

DOUGLAS COUNTY PARK ADVISORY BOARD

MAY 24 2013

Minutes of Meeting – March 15, 2013

9:00 a.m.

Douglas County Courthouse – Room 310

PATRICIA K. HITT, COUNTY CLERK

PRESENT: Lonnie Ferber, Dennis Acton, Greg Logan, Don Larson, Dick Swartzlender, Bill Swift, Jim Peterson, and Gary Groth

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: None

Lonnie Ferber called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

MINUTES:

Minutes revised to include Jim Peterson as a present member.

Don Larson moved for approval of the March 15, 2013 minutes, Bill Swift seconded. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

ADDED AGENDA ITEM:

North Myrtle Park Horseshoe Pit

A volunteer group approached the Parks Department to seek approval to install a set of horseshoe pits. The Board approved this project.

NEW BUSINESS:

American Jewish Society Upcoming Project

The group will be doing projects locally this summer. The last week of the program they will be staying at the Helleck Hall Bunk House, they have offered to do a project at River Forks Park in exchange for the lodging. The current plan is to have them improved the current walking trail.

Sportsman Show Update

The show was a great success at both Douglas & Jackson County. The board recommended that we update our brochures and focus on marketing the parks.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lion's Club – Green Oaks Park Issues

Gary met with the Lion's Club and discussed the "Adopt a Park" responsibilities, and the issues that we are having with vandalism. Dennis Acton will discuss organizing a group to focus of the health of the park.

ODOT Sign Project

The majority of the County Parks do not have any information related to the amenities and/or ownership. Gary asked the board for their support with gathering information from our parks to determine what each park currently has and make recommendations for future signage.

Kanipe Planning Committee Update

Meeting is scheduled for April 5th & 6th and will be facilitated by a third party. The first meeting on Friday will be open to the public and a working committee will be formed. The working group will consist of one member from each interested organization. The working committee will meet once a month for approximately six months to develop the future plans for the park.

Senate Bill 331 Update

SB331 is proposed to increase RV state funds from 35% to 50%. The have agreed to increase the percentage to 45%. This will be an approximate addition to The County in the amount of \$100k.

ROUNDTABLE:

Swiftwater

The County has hired an appraiser to determine the value of the Swiftwater Park. Following the appraisal the County will determine how to move forward with the property.

Pass Creek

The new water system has been installed.

HMB Campground Expansion

We have applied for a County Opportunity Grant to help fund the planning portion of the expansion project. The expansion will be at the NE end of the campground. This will give guests the opportunity to camp most of the year when the currently campground is flooded and additional sites for the peak season.

Capital Improvements

The Parks Department will now have a capital improvement account that will be funded by the surplus sales and possibly the foreclosure properties.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Oregon Equestrian Trails, Jill Talburt

Kanipe trail issue regarding one of the original Mildred Trails that is established on the current property map.

NEXT MEETING:

The next park board meeting will be on Friday, May 17, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse Conference Room #311.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dennis Acton, and seconded by Jim Peterson; meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica VanDrimmelen

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