

**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MINUTES**  
Wednesday, May 27, 2015 5:30pm, Lacey City Hall

**Present:**

Commission: Glen Crandal, Lu Carlson, Paul Royer, Ken Balsley & Robert Kowalski

Excused: Matt Acker

Staff: Lori Flemm

Public: James Reddick

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm, by Chair Paul Royer.

**Additions or deletions to the Agenda**

No additions or deletions.

**Minutes**

The April 22, 2015 minutes were unanimously approved and placed on record.

**Calendar**

June 18      2pm WWCP Reclaimed Water Infiltration dedication

6:30 RAC      US Military All Stars Game (gate proceeds go to RAC)

**Correspondence**

No correspondence.

**Old Business**

a) Pleasant Glade Neighborhood Park

Lori still working on permit application, will update status next month. Positive feedback from April public meeting.

b) Wonderwood Park Tennis Court Re-surfacing

\$115,000 in budget for tennis & basketball court resurfacing/crack repair (Rainier Vista constructed in 2004; Wonderwood resurfaced in 2004). Pickleball group asking for pickleball lines on courts (1 existing pickleball court at Lakepointe Park). Lori presented various options and recommended option G for Wonderwood Park: 4 tennis, 1 U-10 tennis, and 2 pickleball(with blue lines); and option H: 4 tennis, 4 U-10 tennis and & 2 new pickleball courts at Rainier Vista

**Motion: To recommend option G for Wonderwood Park and option H: resurface 4 tennis, 4 U-10 tennis and 2 new pickleball courts at Rainier Vista Community Park in the 2016 budget request.**

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

**New Business**

a) Nisqually Ball Park (Bucknell Park)

NTPS asked LPRD to schedule ball fields at Nisqually Ball Park, just like LPRD currently schedules city and other NTPS ball fields. NTPS will maintain the 5 fields. School rules will apply now that the district owns fields (no smoking or drinking allowed). Glen asked if staff can handle additional work. LPRD would receive 25% of field rental fees (estimated about \$25,000 a year) for field scheduling, so could hire part time staff to handle additional work load. If all parties approve, could take effect in September 2015 and would likely be 2 year contract, like pool agreement with NTPS.

Advantages: User groups, leagues, tournament directors have 'one stop shopping' with one field rental packet to complete, consistent rules, fees, etc. No parking fee will be charged.

Disadvantages: former park managers negotiated field fees, under LPRD management, fees would be standard (not negotiable), so some past user groups may be reluctant to accept new fee practices.

b) City of Lacey Six Year Financial Plan

Council Retreat rescheduled for August 6. Budget deficit predicted for 2016. Lori reviewed reserve fund options and asked Commissioners for feedback. Glen suggested waiting for future community survey to determine public needs & requests and perhaps schedule a special meeting dedicated to the budget.

**Director's Report**

a) Programs & Special Events

1) Summer Program Registration May 20

Plug & Pay (credit cards) malfunctioned, but staff was able to continue registrations and call for payments once system was repaired.

2) April Events: Arbor Day, Earth Day and Fish-In were well attended.

3) STEM Fair and Grand Prix had great weather and good attendance.

4) Fun Fair, Grand Parade and Judging

Lori asked how Commissioners feel about judging parade. Many had not judged and many never received information about when and where to go for judging.

5) Peach jar and quarterly Recreation Guide

LPRD staff will be meeting with NTPS staff to determine how this will affect brochure distribution.

6) Adopt-a-Trail Program: Public Works staff is establishing this program.

b) Planning

1) Construction Plans being drawn up for The Hub at the intersection of the Chehalis Western and Woodland Trails: Construction Schedule

c) Grants & Budget

1) DNR Urban Forestry Grant for Pleasant Glade Park Urban Forest Management Plan Schedule presented.

2) RAC 20 Year Financial Plan Annual Update begins in June.

3) \$1200 grant awarded for Summer Lunch Program marketing.

4) RCO Woodland Creek Community Park Trail Grant may be awarded is Senate budget is approved.

d) Miscellaneous

1) Chambers Lake Natural Area turned out very well.

2) Open Public Meetings Act Training: Ken, Robert & Matt need 15 minute training before future Park Board meeting.

3) Olympia may place Metropolitan Park District on the fall ballot.

4) Consider moving monthly meetings to first Wednesday of month in 2016? Commissioners were agreeable.

**Commissioner's Report**

Ken Balsley is representative on Conservation Futures Board.

Glen Crandal would like to see Park Board Commissioner names listed in quarterly brochures.

**Chair's Report**

Paul thanked Robert for running the April meeting. All agreed he did a great job.

### **Citizen Comments**

No citizens present.

### **Committee Reports**

a) PARC Foundation, James Reddick:

NTPS received \$300 for Earth Day Challenge.

4 organizations applied for Jocelyn Dohm Endowment, in the process of notifying winning applicant.

New park in Tumwater

Puddle Jump posters

### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 5:30pm at the Lacey City Hall.