

SUMMARY MINUTES

BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD

June 15, 2010, 5:30 p.m. (potluck)
Two Rivers Park
Finley, WA

Board Members Present

Rick Kilgore, Chair
Bert Lake, Vice Chair
Donna Raines, Secretary/Treasurer
Hank Sauer, Member
Skip Gest, Member
Marilyn Hyde, Member
Kathye Kilgore, Member

Benton County Employees

Adam Fyall
Cami McKenzie
Commissioner Jim Beaver
Dennis Rockwell

Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Rick Kilgore called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and roll call was taken.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of May 2010 were approved.

Agenda – Approval

Bert Lake requested the “memorial naming” policy be added under old business. The agenda was approved, as amended.

Staff Report - Update

- Cub Scouts Camp – camp was being held at Two Rivers Park and Horn Rapids Park and disc golf and camping were being shut down for four days to accommodate the groups
- Memorial Naming Subcommittee – would be meeting next week
- Announcement of Friends of Badger Anniversary commemoration and hike; trail use report at Badger indicated 51,000 visitors for 2010 so far
- 1st Amendment to State land use agreement - signed and approved by the PA, would be signed by the Commissioners on Monday and forwarded to the State for approval (extending the agreement to 2040)

- BLM Patent – paid for and waiting to receive documents
- Lease with Tri-City Shooting Association - next step is to update the lease with the County to match the State land use agreement
- KGH Land – will be putting land in southeast Kennewick/Wallula area into surplus program; the Board agreed it wanted to closely follow the process to make sure County Park access continued

Commissioner Report

Commissioner Beaver reported on his recent visit to Las Vegas for the ECA Peer Exchange. Additionally, Commissioner Beaver said he would be requesting a supplemental appropriation to the Park Development Fund to bring the balance back up to the cap per the budget policy.

Kennewick/Richland Parks & Recreation Liaison Report

Hank reported the Kennewick and Richland Park Boards would be meeting to discuss plans regarding the west end of Columbia Park and form a united front for plans to present to the city councils.

Memorials in Benton County Parks

Bert Lake said he received a call from Sam Meacham who suggested a plaque at Horn Rapids Park that listed names of people who were very active in the parks. Hank Sauer also suggested a movable stone garden depicting names (as seen in the Sacajawea/Lewis & Clark trail).

Badger Mountain Centennial Preserve Parking

Adam said he had conversations with the City of Richland about the parking situation at the Preserve. Badger Mountain was getting a lot of use and the parking was reaching capacity at high use times. Adam recommended sending a letter to the City of Richland outlining the Park Board's position on the parking situation.

Hank suggested the County form a partnership with the church for use of their parking lot. Kathy said it was a good idea but needed to be approached carefully.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the Chairman to sign the letter to the City of Richland. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

2010/2011 - Winter Projects

Mr. Fyall provided a suggested list of winter projects for the park rangers and asked the Board to provide feedback and suggestions.

Discussion with Dennis Rockwell/Park Ranger

Dennis discussed some issues he was having with equipment and the restroom and said with current staffing levels he would have to let go of some of the maintenance projects. Additionally, he said that park patronage was up and the disc golf was extremely popular.

A few suggestions were made for Horn Rapids Park, including a volunteer park host and some signage on Hwy 240 that alerted to the location of the park.

Adjournment

The guests and board members gave closing comments and the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be the second Tuesday in July at the Benton County Justice Center.