

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
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1) ROLL CALL:

- a) Commissioners –Ralph Brown, Kenneth Cobleigh, Tammi McLaughlin, Howard Sullivan, Susan Taylor, Glenn VanBlarcom and Paul Waterstreet.
Absent: Brad Bafaro and 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 January 15, 2020 meeting were approved.

4) ADDITION/DELETIONS: None

5) NEW BUSINESS:

a) Lincoln Park Jump Park Restoration Project

- i) Paul Marietta, a member of the Northwest Trail Alliance (NWTa) presented an idea to redo the bike park at Lincoln Park.
- ii) The NWTa goals are:
 - (a) To create, enhance and protect mountain bike riding.
 - (b) Create opportunities and advocate for trail access.
 - (c) Promote responsible mountain biking.
 - (d) Build and maintain trails.
- iii) This joint project would require the following:
 - (a) City of Forest Grove
 - (i) Raw materials – dirt, gravel.
 - (ii) Labor – machine support for moving dirt.
 - (b) NWTa
 - (i) Raw materials – wood.
 - (ii) Labor – develop the plan, direct volunteers in shaping and finishing the jumps and pump tract and the ongoing upkeep of the facility.
- iv) The timeline is late March or early April.

b) Softball Hitting Facility at Lincoln Park (Pacific University)

- i) Lauren Brownrigg, Keith Buckley and Cindy Schupert came and presented their plan for a new indoor hitting facility.
- ii) It would be a 50' x 75' multi-purpose pole barn building with turf flooring and movable netting.
- iii) It would be built on the south side of the softball stadium where the current batting cages are located. Landscaping will help make the structure fit in.
- iv) It will be lighted and heated so it can be utilized year round.
- v) Pacific would be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the facility and share the utility costs with the City.
- vi) There will need to be a lot line adjustment so the building can be built on all City property. This will require a permit from the Planning Department.
- vii) It will also create an impervious surface, so a permit will need to be obtained from Clean Water Services.

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6) OLD BUSINESS:

a) Metro Funding Measure

- i) Region passed Metro greenspace funding and the City of Forest Grove will be receiving \$1.5 million. They are still figuring out how it will be distributed.
- ii) The City is in a conversation to purchase our next park land on north David Hill Road. It is a six acre parcel and the funds could go towards the purchase.

b) Council Creek Regional Trail

- i) The cities of Forest Grove and Cornelius have been fighting to get this going and the next meeting is next week.
- ii) The railroad has abandoned the rail line which is a huge step. ODOT rail owns it but Pacific Northwest has an easement and has not been using the line.
- iii) Trail counts helped demonstrate the high use by pedestrians and bicyclists on T.V. Highway and the need for a trail.
- iv) This will be a multi-million dollar project and extend from the Hatfield Center in Hillsboro to Douglas Street in Forest Grove.

7) COMMISSIONER'S UPDATES/REPORTS:

a) Howard:

- i) The A.T. Smith house is having visits today, so if you're interested you can go out there.
- ii) "Stars in the Grove" will take place this Saturday at 7:00 p.m. at the high school.

8) COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:

a) Malynda:

- i) The Boards and Commission dinner was last Thursday and it was a new improved format and good food. It was more of a celebration.
- ii) The Council Retreat was a six to seven hour work session. An outside consultant kept the Council on track and a lot of good work was done. The next meeting will concentrate on goals and objectives.
- iii) The C.E.P. grant applications are out.
- iv) Councilor Ron Thompson passed away. His service will be this Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

9) STAFF REPORTS:

a) Matt:

- i) The Parks Department remains down one worker while he is over at Public Works and there is no weekend person at this time, so we are doing our best to get caught up. Entering mowing season.
- ii) We might be getting back a jail crew, but nothing is finalized.
- iii) Moving into Rogers Park and pre-prepping the land for the future renovation.
- iv) They are still working on B Street Trail and need to move out the last few logs and redo the parking lot. The October rains set them back a little.

b) Tom:

- i) Please attend the April 27th City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. where the following will be taking place:
 - i) Recognize Cindy's years of service.

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- ii) The Commission's report to the Council.
- iii) Recognize the recipients of the Volunteer of the Year awards.
- iv) Pacific's presentation of their Softball Hitting Facility proposal.

10) ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 7:00 a.m.

11) ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m.