

SUMMARY MINUTES

BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD

June 10, 2014, 6:00 p.m.
Horn Rapids Park - Higgins Field
Benton City, WA

Board Members Present

Richard Nordness, Chair
Bert Lake, Vice-Chair
Diana Ruff, Secretary/Treasurer
Donna Raines, Member
John Becker, Member
Michael Crowder, Member

Benton County Employees

Adam Fyall
Cami McKenzie

Board Members Absent

Robin Emmingham

Social/Potluck

The members and guests met for a social/pot luck at 6:00 p.m. It was a very blustery day and the tour of Higgins Field after the meeting was cancelled.

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 of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of May, 2014 were approved as submitted.

Staff Report

Adam updated his written report as follows:

- Had a pre-conference meeting regarding the road work at Higgins Field with C & E Trenching
- He was very happy with the results of the north face restoration on Badger
- Planned to go out to Wallula Gap and visit the property sometime before winter
- Candy Mountain proposal would happen mid-August in Olympia; they hoped to do a dry-run presentation to the Board
- It appeared that Friends of Badger worked out an agreement with Col-Solare for some parking at the east end of Red Mountain that would serve as a trailhead.

Committee Reports

Nature Trail Committee

John Becker said the Corps of Engineers was reviewing the proposal and would be visiting the boardwalk site at some later time. Additionally, Adam commented there were a few options to look at next month when the Board met at Two Rivers regarding the nature trail head.

Parks Projects Review & Priorities

The Board discussed how to go about prioritizing projects. Bert Lake stated they had the best luck picking about four projects to focus on during a one year period. Diana Ruff said there was nothing preventing them from adding additional projects if the priority projects were finished; additionally, she asked for cost estimates. The Board agreed on the concept and Adam indicated he would provide a project list at the next meeting; the Board briefly discussed the following projects:

- Meacham Hall - needed a new roof
- Two Rivers Restroom replacement - biggest problem was removal of sewage (talked about pumping the septic tank)

2014 Comprehensive Parks Plan

The Board briefly discussed the plan and Adam said he needed the final changes and comments from the Board by June 20. He said they would have a 99% complete draft for the July meeting and planned to go to the Commissioners for approval on July 22.

Higgins Field Discussion

Clark Hymas discussed the following issues at Higgins Field:

- Projects
 - Addition of second runway
 - Adoption of Master Plan
 - 1st priority was maintaining what they had (specifically the well & pump)
 - 2nd priority was finishing projects
 - Changing out table stands and adding safety fences and additional tables
 - Starters were donated for trees
 - New Sign
 - Upgrades to the Dog House (kitchen)
- Annual Wings for Wishes Event (raised \$7,300)
- 72 Members
- Upcoming Events

Comments from Guests/Poll of the Board

The guests and Board members gave closing comments. Diana Ruff said she attended the Wings for Wishes event and that it was a great event and was well attended and organized.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:25 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on the second Tuesday in July at Two Rivers Park.