

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MANSON PARKS & RECREATION DISTRICT

November 19, 2009

Attending: Mr. Tom Tobey, Mr. Steve Vaughn, Mr. Hal Killian, Mr. Ken Rau, Mr. Wai Peterson, Mr. Fred Sharp and members of the public as indicated in the sign in sheet available in the District office.

Meeting called to order at: 5:30 p.m. by Mr. Tobey.

Agenda Additions and Deletions: None

Minutes of the October 20th Regular Meeting: Mr. Rau moved to approve minutes of the October 20th, 2009 meeting. Mr. Vaughn seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of the October 28th Special Meeting: Mr. Vaughn moved to approve minutes of the October 28th, 2009 meeting. Mr. Killian seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of the November 3rd Special Meeting: Mr. Vaughn moved to approve minutes of the November 3rd, 2009 meeting. Mr. Rau seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Financial Review: Mr. Sharp reported the District financial condition thru November 13th, 2009. Year to date revenues for the Parks were \$302,831, with Wapato Lake Campground (WLC) revenues at \$48,074 for a total of \$350,906. Expenditures were \$250,387 for the Parks with WLC expenditures at \$72,695 for a total of \$323,082. Revenues from the Marina, WLC and property taxes were all up from 2008. Launch and parking revenue were up slightly from 2008. Mr. Sharp also reported on the "Estimate at Completion" for year end 2009 results. Total revenues are estimated to be \$360,500 with expenditures at \$353,500 for a surplus of \$7,000.

The Board reviewed the monthly voucher or \$11,765.80. Mr. Rau moved to approve the voucher. Mr. Vaughn seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

Ms. Jeanette Collins requested changes to the minutes which were changed as requested.

Old Business:

Singleton Fence Project: Mr. Rau reviewed the outcome of the public meeting that was held on November 10th to discuss the project and obtain comment from the public. He indicated the general consensus in the meeting was that the public did not support the project. He stated he discussed the portable fence concept with the anonymous donor, but the donor declined to accept the concept and rescinded his donation offer. Mr. Rau stated it was disappointing the District could not take advantage of the offer to build a fence at a cost to the District of \$8-\$10,000 and help ensure children's safety. He closed by saying he hopes no one gets hurt.

ALEA Grant for Willow Point: Mr. Vaughn mentioned we have received no official word on the grant award for improvements to Willow Point. We are hoping to hear from the awarding agency soon. As far as the ALEA grant for the erosion control at Willow Point, he mentioned he has requested and received

successful grant applications from other jurisdictions. Having these grants should help us as we move forward in the grant process.

2010 Maintenance & Operations Levy: Mr. Tobey discussed the public meeting that was held on November 17, 2009 to obtain public comment on the two levy proposals for 2010. There were approximately 35-40 residents in the audience. Mr. Vaughn mentioned a 'straw' vote was taken and the outcome favored Option A, which was to keep the current 2009 levy rate of \$0.23 per thousand of assessed value as the 2010 levy rate. Mr. Killian moved to accept Option A and implement the levy rate of \$0.23 for 2010. Mr. Rau seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Killian made a motion that there should be no new hiring unless the position(s) generated revenue. There was discussion and after which Mr. Killian rescinded the motion.

Individual Park Reports:

Willow Point: Mr. Vaughn stated he had nothing to add other than obtaining matching funds for the ALEA grant will be difficult. We will need some large donations to support the project.

Marina: Mr. Killian asked about the status of the broken piling light and was told we have received a replacement light from the party involved, although it is not an exact copy of the original light.

Old Swim Hole: Mr. Rau stated we have partial plan and will need a walk thru with the agencies involved to see what can be done. He noted it was mentioned in the public meeting to review the levy options, that the steep access to the lake was a problem. Hopefully, next year improvements can be made. He also mentioned that the PUD must approve any changes.

Wapato Lake Campground: Mr. Rau stated the boat launch needs to be repaired or limit it to small fishing boats. Mr. Vaughn stated he would hate to see such a restriction. Mr. Rau offered that some campers at the Campground use the launch, but many local people do as well. Mr. Rau stated the cost to fix it would be around \$20,000 and that it should be extended 20 feet farther into the lake. Mr. Killian asked about imposing launch fees. Mr. Rau responded that you'd then have to figure out how to staff it and or install a pay box and have an 'honor' system.

Old Mill: Mr. Tobey indicated there are still some trees that need to be removed. He indicated the rest rooms are closed and the water is drained and questioned If we had portable toilets available. He asked the staff to ensure portable toilets were installed. He also asked if garbage service was available, and was told by staff that we have a 'haul out' policy, as there are no garbage containers on site during the winter.

Singleton Park: Mr. Tobey gave status on the maintenance building extension. The floor has been poured and posts are installed. He hopes to have a 'barn raising' event after Thanksgiving to complete the construction project before the snows arrive.

New Business:

State Audit: Mr. Sharp mentioned the State Auditor's office will begin an audit after the Thanksgiving holiday. They will be auditing years 2006 through 2009.

Directors Vision: Mr. Petersen discussed his vision for the future of the District.

Mr. Tobey thanked Mr. Killian for his contributions to the District as this will be his last Board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at: 6:18 pm

Next Meeting: December 17, 2009 at 5:30 pm in the Bumgarner Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fred Sharp
Business Manager