

DOUGLAS COUNTY PARK ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting on September 19, 2006
10:00 a.m.
Park Headquarters

PRESENT: Lonnie Ferber, Dennis Acton, Jon Hill, Jack Reilly, Bill Swift, Dick Swartzlender, Tom Ryan, Jim Dowd and Rob Stevens

ABSENT: All present

GUESTS: Dan Van Slyke

MINUTES: of the board meeting of August 22, 2006
Bill Swift moved for approval of the minutes. Jack Reilly seconded. Motion carried.

Off Agenda Item

There was a discussion about our new Emile Park and a question was asked if this was an area where bears visit. A few members of the board asked if it was planned to be a year-round campground or just seasonal. Jim said it would be seasonal, however, he would like to get some input from customers before making a final decision on Emile. It looks good. Rob was complimented on the appearance of Emile Park since we have taken possession.

OLD BUSINESS

Pitchford Review

The meeting for the Pitchford Master Plan, which was held at Pitchford on August 22, 2006, was attended mostly by members of the Master Gardeners group. A suggestion was made to put a questionnaire in the News Review to get opinions from a wider range of customers and park users rather than just one group. The second meeting for the Pitchford Master Plan will be held on September 27, 2006, at 5:30 pm at the Douglas County Courthouse, Room 216. There will be one more public meeting and the date will be announced at a later time.

Discussions about the relocation plan from ODOT and the idea of moving the office and the shop to the Pitchford property or to Green Oaks Park was mentioned. There is concern about the location of the new park headquarters building and shop as they should have easy access for the public.

Dan talked about a more efficient way for the County to accept donated property and would like to implement that before his term as County Commissioner is over.

Park Policy

Jim started the discussion regarding the new park policy. After receiving input from several Park Advisory Board members, it became apparent that the document would be easier to read, discuss and revise if Jim would remove all of the strike-out lines in the document. There was also a suggestion made that each member would read through the document and edit it as they would like to see it read. They could then forward a copy to Jim for his review. This may make the process easier and quicker.

A portion of the park policy related to the naming of campgrounds. Because the ATV Campground needs to be named soon, the Park Advisory Board opted to consider names for the campground.

New Campground

MOTION: Bill made a motion that we name the new campground which is in the vicinity of Winchester Bay, Oregon, the Half Moon Bay Campground. Jack Reilly seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

Good to the order;

Bill Swift wanted to advise the board that he has applied for the part time position at the county library. Bill said that if it was a conflict of any kind, he would decline the position if offered. Jim said he was not aware of any conflict, however, he will look up the policy on that.

NEXT MEETING – October 19th or 26th, 2006, Kathy will contact the members to determine the next meeting.

Bill Swift made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dennis Acton.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Hammons, Office Manager
Douglas County Park Department