

## SUMMARY MINUTES

### BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD

June 12, 2012, 6:00 p.m.  
Two Rivers Park  
Finley, WA

#### Board Members Present

Bert Lake, Chair  
Richard Nordness - Vice-Chair  
Michael Crowder - Secretary/Treasurer  
Donna Raines, Member  
Skip Gest, Member  
Hank Sauer, Member  
Diana Ruff, Member

#### Benton County Employees

Adam Fyall  
Cami McKenzie  
Commissioner Jim Beaver

#### Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Chair Bert Lake 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

A discussion regarding the Shooting Range hours was added to the agenda and it was then approved as corrected.

#### Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of May 2012 were approved as corrected.

#### Chair Report

Chair Lake reported on a small work party that met at Meacham Hall on May 19 to finish the gravel, planting, and work on the water system.

## **Staff Report Update**

In addition to the written report, Adam updated the Board on the following issues:

- Horn Rapids Park
  - Mud Run - It was a successful event, however, much improvement was needed and he would have a debriefing next week to review the issues. The Board discussed some of the issues, including parking, having enough volunteers, safety issues, limiting the number of participants, and paying volunteer groups.
  - Maintenance Compound - upgrades were complete (Skip Gest asked about weed control at the park and Adam indicated that sterilant was used but he would review the matter further with Mr. Finkbeiner).
  - Higgins Field - Runway complete.
- Badger Mountain - final resolution of the easement issue, parking lot improvements and water fountain would be finalized this week.
- Tree Planting - Donna asked about the dedicated tree planting and indicated she would contact Adam to set a date.
- Brochure - Adam said he would provide a markup and send a copy to the Board; additionally, would start working on the service contract.

## **Higgins Field Master Plan**

Clarence said they decided to have their club approve the master plan before final submittal to the Board.

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded to table the approval of the Higgins Field Master Plan. Upon vote, the motion carried.

## **Capital Improvement Plan**

Adam presented a first draft of the Capital Improvement Plan for Board comment. Hank Sauer indicated he preferred the old format as one page and Adam said he would provide a one page format for the Board to review.

The Board agreed to review the plan and provide comments at the next regular meeting.

## **Shooting Range - Hours of Operation**

The hours of operation were discussed. It was indicated that TCSA had been operating for many years with a prohibition on shooting before 8:00 a.m. and they thought this direction came from the County. Upon review, staff and TCSA could find nothing that officially instructed TCSA to operate this way. Staff reviewed the County's noise ordinance, found shooting ranges to be an allowed noise-causing use, and only found two references to 6:00 a.m. in other sections of that ordinance. There is no County-wide "quiet hours".

Chair Lake recommended the Board send a letter to the Shooting Range stating the Board was not aware of any restrictions and did not have any objection to the Shooting Range starting at 6:00 a.m. However, it reserved the right to further review the issue if the need arose. There was no objection by the Board.

## **Two Rivers Park**

### **Compliance Inspection Report**

Adam said he provided the report to the Board by email and said it was a good report and there was nothing specific to correct except the need for a life ring at the boat ramp.

### **Annual Briefing**

The Board thanked Rich Hillmer for his first year of work and said the Park looked great. Rich said he enjoyed his job and that Dennis was still available to answer questions for him.

### **Comments**

The "Wings for Wishes" event was successful and they were able to submit a check in the amount of \$4,500 to the Make a Wish Foundation.

Sharon Grant discussed the Ridges to Rivers Trail update and showed a large map of the area.

## **Adjournment**

The board members gave closing comments and the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

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