



Parks & Recreation Commission
7:00 P.M.
February 24, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: Brent Erickson, Chair

Present: Eunice Abrahamsen, Juli Bradley, Walt Eby, Scott Jonason, Steve Lorenz, Mark Nickerson and Melissa Smith

Staff Present: Jerry Acheson, Eric Levison and Susan Newlove

Public: Jeff Ganter, Jason Linse, Liz Miller and Rick Parker

A motion was made by Eby, seconded by Lorenz, and carried that minutes of the general meeting of January 27, 2010, be approved as written.

CEMETERY MASTER PLAN – RECOMMENDATION FOR ADOPTION

Eric Levison stated that he is asking the Commission to move the Cemetery Master Plan to Council for a final adoption. Members of the Commission suggested a few grammatical corrections and minor additions/changes to be made to the Master Plan. In response to Eby's question regarding the rates on page 15, Levison agreed and stated that they do a rate review annually.

A motion was made by Jonason, seconded by Lorenz, and carried unanimously to acknowledge the changes to the Cemetery Master Plan and to move forward as amended.

COMMUNITY CENTER POLICY DISCUSSION

Jerry Acheson stated that the latest version of the Community Center Policy includes the two-tiered Fee Structure, which was discussed at the last Commission meeting. In response to Jonason's question regarding serving alcohol at the Community Center, Acheson stated that the option of serving alcohol is not being revoked. Nickerson suggested a change of wording to the policy to state that individuals must "stop serving alcohol one hour prior to closing".

A motion was made by Jonason, seconded by Eby, and carried to adopt the new fee structure and proposed guidelines for alcoholic beverages at the Camas Community Center.

PROJECT UPDATES

CDBG Project- The Community Center ramp estimates came in under the engineer's estimate and, if accepted, will be scheduled to start the first week of April.

Bike Skills Park – Jason Linse feels that the best location for the park is a county-owned parcel at Lacamas Lake. Acheson stated that he will help assist Linse in his work with Clark County.

OTHER ITEMS

Louis Bloch Park Field – Rick Parker, President of Camas/Washougal Babe Ruth League, explained that Lacamas Little League would like to start a new league with 13 & 14 year-olds and they need fields with 90-foot lines. He noted that Louis Bloch Park has fields with 90 foot base lines. Jeff Ganter of Lacamas Little League stated that they are not looking to displace anyone, but would like to know of any open slots. Parker stated that Babe Ruth practices every week night and on the weekends.

Erickson stated that the town is growing and the leagues need to find a compromise and come to an agreement for usage of the field so that both leagues can utilize it. Both Erickson and Abrahamsen stated the field was underused last year. Jonason suggested including Lacamas Little League in the master schedule. In response to Miller's question regarding using the field prior to Babe Ruth starting, Parker stated that the fields are wet right now and Acheson noted that the fields need to be prepped.

Trees – Levison informed the Commission that there is a dead deciduous tree at Crown Park and a dead Walnut tree at Forrest Home Park that will be taken care of by Parks Maintenance.

Heritage Park – Bradley noted that the light in the womens restroom at Heritage Park is on all the time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 28th at 7:00 p.m.