

## SUMMARY MINUTES

### BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD

July 8, 2014, 6:00 p.m.  
Two Rivers Park  
Finley, WA

#### Board Members Present

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

#### Benton County Employees

Adam Fyall  
Cami McKenzie  
Commissioner Jim Beaver

#### 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 of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

#### Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of June, 2014 were approved as submitted.

#### Chair Report

Chair Nordness said he toured Horn Rapids Park on horseback and commented on the deep ruts in the road as a result of last year's mud run; additionally, the road overlay project was complete and it looked fantastic. He said he also visited the Tri-City Shooting Facility with his family and thought they were doing a good job.

## **Staff Report**

Adam updated his written report stating that Two Rivers Park looked great. As those in attendance could see, the park as well attended with patrons playing disc golf, having family BBQ's, and using rafts in the lagoon, and all was maintained by one person. He said they had their compliance inspection by The Corps and Rich took care of the items. Additionally, Adam reported on the following:

- Clark said things were going well at Higgins Field;
- Still planned to schedule a tour of Wallula Gap;
- Planned to give trial run of the presentation with David Comstock for the Olympia presentation; CH2M Hill pledged \$500,000 for purchase of Candy Mountain;
- Looking for pictures to fill in the brochure - this was the last hurdle and if anyone could help, it would really assist him in getting the brochure finished. Michael indicated he would get pictures for Horn Rapids Park and Robin said he would get some for Two Rivers Park

Chair Nordness read a letter to Rich Hillmer from the Park Board complimenting him on his efforts at Two Rivers Park.

## **Parks Projects Review and Priorities**

Adam talked about cost estimates and proposed projects and said he wanted to finalize at the August meeting. He talked specifically about Horn Rapids Park and the failure of the irrigation system. He said they spent lot of time chasing the antiquated system around at the beginning of the season. He indicated it was time to start thinking about rebuilding the system by scratch and doing it the right way.

He indicated the nature trail extension was marked as high priority because it was something they were doing right now. The cost of the restroom was based on other restroom projects. There was a discussion regarding what The Corps would allow as far as a drain field and permitting. Adam agreed with Donna that they should start the process sooner than later.

Adam talked about a price for the playground and indicated it could vary depending on what the Board wanted. The Board agreed to come back with priorities at the next meeting.

Diana said she talked with the City of Richland since they replaced all their structures to upgraded equipment. She said it was approximately \$10-20 a square foot for rubberized mat and the cost of installation, however, they could train employees to install. She indicated there were grants available for playground equipment and it would be helpful to narrow down a budget and then they could talk about what kind of structure they wanted. After reviewing the playground site and current structure, Diana recommended they could get soft-fall and cut the footprint in half. She also recommended Dave Bryant at the City of Richland come out to the park and make suggestions. Adam indicated he would give him a call.

### **2014 Comprehensive Plan - Review and Adoption**

Adam presented the proposed resolution and comprehensive plan.

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded to adopt the 2014 Comprehensive Park Plan. Upon vote, the motion carried.

### **Nature Trail Trailhead and Boardwalk**

The site visit of the nature trail was moved until after the meeting. Donna said that she and Adam would propose something very specific for the display.

### **Comments from Guests/Poll of the Board/Adjournment**

The guests and Board members gave closing comments.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on the second Tuesday in August at Horn Rapids Park.

Donna, Diana, Robin and Adam did a quick site visit to the Nature Trail trailhead after the conclusion of the meeting.