

SUMMARY MINUTES

BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD

June 9, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
Two Rivers Park
Finley, WA

Board Members Present

Richard Nordness, Chair
Diana Ruff, Secretary/Treasurer
Robin Emmingham, Member
Donna Raines, Member
John Becker, Vice-Chair

Benton County Employees

Adam Fyall
Cami McKenzie
Commissioner Jim Beaver
Rich Hillmer

Board Members Absent

Michael Crowder - Member

Social/Potluck

The members and guests met for a social/pot luck at 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Chair Richard Nordness called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call was taken.

Review & Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of May 2015 were approved as submitted.

Chair Report

Chair Nordness said he visited Hover Park and tried both the Toothaker and Hover Road entrances; he noted that someone was attempting to use a travel trailer to get into the park. He said there was still an ongoing dumping problem.

Staff Report Update

Adam said the Washington State Trails Coalition selected Richland for the bi-annual conference; Adam said he was on the host committee and would keep the Board apprised.

Boardwalk - within a week or two of final approval from the Corps of Engineers; yearly meeting with the Corps would be the following week at Two Rivers Park.

Local Benton-Franklin Health District was following up on Valley Fever testing. They showed up with media at Horn Rapids Park to run tests and Adam had to run damage control; lost an \$800 camping event. Donna followed up and said there were some reports distributed regarding signs and symptoms. The idea was to get the public's attention with the CDC, however, they failed to have the message controlled.

Playground Update

Adam and Diana presented information on playgrounds and vendors. Adam said that two of the vendors were working on a proposal and they were looking at Vista Park and Two Rivers Park.

Diana said she was leaning toward the 5-12 year age group; they talked about having one area of containment at Vista Park for ease of maintenance and soft fall.

They agreed to bring back four examples (\$20,000 maximum for Vista and a \$50,000 maximum overall).

Sheriff Training Facility/Rattlesnake Mountain

Adam said there were problems with the prior plan, including the requirement of a cultural survey and topographic problems.

He said they were back in the planning process with a scaled back plan that would be right in line with the current facility. They were looking at a 100 yard range, 50 yards wide that was similar to the hunter safety range. He said this was more realistic with money and time required. He had meetings with TCSA and the Sheriff's office and no cultural survey was needed. They proposed their own parking, gated area, security and lock box.

He said that TCSA was good with it as long as they were out of the equation. He said they were looking at creating a small parcel on the land to take it out of the TCSA property and he had talked to Planning about creating a three-acre parcel. Additionally, they would need to restructure the current lease with TCSA.

The Board agreed with moving forward.

Two Rivers Update

Rich Hillmer talked about the problems he was having with the Kabota tractor and new lawn mower and ongoing repairs. Additionally, he discussed the boat dock post issues and problems with the drinking fountains.

The Board suggested the fountain along the tree line be disconnected.

Guest Comments/Poll of the Board/Adjournment

The guests and Board members gave closing comments.

With no further business to report, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be the first Tuesday in July.