

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019**  
**COMMUNITY AUDITORIUM CONFERENCE ROOM**  
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**1) ROLL CALL:**

- a) Commissioners – Brad Bafaro, Ralph Brown, Kenneth Cobleigh, Tammi McLaughlin, Howard Sullivan, Susan Taylor, Glenn VanBlarcom and Paul Waterstreet.  
Absent: Mackenzie Johnston Carey
- b) Council Liaison – Malynda Wenzl
- c) Staff – Matt Baum and Tom Gamble

**2) CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: None**

**3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the April 17, 2019 meeting were approved.**

**4) ADDITION/DELETIONS: None**

**5) OLD BUSINESS:**

**a) Bike Hub Rogers Park**

- i) The informational kiosk will be placed at Rogers Park, which is a good central location with a bathroom, water and shelter.
- ii) There will be another informational kiosk place at Fernhill Wetlands.
- iii) The kiosk states what's there, where to find other amenities and how to access on-line information. (ridewithGPS.com)
- iv) A repair station will be installed by the Plaid Pantry on Elm and 19<sup>th</sup>. The bike shop across the street makes it a good choice.

**b) Rogers Park**

- i) Restroom
  - i) The restroom should arrive and be installed the first week of June.
  - ii) The infrastructure is in place. This includes the sewer, water and electrical.
- ii) Anna/Abby's Yard
  - i) The project came in \$750,000 higher than expected, so a 12 person conference call determined some project reductions.
    - (i) Some items were taken out of the plan.
    - (ii) The goal is to make the playground whole.
    - (iii) Add alternates for all the other elements. (Seven pages of items.)
  - ii) There are only 6 pre-qualified contractors in the Portland area and all are committed to other projects for this summer, which affected our numbers.
  - iii) We are still working on a finished 100% drawing.
  - iv) The plan now is to go out to bid in December and start construction in early March and finish by June.
  - v) Clean Water Services won't issue permits until after the drawings are complete.
  - vi) The tennis court conversion is off the table for now. We will deep clean it.
  - vii) MIG is producing nice signage with images showing what's to come.
- iii) Harper's Playground
  - i) They pledged \$350,000 and \$248,000 has been raised so far.
  - ii) They are producing a catalog of elements for donors to support.
  - iii) TTM is fundraising and the employees want more connection to the community and want to have a presence in Forest Grove.

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iv) Harper's has a connection with the Timbers and they will be rolling out a special Timbers scarf on Saturday, May 25 at Diversity Café. The cost will be \$25.

**c) Veterans Memorial Park**

- i) Councilor Rippe shared his experience in the creation of a Veteran's memorial park in Cedar Falls, Iowa. They sold bricks for \$50 a piece and received in kind donations from various contractors.
- ii) He advised forming a small sub-committee to determine what we want with a couple of representatives from the commission and some community members.
- iii) A Veteran's memorial park is on the list of Councils goals and objectives.
- iv) The Recreation Commission will notify the Council that they are "in support of a veteran's park and the creation of a sub-committee.

**6) NEW BUSINESS:**

**a) Pool Rules/Swim Wear Policy**

- i) After a new swim wear policy was released some local youths spoke at a City council meeting and stated they felt the policy was sexist.
- i) The wording was taken from the policy used in Washington D.C.
- ii) The Recreation Commission will be asked to weigh in on a new policy.
- iii) The City Attorney will be consulted about the legality in implementing a new policy.

**b) R.F.P. Projects/Next Up**

- i) The current conditions of Lincoln Park, Stites Property, AT Smith House and the pool are being evaluated.
- ii) A tent will be set up with displays at the Farmers Market on June 5. We will be taking comments from the public.
- iii) The consultants received input from the Community Garden Organization, Adelante Mujeres, the school district and the swim club.

**c) C.E.P. Grant**

- i) Our application for a grant for signs was denied. The Council feels signs should come from other funding sources.

**7) COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS: None**

**8) COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: None**

**9) STAFF REPORTS:**

**a) Matt:**

- i) Work on the big dog park is moving along. It was vandalized, so things will take a little longer. The trees are in on 28<sup>th</sup>. New play equipment will be rolled out over summer and fall. There will be a regular maintenance and irrigation schedule.
- ii) The Parks crew is finishing up their "need to do list" in the parks.

**b) Tom:**

- i) Clean Water Services will be doing a stream enhancement project on the B Street trail from mid-August to mid-September. The bridge will be closed during this time.

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- ii) City Council approved the changes to Commission Rules and Procedures.
- iii) There will be several baseball tournaments at Lincoln Park this year, NW Nations and Forest Grove Youth Baseball.
- iv) The track at Lincoln will be closing June 24 for about one month for resurfacing.
- v) The practice field should be ready for use later this week.
- vi) The pool will be closed for 3 weeks in September while we refinish the locker room floors and the bottom of the activity pool.
- vii) Skyhawks Sports Camps will be running again this summer with a few new offerings including futsal and lacrosse.
- viii) Work will be done on the Forest Glen Park slide this summer. The project is going out to bid today.

**10) ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 7:00 a.m.

**11) ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.