



Parks & Recreation Commission
7:00 P.M.
June 24, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: Brent Erickson, Chair

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

Absent: Scott Jonason

Staff Present: Jerry Acheson and Susan Newlove

Public: Shanin Prusia and Michael Neblock

A motion was made by Eby, seconded by Bradley, and carried that minutes of the general meeting of May 27, 2009, be approved as written after a spelling correction be made.

VERIZON WIRELESS PRESENTATION

Jerry Acheson introduced Shanin Prusia, a representative for Verizon. Prusia stated that Verizon is proposing the placement of a 75-foot, dark brown cell phone tower at Prune Hill Sports Park, with a half-mile of coverage in all directions. Prusia added that Verizon is proposing a monthly lease agreement with the City of Camas.

In response to Smith's question regarding the structure, Prusia stated that they have to adhere to Camas city code by building a tower that can be co-located on. In response to Eby's concerns about security, Prusia stated that the site will be enclosed by a fence and the tower itself has anti-climbing devices. Prusia answered Smith's question by stating that there will be emergency contact signs posted on the structure.

In response to Erickson's question regarding whether the cabinets and fencing would be hidden, Prusia commented that there is a landscape requirement. Bradley questioned having a business on park property and Erickson stated that it is a utility on public land and not a business structure. In response to Eby's question about lights, Prusia commented that there would not be lighting on the tower.

A motion was made by Lorenz, seconded by Abrahamsen, and carried to accept the cell phone tower proposal as written.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT PRESENTATION

Acheson introduced Eagle Scout Michael Neblock, who proposes to design, build and install a sign at Goot Park. He stated that he met with the Parks Maintenance Supervisor,

Jim Gant, who requested he build a replica of the sign at Louis Bloch Park. Neblock added that it will be completed by July 6th, 2009.

A motion was made by Lorenz, seconded by Eby and carried to accept Michael Neblock's Eagle Scout Project as presented.

HERITAGE PARK OVERFLOW PARKING

Acheson stated that he is proposing to place the overflow parking lot where the RV park used to be. He stated that it is all gravel and is approximately a 30,000 square foot lot. Acheson noted that the project will entail the removal of three Locust trees. Eby expressed concern about encroaching on Moose Lodge parking and Erickson suggested installing barriers or logs to separate the lots. Acheson stated that he will speak to representatives at the Moose Lodge to see if there are any concerns.

PROJECT UPDATES

Lacamas Lake Plan – Smith stated that Councilmember Greg Anderson requested information on the Master Plan for the lake relating to enforcement issues, safety, types of uses, water-quality, etc. Smith asked about future thoughts and questions due to the annexation. Erickson stated that the Park Comp Plan needs to be updated and they are awaiting a Shoreline Review. Nickerson suggested that Acheson generate a map of which land is owned by public and private entities.

Dog Paw Park – Smith stated that Dog Paw is still interested in developing a dog park in Camas. Acheson stated that the southern parcel of the Anderson property is 8 acres and would be a good location for the park. Smith stated that if Dog Paw develops the park they would be responsible for maintenance and to supply volunteers. Erickson suggested that Smith confirm that Dog Paw will indeed maintain the park. Erickson asked whether parking would be included in the plan because parking is limited at the site.

OTHER ITEMS

July Meeting – Erickson suggested postponing the July meeting until August. Smith suggested having the August meeting at Benton Park.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 26th at 7:00 p.m.