

Minutes of the North Bend Parks Commission Meeting of February 23, 2011
Minutes are draft until approved at the following Parks Commission Meeting.

Attendance:

- Parks Commissioners in attendance: Yvonne Dalke (Chair), Eric Thompson, Phil Lacefield, and Karen Wallace.
- Parks Commissioners absent: Hannah Johanson (notified ahead), Chris Moore (notified ahead) and John Fredenburg.
- Staff in attendance: Mike McCarty, Senior Planner

The meeting was called to order at 6:05.

Minutes of the January 26, 2011 Parks Commission Meetings

Karen Wallace provided a motion, seconded by Eric Thompson, to approve the January 26, 2011 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

EJ Roberts Park Adoption Work Day Rescheduled

Mike and the Parks Commission discussed the work day for EJ Roberts Park that was scheduled for Saturday, February 26. Due to the snow, the Parks Commission decided to reschedule the work day to Saturday, March 12, from 9am – 12pm.

Recommendation on Use of Park Impact Fee Revenue for Tollgate Farmhouse Electrical Service Line Project

Mike presented the proposed Tollgate Farmhouse Electrical Service Line Project, which is being funded by two grants from 4-Culture. The City would need to provide \$4,500 to \$6,500 toward the project as local match, depending on the final cost of the contract with PSE. Mike requested a recommendation from the Parks Commission for use of Park Impact Fee Revenue for this purpose, for which the project is eligible as it is on the Parks Capital Facilities Plan. Phil Lacefield provided a motion, seconded by Yvonne Dalke, to use Park Impact Fee Revenue as the local match for the Tollgate Farmhouse Electrical Service Line Project. The motion passed unanimously.

Planning for Arbor Day Recognition

Mike and the Parks Commission discussed the upcoming National Arbor Day, which the City will need to provide recognition of for the City's plan to become a certified Tree City USA City through the Washington Department of Natural Resources and National Arbor Day Foundation. The Parks Commission agreed with providing the tree planting in Torguson Park with trees planted in areas identified on the Torguson Park Master Plan. Mike stated that he would contact the boy scouts for potential volunteers, and asked for additional suggestions. Yvonne Dalke volunteered to contact 4H to see if they may be interested. Depending on the age of the volunteers, either 1 tree per volunteer or 1 tree per 2 volunteers would be planted. The date would need to be set according to the availability of the volunteer group(s), but should correspond to the week of Washington State's recognition of arbor day (April 13) or National Arbor Day (April 29). The Parks Commission suggested that the event may be easiest on a Saturday for the availability of the volunteers. Mike stated that he would prepare a proclamation for the Mayor's signature, and would ask the mayor about attending the event.

New Si View Park Pea Patch Garden

Mike described an inquiry by Tami Kaberlein to construct a pea patch community garden in New Si View Park. Ms. Kaberlein stated to Mike that she and other volunteers would construct and maintain the garden, but wished to locate it in an area of New Si View Park. Mike discussed the proposal with the Parks Commission. To be located in a public park, the Council would need to pass a resolution authorizing the garden and establishing basic rules for its use and operation. The garden plots would need to be made available to the general public, most likely on a first-come, first-serve basis. Logistical concerns included finding a location that is relatively accessible from a road, not shaded by trees, minimally interferes with open play area, and could have accessible water arranged. Mike stated that Parks Lead Mark Pray informed him that the irrigation system is no longer in use at the park and wouldn't be available for a hose for the pea patch garden. The Parks Commission requested that Mike further consider potential irrigation options from municipal water lines. Karen Wallace volunteered to discuss the proposal further with Ms. Kaberlein to determine her level of commitment, level of interest of others within the community, and proposals for paying for the improvements.

Adjournment - The Meeting adjourned at 6:45.

Next Meeting - The next meeting of the Parks Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23 at 6pm.

Approval of Parks Commission Minutes:


Yvonne Dalke, Parks Commission Chair


Mike McCarty, Senior Planner

Minutes prepared by Mike McCarty