



Parks & Recreation Commission

4:00 P.M.

August 28, 2013

Minutes to be approved on 08/28/13

CALL TO ORDER: Brent Erickson

Present: Eunice Abrahamsen, Juli Bradley, Randy Curtis, Steve Lorenz,
Cassi Marshall and Melissa Smith

Excused: David Gast

Staff Present: Jerry Acheson and Susan Newlove

Public participation: Jake Collins, Robert Cone, Dustin Morrow and Douglas Vaughan

A motion was made by Bradley, seconded by Curtis, and carried that minutes of the general meeting of June 26, 2013, be approved as written.

SPORTS FIELD DISCUSSION

Brent Erickson stated that in February of 2010 the issue of field usage came up and the Parks Board requested that the leagues work together on the scheduling of Louis Bloch Field. The representative of the Babe Ruth League, Dustin Morrow, stated that their intention is to build good relationships within the city by allowing both leagues to utilize Louis Bloch field with hopes that they can share other fields as well. Doug Vaughan is President of the Camas Little League and stated that they are currently using Louis Bloch Park for Fall baseball and wants this to continue in 2014 with the development of their league for 14 to 15 year olds. Scheduling will begin in March of 2014.

Erickson requested that both leagues work together on creating a schedule where they can both utilize Louis Bloch field without the Parks Board stepping in. Curtis stated that this is a growing community and a scheduling issue will continue to come up. In response to Curtis' comment about staff stepping in, Smith stated that staff can create the schedule but the leagues will be disappointed with the outcome since it will be based on residency. In response to Doug Vaughan's request for Fallen Leaf field, Acheson stated that it doesn't have 90 foot bases.

LACAMAS LAKE LODGE POLICY AND RATE DISCUSSION

Acheson stated that he distributed copies of the current rules and regulations of the Community Center at the meeting in June and is requesting three changes to the current policy under reservations, security and cancelations. The first request is to accept reservations for up to one year in advance instead of 6 months in advance. The second

request is for use of a monitor on an as-needed basis with arrangements made by the City for this and the cost added to the rental fee. Under cancelations, to receive a full refund a cancellation must be made at least 61 days prior to event, to receive a 50% refund, it must be made 30 – 60 days prior to the event and no refund will be given if canceled within 30 days of event.

A motion was made by Lorenz, seconded by Marshall, and carried to accept these changes made to the rules and regulations of the Lacamas Lake Lodge facility.

Acheson brought up the topic of rates and Curtis recommended blocks of time and suggested thinking about staffing and clean-up in between events. Lorenz suggested a rate decrease with the increase of hours. Smith suggested a full day rental on Friday through Sunday and holidays.

LACAMAS LAKE

Randy Curtis is concerned about the long-term plan to protect the lake and would like to have staff provide background reports on how the lake is protected. Acheson stated that there is a Lacamas Lake Restoration Committee and Lorenz stated that this is a county-wide issue suggesting Clark P.U.D. as a resource. Erickson stated that other good resources include the Department of Ecology and the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Acheson stated that he will have someone give a presentation at an upcoming meeting.

OTHER ITEMS

Drews Farm – Robert Cone is on the Drews Farm Homeowners Association and is eager to develop the park within that housing development. Acheson stated that the City owns 2.5 acres of land in the housing development and it will be included in the next parks comprehensive plan.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 25th, at 4:00 p.m.