

DOUGLAS COUNTY PARK ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting on July 17, 2008

10:00 a.m.

Douglas County Park Department Office

PRESENT: Dennis Acton, Dale Christiansen, Lonnie Ferber, Jon Hill, Don Larson, Jim Dowd and Rob Stevens

ABSENT: Dick Swartzlender (excused), Bill Swift (excused)

GUESTS: Jill Talburt, Francis Eatherington, Lois Eagleton

Ferber called the meeting to order.

MINUTES: Larson moved for approval of the June 19, 2008 minutes and Christiansen seconded. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

New Business

1. Park Advisory Board Chairperson Appointment -

According to the Park Rules 12.12.070, an election for the chair position of the Park Advisory Board needs to be held the first meeting after July 1st.

MOTION: Larson moved to nominate Lonnie Ferber for the chair position of the Douglas County Park Advisory Board for the FY 08-09. Acton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Nominee to the Douglas County Parks Foundation Board -

MOTION: Acton moved to appoint Dan Hern to the Board of Directors of the Douglas County Parks Foundation. Christiansen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Umpqua Lighthouse Advisory Committee -

Staff recommended that the Park Advisory Board appoint the Umpqua Lighthouse Advisory Committee as a sub-committee to the PAB to provide planning input to the board for a one year period beginning August 1, 2008.

MOTION: Christiansen moved and Acton seconded to postpone the decision to appoint the Umpqua Lighthouse Advisory Committee as a sub-committee to the PAB to the August 21, 2008 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Park Project Update -

Chief Miwaleta Campground: Phase II of the Chief Miwaleta Campground project is nearly complete. The contractor, Neatline Inc. has installed the sewer, electrical and potable water systems and Pacific Power is providing the electrical service to the facility. There was a brief delay and added expense of \$4,656 due to the original water hydrants that were ordered did not meet current code requirements by the Building Department. Phase III of the project which includes road building and asphalt placing has been bid, with Neatline Inc. being the lowest bidder at \$144,511.

There is not enough money in the budget at this time to provide a restroom unless the Board of Commissioners approves additional money be allocated for this. Dowd is looking to have the campground open toward the end of summer.

Herbert's Pond: The dam safety project goals are to reduce the water level in the pond to take pressure off the dam, relocate nutria and beaver populations, top the trees to reduce their wind loads, rebuild the spillway, secure easements and remove brush off the face of the dam.

During a recent inspection by staff, it was noted that the water level has dropped about 18 inches and the bottom of the pond was visible. Because the bottom appeared to have a gradual grade to the center of the pond, there may be less work required than initially thought. The Public Works Director will be conducting an inspection soon to make a determination as to the extent of work that may need to be done.

Staff is concerned that it would be a waste of money to top the trees now only to come back later and remove the trees. Many of the trees have commercial value which could be sold and the proceeds used to cover the costs of removing the trees.

Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park: The attorney for the trust, Mr. Mountainspring, has not contacted staff regarding the questions he was to pose to the trustees. Until that information has been received, staff will hold off on making any recommendations regarding the management plan.

Also discussed was whether to allow camping in the equestrian area of the park. Currently, camping is allowed in association with a Special Event in which the event requires a permit. Staff will work on signing the designated area and overall management of event camping. At this time, no further discussion was had regarding opening the area up to expanded camping apart from a Special Permit.

OFF AGENDA:

Carl C. Hill will remain available to the public, however, the restroom will be locked and boarded up, and picnic tables and garbage cans will be removed. If vandalism occurs, a barricade will have to be put up. North Myrtle Park has yet to be adopted.

The Equine Campground is currently on hold at this time due to funding issues.

NEXT MEETING: The next Park Board meeting will be on August 21, 2008, 10:00 a.m. at Park Headquarters.

A motion to adjourn was made by Larson and seconded by Acton. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Wilson, Office Manager
Douglas County Park Department