

DOUGLAS COUNTY PARK ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting – June 21, 2013

9:00 a.m.

OSU Extension Building

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PATRICIA K. HITT, COUNTY CLERK

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

ABSENT: Dick Swartzlender

GUESTS: Dianna Wales

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

MINUTES:

Don Larson moved for approval of the May 17, 2013 minutes, Greg Logan seconded. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

ADDED AGENDA ITEM:

PAB Business Cards/Brochures

The board will be given generic information business cards to hand out to public.

Sand Camping Pay Station

Sand Camp in Winchester Bay will be open every day moving forward. A pay station will be installed at the entrance for the guest to pay upon arrival.

NEW BUSINESS:

Room Tax Proposal

The Parks Department is asking for the Board's support, the revenue will be split with the Douglas County Fairgrounds and the museum. The room tax will include all jurisdictions (BLM, State, and private lodging). The board supports the proposal, but only for outside of the city limits.

Kanipe Caretaker

On May 27, 2013 the agreement with the caretaker terminated and they received a 30 day notice to vacate the property. During the process of the Kanipe Plan we have a relief caretaker overseeing the caretaker duties.

OLD BUSINESS:

Herbert's Pond/Green Oaks Park (BOC response)

- We have not received much response regarding Herbert's Pond.
- The Commissioner's opinion is to close Green Oaks Park, the parks department cannot continue to maintain the park.
 - Parks Department will have to determine the best way to close the park and what steps we would need to take.

- Recommendation has been made to clear out the brush along the fence line to allow better visibility in the park. Dennis Acton will discuss a plan with The Lions and bring a plan to the July meeting.

Western Rivers Conservancy (Swiftwater)

Western Rivers Conservancy is a group that focuses on river property and keeping them in public ownership. They would act as a 3rd party and purchase the property (generally paying 90-95% of the appraised value). This process could take less than a year with the long term goal to then sell the property to BLM. In addition to Swiftwater they are interested in four other properties up the river.

NEXT MEETING:

The next park board meeting will be on Friday, July 19, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

Location: Court House Conference Room 311.

A motion to adjourn was made by Lonnie Ferber, and seconded Bill Swift; meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica VanDrimmelen

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