

**CITY OF MONROE
PARK BOARD MINUTES
July 23, 2015**

Call To Order

Chairperson Steve Whalen called the Park Board meeting to order at 7:03pm in the Parks/Public Works Conference Room.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Steve Whalen, Karin Coppernoll, Shawna Chamberlain, Bill Kristiansen, Devlin Piplic

Board Members Absent: Lara Ramey, Tami Kinney

Agenda Revisions – None

Approval of Minutes - Motion was made by Steve Whalen and seconded by Shawna Chamberlain to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2015 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Audience Participation – Presentation – American Legion Memorial Proposal – Mr. Boyd Booze and Mr. Russel Dean of the American Legion Arthur Kincaid Post 58 presented a proposal to raise funds to install a Veterans memorial and solar-lighted flagpole at Lake Tye Park. They had met previously with Parks Department staff to settle on the location and passed out plans that gave the background, proposed location, features and materials for the memorial. They added that they have met with the Monroe School District, the Monroe Historical Society and other community members as well. A feature of the memorial is to include the plaque from the WWII Memorial that is currently located at the School District's Memorial Field along Kelsey Street that is seriously damaged due to its age. They plan to give a similar presentation to the Monroe City Council in August.

Bill Kristiansen made a motion, seconded by Karin Coppernoll in support of the American Legion's proposal for a Veterans Memorial located at Lake Tye Park.

Unfinished Business – Parks Tour Schedule – The Park Board agreed to schedule the next parks tour of facilities for August 20 during the regular meeting time.

New Business – None

Staff Reports/Updates –Director Farrell distributed a written department report with updates including the downtown flowers, free life jacket loaner program at Lake Tye Park, kayak rentals at Lake Tye Park, a thank you to Wet Noses Dog Treat Company for donating dog waste bags for the parks, the athletic courts resurfacing project, skateboard park project, and events including free outdoor music and movies in the park and the NSA Western World Series tournament. Director Farrell also asked the Board to assist him if available in manning the Parks & Recreation booth at the August 4 National Night Out Against Crime event at Lake Tye Park.

Board Discussion – None

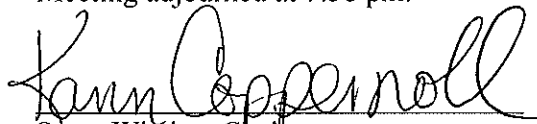
Agency Reports- Planning Commission –Bill Kristiansen reported that the Planning commission has been very busy working on the Comprehensive Plan Updates. They have effectively gone through every chapter of the plan with the exception of Chapter 7 (Park Plan) and re-worked many parts of the plan to get it right. They have been meeting every week to accomplish the task.

School District – Devlin Piplic reported that the School district has broken ground on the first of the three all-weather ballfield upgrade projects at the High School. They are in the pre-planning mode for phases 2 and 3 that will include lighting. They have also received a commitment from Walmart to volunteer to assist with thatching the field at Memorial Field.

Adjournment

Motion by Bill Kristiansen and seconded by Karin Coppernoll to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.


Steve Whalen, Chairperson

Lara Ramey, Secretary