

SUMMARY MINUTES

BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD

May 8, 2012, 6:30 p.m.
Benton County Justice Center
Kennewick, 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

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

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of April 2012 were approved.

Staff Report Update

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

- He would provide a dumpster at Higgins Field for a cleanup day, and also for cleanup at the shooting range and Horn Rapids Park.
- Publicity - had a meeting with the contractor about the on-line camping program and would be moving that along. Also had a meeting with Carol

Darley regarding the brochure; she provided a draft initial markup and Adam would get that scanned and emailed to the members. Adam said he was very impressed with the brochure and pricing.

- Higgins Field - Adam said he received quotes for the new asphalt runway and the lowest bid was \$12,900. He said he went ahead and moved forward with putting together a contract with A & B Asphalt. He said he was trying to get it on the agenda for May 22, but could not guarantee it would be done by the May 25 event.
- Badger Mountain Reservoir - Adam was waiting on a final agreement with City of Richland; the developer was providing consideration to restore the driveway and parking lot up with upgrades/expansion; additionally, they would be able to tap into potable water. The Commissioners were on board and there would be no initial or long-term costs to the County.
- Badger Mountain Master Plan - he would be meeting with Studio Cascade about reviving the plan.
- CIP - no new projects since there were plenty of projects to complete and no promise of new money.

Higgins Field Master Plan

The draft master plan was presented and the Board discussed whether it could be approved at the dedication of the new runway. Clarence said it would be ready to go with a few changes and asked if Adam could help him with those details. Adam agreed and the Board agreed to approve it at a later time.

Park Board Liaisons

The Board discussed whether it would be a good idea to assign Park Board members to attend "partner" meetings. Michael Crowder and Bert Lake said they would attend the TCSA meetings and Dick Nordness said he would attend Ridge Riders and Purple Sage Riders. Hank Sauer asked for a schedule so he might be able to attend if his schedule allowed. Diana Ruff said she also wanted to look at other non-members like Chinook Cycling Club to introduce them to the program.

Comments

Mickie Chamness said they recently planted at Meacham Hall. Adam said he wanted to organize more volunteers and work parties to plant and use Mickie more as an advisor.

Bert Lake asked Diana Ruff if she could assist with the volunteer program and Diana indicated she could.

Linda Smith and Vicky Clark indicated they would provide draft trail etiquette signs for the Board's review.

The "Wings for Wishes" event would be held at Higgins Field and 100% of profits would go to the Make a Wish Foundation.

Adjournment

The 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 June 2012 at Two Rivers Park.