



Parks & Recreation Commission  
7:00 P.M.  
December 10, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: Brent Erickson, Chair

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

Excused: Walt Eby

Staff Present: Jerry Acheson and Susan Newlove

Public: Don Barron, Marilyn Brown, Mike Gallagher and  
Nellie Groeneveld

A motion was made by Jonason, seconded by Lorenz, and carried that minutes of the general meeting of September 24, 2008, be approved as written.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Erickson introduced Mike Gallagher and Marilyn Brown, who represent Camas Junior Baseball League. Marilyn Brown, Vice President of the Camas Junior Baseball League, presented a brief report about the league. She stated that the league is in its 6<sup>th</sup> year and the number of teams have increased dramatically. She stated that the league would like field scheduling rights at Prune Hill Sports Park to help alleviate a shortage of fields and that they will need to schedule fields for practice during the months of April, May and June. She added that if the city allows them to schedule fields during these months, they will, in return, maintain the fields during that time.

Gallagher stated that they would be willing to maintain the fields in any way that was requested by the City. In response to Jonason's question regarding field size, Gallagher stated that the field would be used for children 8 to 12 years of age. In response to Abrahamsen's question, Brown stated that they are not aware of any conflicts since the other leagues utilize Forest Home Park and Louis Bloch Park.

Acheson stated that he does not know if the fields will be ready for use this spring. They need to put in an underground drainage system, which is a priority. Nobody will be able to utilize the field until the system is installed. In response to Lorenz's question, Acheson stated that it is a matter of installing it when weather permits.

In response to Jonason's question regarding maintenance of the field, Acheson stated that the City will benefit in a positive way. Bradley asked and Gallagher responded that they can utilize the parking lot at the school.

A motion was made by Lorenz, seconded by Jonason, and carried to grant Camas Jr. Baseball League's request for the usage and scheduling of Prune Hill field, along with a maintenance agreement set up with City staff.

### **RIVER TRAILS PRESENTATION AND PROPOSAL**

Acheson introduced Don Barron, the owner of River Trails. Barron stated that he is proposing to open a rental shop of kayaks, canoes and bikes out at Lacamas Lake. He stated that he already has all the equipment needed and therefore will be an easy start-up.

Abrahamsen expressed excitement about having this type of business brought into the community. In response to Smith's question regarding business name and license, Barron stated that the name of the business will be "Lacamas Canoe and Kayak" and that he will need to obtain a City of Camas Business license. Erickson stated that Barron will possibly need to go before the Planning Commission to obtain a conditional use permit.

A motion was made by Nickerson, seconded by Jonason, and carried that the city provide "Lacamas Canoe & Kayak" use of a designated spot at Heritage Park conditional on the Planning Commission and City Council approval.

### **RESERVOIR SIGNAGE**

Acheson explained that there is an outline of the reservoir in the distributed package highlighting the City of Camas property line. The City's Risk Manager, Joan Durgin, suggested installing signs on the City's parcel for liability and insurance purposes. A sign that states "WARNING: Underwater hazards present, water access prohibited" has been suggested. Acheson suggested installing three signs along property lines.

A motion was made by Jonason, seconded by Lorenz, and carried to approve the reservoir signage.

### **INFLATABLE AMUSEMENT TOYS**

Acheson stated that there has been an increase in requests for inflatables out at Camas parks. The Washington State Department of Labor and Industries is requiring that all inflatable operators must be certified. The City's insurance company claims that the city should verify that everybody meets these requirements, but that is not feasible at the present time. A suggestion was made that within our park system, all private inflatable toys should not be allowed. The City needs to make sure that the contractor is certified if inflatable devices are used for an event.

A motion was made by Bradley, seconded by Jonason, and carried that private inflatable toys will not be allowed within our park system.

### **PROJECT UPDATES**

Eagle Scout Project at the Camas Community Center: The Eagle Scouts are refinishing two picnic tables and fencing off the power pumps. They have resurfaced the playground equipment.

### **OTHER ITEMS**

Camas Community Center Disabled Parking: Nellie Groeneveld requested that the longer concrete bumpers currently at the Camas Community Center be replaced with shorter bumpers. Erickson requested that Acheson speak with the City engineering department and have this request addressed.

Camas Cemetery: Groeneveld requested that the Camas Cemetery shrubbery be trimmed so that the area is more open. Erickson suggested having the maintenance men trim the hedges as they deem necessary.

Parks and Recreation Commissioners: Brent Erickson, Scott Jonason and Steve Lorenz have each been appointed another 3-year term on the Commission.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.