportunities for the Washington Recreation & Park Association SEEK grant. Recreation Superintendent Bryan Garoutte said he has met with and interviewed Bainbridge Athletic Club staff and he is looking forward to working with them at BIRC. Outdoor Program Manager Nick Prevo received ADA kits for the kayaks as part of the SEEK grant. Registration for fall hikes is higher than it has ever been. All fall gymnastics classes are full, and some have waitlists three times the size of the class. Staff is working to accommodate as many people on the waitlists as possible while dealing with a lack of staff. Sports Program Manager Julie Miller held her first parent and child pickleball tournament last weekend which went well. The fall soccer program is full and has a waitlist, so work is being done to create more teams. Youth & Teen Program Manager Shannon Buxton is already looking forward to planning camps for next summer.

The Eagledale Potter Studio held a pottery sale last weekend which raised over \$4,000 of which \$1,000 will be donated to the Park District for equipment replacement.

Executive Director Terry Lande advised that with the coronavirus delta variant there will likely be issues because it is spreading so quickly and so easily. Staff has recently had a couple of instances of programs having coronavirus exposure scares even though protocols are being followed. Commissioner Glosser asked how mask wearing is handled at the Aquatic Center. Recreation Division Director Mark Benishek said the Aquatic Center operates under the guidelines from the Department of Health which never removed the mask requirement, although masks are allowed to be removed while in the water. There are reduced capacity limits for the Aquatic Center which are calculated by a formula based on the facility's normal capacity limits.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Commissioner Janow said board meetings will continue to be held via Zoom for the foreseeable future.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

- Commissioner Glosser said he pulled into the parking lot at 7:15 am in the morning on Thursday at the Sol Duc trailhead and saw the Park District bus in the parking lot, which was a welcome sight.
- Commissioner Glosser thanked Park Services Division Director Dan Hamlin for reaching out to the City of Bainbridge Island staff regarding the Sustainable Transportation Plan. From his perspective some of the trails can serve multiple purposes and it is important to think as creatively as possible both near and long term about how to get folks to and from Bainbridge Island Recreation Center in something other than single occupancy vehicles to the extent possible.
- Commissioner Glosser said he has been thinking about the Bainbridge Island Recreation Center and listening to tonight's conversation. From his perspective the reason the Park District is acquiring BIRC is for a public benefit and to meet the needs of a much broader range of users than the current membership of the Bainbridge Athletic Club. He knows there is a balance in terms of user fees and access to reservations, but he would like to encourage to the extent it is feasible, a model that really focuses on opening access to the wider community. While he knows the BIRC needs a revenue stream he would like tennis courts to become available to more than just the people who can afford to pay the monthly user fee on an ongoing basis. In general, the reason the Park District exists is to create public benefit. He said everything he has been hearing including Executive Director Terry Lande's statement about serving the public and doing it with respect suggests that is how things are being handled for BIRC and he wanted to reinforce that.
- Commissioner Glosser attended the Trails Advisory Committee meeting on August 9 and was excited and encouraged by what he heard.
- Commissioner Swolgaard said that he heard a tree fall across the bike trail on his property on Sunday and he is curious how long until the neighborhood kids come to clean up the tree so they can use the bike jumps.
- Commissioner Swolgaard asked about the status of a Park District forest management plan. Park Services Division Director Dan Hamlin said some research has been done and one of the positions that will be proposed now that the levy lid lift has passed will be for a forest manager who will oversee working on a forest management plan. Commissioner Swolgaard said something needs to be done as there are more and more dead trees in the Grand Forest.
- Commissioner DeWitt said there was a huge pickleball tournament at Battle Point Park last weekend. Park Services Division Director Dan Hamlin said the tournament went well and the Park District will receive a portion of the proceeds for use of the venue.

- Commissioner Janow said that climate change is happening, and forest management is a top priority for her in the 2022 budget.
- Commissioner Janow said that additional tennis courts on the island has been a topic of conversation for some time and she would like to direct staff to investigate and bring a proposal to the board including the feasibility of additional outdoor tennis courts and recommended locations. Park Services Division Director Dan Hamlin said he would be happy to.
- Commissioner Janow said Bike for Pie is this Sunday.

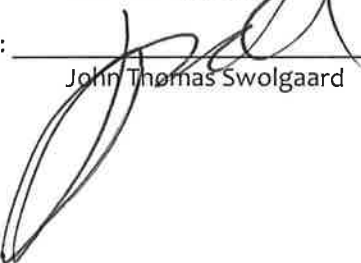
MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:34 pm.

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