

# **DOUGLAS COUNTY PARK ADVISORY BOARD**

## **Minutes of Meeting on February 15, 2007**

10:00 a.m.

Douglas County Park Department Office

**PRESENT:** Lonnie Ferber, Dale Christiansen, Jon Hill, Don Larson, Dick Swartzlender, Bill Swift, and Jim Dowd

**ABSENT:** Dennis Acton (excused)

**GUESTS:** Walt Barton, Lois Eagleton, Francis Heatherington

Ferber called the meeting to order.

**MINUTES:** Swift moved for approval of the January 18, 2007 minutes and Swartzlender seconded. Motion carried. Christiansen moved for approval of the December 21, 2006 minutes and Swift seconded. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Due to time restrictions for guest Walt Barton, the board decided to address the Mildred Kanipe Oak Restoration new business first.

#### **Mildred Kanipe Oak Restoration Contractor Concern Briefing**

Dowd reviewed the status of the Oak Restoration at Mildred Kanipe Park. Additional work had been completed outside the boundary and specifications of the work were not followed as planned. Mr. Walt Barton, supervisor of Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District was present to explain the process that occurred. Dowd asked the Board for guidance as to how to proceed. After some discussion, it was a consensus of the Board to continue with the restoration project.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Pitchford Master Plan**

**MOTION:** Hill made a motion to approve and forward the Pitchford Master Plan to the Board of Commissioners for approval and adoption. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### **Park Department Policy Manual**

It was agreed to hold a workshop March 15, 2007 after the PAB meeting at Helleck Hall to continue the review of the policy manual.

### **NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

#### **Mildred Kanipe Memorial Ranch Listing on the National Register of Historic Places**

Lois Eagleton gave a presentation including the history of Mildred Kanipe Park to the Board. The Friends of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park Association is proceeding to get the Ranch listed

on the National Register of Historic Places and much work has been done to proceed with this process. The Friends would like to see the Park Department help keep the buildings standing until the Association is able to get funding to further preserve the buildings. This included putting tarps on the buildings to prevent water leakage. After a long discussion there was question to the integrity of the structure of the buildings and how much money should be put into them at this time.

Dowd reminded the Board that the Park Department has put around \$128,000 into Kanipe Park and he will look into the budgeted amount of \$18,000 that is shown in the fund. He also said that the Park Department will tarp the buildings to help the short term problems.

It was the consensus of the Board to support Dowd in his decisions regarding the park.

### **OFF AGENDA**

Dowd handed out pictures and reviewed the progress of the renovation project at Helleck Hall. The plan is to open it to the public for usage and generate revenue for the Park Department. The Board was given comparative prices from the Fairgrounds and will receive more information from other facilities in order to establish fees for usage. The plan is to open the facility this Spring.

Dowd made the Board aware of the current Senate Bill 49 regarding ATV use requirements. The bill will limit ATV use to children and negatively affect the use of Park campgrounds in Winchester Bay. The portion of the bill that requires helmets for children under age 16 is supported by the Park Department. Dowd has sent a letter to the Oregon Parks Association expressing our concerns with the Bill and the Commissioners are aware of the Bill also.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Ferber reminded the Board that a new Chairperson needed to be appointed for 2007.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Christiansen and seconded by Swift to appoint Lonnie Ferber to continue as Park Advisory Board Chairperson. Motion passed with Ferber opposing.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Lois Eagleton wanted the Board to be aware that the Friends of Mildred Kanipe Park are in the process of naming and marking the trails at the park. A presentation will come at a later time. She also mentioned the possibility of adding a horse arena at the Park.

**NEXT MEETING** March 15, 2007, 10:00 a.m. at Helleck Hall

A motion to adjourn was made by Larson and seconded by Swift. The meeting was adjourned at 11:56am.

Respectfully submitted,

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