

**Minutes of the North Bend Parks Commission Meeting of July 27, 2011**  
Minutes are draft until approved at the following Parks Commission Meeting.

Attendance:

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00.

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Phil Lacefield provided a motion, seconded by Chris Moore, to approve the June 15, 2011 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**Urban Forestry Plan**

Mike presented the resolution that would be going to the City Council on August 2 to formally establish the Parks Commission as the City's Tree Board and to task them with advising City staff in the preparation of an Urban Forestry Plan. Mike also described progress by Davey Resource Group on conducting the Public Tree Inventory and Assessment, as funded by the grant from the Department of Natural Resources, with work set to commence in the next week.

The Parks Commissioners and Mike worked to complete the vision statement that would guide development of policies within the Urban Forestry Plan. The parks Commission finished the following vision statement for the City's urban forest:

"The City of North Bend values our urban forest as central to the continued social and economic well-being of our community, connecting us to our surrounding environment, enhancing the beauty of our surroundings, preserving our unique, informal, small town character and heritage, and providing numerous environmental functions and benefits. The City's urban forest will be healthy, diverse, natural, well cared for, and an integral part of our community's urban infrastructure."

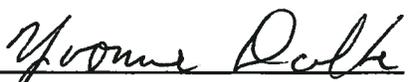
Mike stated that he would incorporate this vision statement into the draft Urban Forestry Plan and provide a copy to the Parks Commission for their review at their next meeting.

**EJ Roberts Park Adoption Work Day Followup and Next Work Days**

The Parks Commissioners discussed two work days at EJ Roberts Park, as a part of their adoption of the park through the Adopt-a-Park Program. The work days are scheduled for Saturday, July 30, and Saturday August 9, each from 9am – 12pm. The work will include scraping and repainting the playground equipment, picnic tables and benches at the park, and maintenance against blackberries that have come up in the area previously cleared. Eric and Chris will work on July 30, and Mike, Yvonne and Karen will work on August 9.

**Adjournment** - The Meeting adjourned at 6:40.

**Approval of Parks Commission Minutes:**

  
Yvonne Dalke, Parks Commission Chair

  
Mike McCarty, Senior Planner

Minutes prepared by Mike McCarty