

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2019  
COMMUNITY AUDITORIUM CONFERENCE ROOM  
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**1) ROLL CALL:**

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

**2) CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: None**

**3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the September 18, 2019 meeting were approved.**

**4) ADDITION/DELETIONS: None**

**5) OLD BUSINESS:**

**a) By-Laws Sub Committee Report**

- i) The 1974 Resolution #733 created the by-laws for City commissions.
- ii) Parks & Recreation is one of the original commissions because they are responsible for recommending expenditure of the SDC funds to the City Council.
- iii) Glenn and Tammi received the template and are working on updating the information for our commission.

**b) Park Design & Aquatic Center Design Report**

- i) PLACE is running the numbers for the estimate of cost for the project.
- ii) The group will meet in the next couple of weeks to go over the final documents and put together a recommendation for the City Council.
- iii) A public notice evening meeting for review of the full projects will also be held and input will be included in the recommendation.

**c) Facility Closure Up-Date**

**i) Aquatic Center**

- (1) The locker room floors are safer with a better texture on the finish and patrons seem to like it. The small pool has the same surface on the bottom.
- (2) The pool was a couple of days late in re-opening due to some issues with the flooring material.
- (3) The locker rooms and hallway were painted.

**ii) Rogers Park**

- (1) The bathroom door lock was vandalized and the new custom made part is taking a long time to get here, but it should solve the problem.

**iii) Dog Park**

- (1) The dog park was closed again for splice seeding and mole eradication.
- (2) There will be seasonal weather closures going forward, but the winter dog area will not close.
- (3) A resident entered a photo of her dog in a contest and won a doggie photo booth for the dog park.

iv) **Forest Glen**

- (1) This project is close to being finished. The lower section is done and the upper section is being hydro-seeded. A fence will be in place until the grass starts growing.
- (2) Sidewalk repair continues.
- (3) There was a lot of rock work done to shore up the area that was starting to slide. A cyclone fence will be placed along the upper edge to keep people off the rocks.

v) **“B” Street Trail**

- (1) This large project is almost complete.
- (2) Originally the area encompassed the railroad right of way and City property, but after large sections washed away we needed to include Metro property. Erosion continues so Metro and Clean Water Services completed stream enhancement since this is a tributary to the Tualatin River.
- (3) The railroad trestle and debris were removed and the area was opened up visually.

6) **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) **NRPA National Conference Report**

- i) Tom attended this conference with about 9,000 professionals from around the world, with Cal Ripken, Jr. as the keynote speaker.  
The number one topic was homelessness, a nationwide struggle. There were different responses to the problem presented. Some communities feel the park providers need to provide more services. Olympia tried this and ended up closing the facility because of all the problems associated with it.
- ii) There was also focus on creating partnerships in your community, something we are already doing in Forest Grove.
- iii) Trends are shifting as a reaction to Baby Boomers, such as the call for bocce ball courts.

b) **Eastside Park Study Scope**

- i) PLACE is finalizing the scope of services.
- ii) Since this will be a public/private partnership PLACE will facilitate a conversation with all the partners: The city of Forest Grove, the city of Cornelius, the school district and the Rose Grove mobile home park.

c) **Pacific University Softball Structure**

- i) This facility would add space for women’s softball to help the university comply with Title 9.
- ii) They now have funding in place and are reaching out to the City to talk about design, size, lot lines and hours of use for both Pacific and the public.

7) **COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS:**

a) **Ralph:**

- i) There was a representative from Hagg Lake at the Farmer’s Market asking what people want to see happen there.

b) **Susan:**

- i) The pool looks good and the floor is no longer slippery.

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**c) Paul:**

- i) The annual Board & Commissions dinner will be in January. Please let me know if you want anything mentioned.
- ii) You can only be chair for two years, so be thinking about who can replace me in January.

**d) Glenn:**

- i) Should our park signs be updated? Perhaps larger signs just stating the hours the parks are open.

**8) COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:**

**a) Malynda:**

- i) Councilor Tom Johnston passed away Monday morning. His service will be held at Visitation Church on October 28 at 11:00 a.m.
- ii) The student delegation from our sister city, Nyuzen, will be here October 26 thru October 30.
- iii) The Council's work session focused on the "Vision Statement" from 2007. They are going through the steps and process to create new core values.
- iv) Joint work session October 20 at the school district offices with the City, school district and the city of Cornelius to talk about facilities and shared use. The public can attend and listen, but not participate.
- v) Grove Link is looking at expanding services hours or routes.
- vi) I will be attending the National League of Cities conference November 19 thru November 23.

**9) STAFF REPORTS:**

**a) Tom:**

**i) Rogers Park**

- (1) The Rogers Park project is multiple layers and things are coming together.
- (2) We have applied early for a drainage permit from Clean Water Services so that it will be in place before the project begins.
- (3) Harpers Playground original donation goal has been met and continues to grow towards the new goal of \$500,000. I attended an impressive fundraiser event.
- (4) The Robinson's/Love Rock Foundation have donated \$175,000 and are donating another \$20,000.
- (5) The team met last week at Susan's to go over the plans.
- (6) The elements being made from the wood from the sequoia tree are taking shape. The large trunk will be a hollowed out entry tree and there will be a lemonade stand, "A's" and even snakes. All the pieces should be completed by January 1.
- (7) We are working with some quarries to try and find a large Love rock. It will be placed in the middle of the park with a picture of the girls and a statement from the family mounted on it. Around the base will be the names of all the big donors.

- ii) **TTM** wants to donate something to the parks every year. They want to support their community.

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**b) Matt:**

- i) Attended an ORPA conference. Visited Oxbow Park so I got a chance to look at how some big pieces of the sequoia were used to make huts. Nature play was a big focus of the conference.
- ii) We're taking out the sand pit at Lincoln Park and installing an "Expression Swing" in its' place. There will also be benches installed and a piece of interactive musical equipment. There will be a wood chip base and we are working on a ramp entrance.
- iii) We've been doing a lot of planting this fall. Relocated the Rotary tree and the Huffman memorial tree to a higher spot about and south of the playground at Thatcher. We will be adding a few more ornamental trees, which will make a nice grove.

**10) ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 7:00 a.m.

**11) ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.