

SUMMARY MINUTES

BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD

March 9, 2010, 6:30 p.m.
Benton County Justice Center
Kennewick, WA

Board Members Present

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

Benton County Employees

Adam Fyall
Cami McKenzie
Dennis Rockwell

Board Members Absent

Marilyn Hyde, Member (sick)

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 February 2010 were approved.

Staff Report - Update

Adam Fyall updated the Board on the following:

- He and Rick Kilgore had met to discuss the package to bring to the Commissioners regarding the land purchase at Rattlesnake
- No word back yet on the cultural surveys (TCSA volunteered to put pressure on the State agency regarding this issue)
- Lease issue with Rattlesnake; Mr. Fyall indicated the PA's office was not yet satisfied with the new lease, but that he would be meeting with him again first thing the next morning.

Hover Park Discussion

Dennis Rockwell said that littering and dumping had not been a huge problem in the last six months. However, there continued to be evidence of motocross activities. Dennis discussed the access into the park via the railroad right of way and said the Board would never be able to control the problem without hiring full-time patrol for the area. Additionally, he discussed the problem with pruning Russian Olive trees and that without being sterilized, they would be a constant problem, even if they were cut down.

The Board wanted to know if it could do anything to reduce the liability to the County. Mr. Rockwell said they could cut down the trees and put up steel cut signs to warn people to keep out of certain areas, but that it would not keep them out.

Hank Sauer suggested the Board let the Railroad know of the liability issues and that their right of way was being violated.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to table the issue until the next meeting.

Adam said he would find a contact for the railroad. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Disc Golf Course

Adam said that two neighbors had complained about the discs coming into their yards and that he and Dennis had come up with some remedies. He provided a copy of the adjustments to the course and said that Dennis had already made the changes, in addition to planting some new arbivitaes.

Dennis stated that one neighbor was pleased with the changes and the other was not happy, although he hoped there would not be any more problems.

Adam presented proposed letters to the neighbors outlining what had been done to remedy the issue.

Letters - Badger Mountain Trails

Mr. Fyall presented letters to Rattlesnake Ridge Riders, Friends of Badger, and Chinook Cycling Club to thank them for their participation in creating the new trails on Badger Mountain. The Board agreed to have the Chairman sign the letters.

2010 - Calendar of Events

Mr. Fyall presented an updated calendar of events for the parks.

Adjournment

The guests and board members gave closing comments and the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

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