

**CITY OF MONROE
PARK BOARD MINUTES
January 19, 2017**

Call To Order *Stephan*

Chairperson Steven Whalen called the Park Board meeting to order at 7:02pm in the Parks/Public Works Conference Room.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Steve Whalen, Karin Coppernoll, Shawna Chamberlain, Tami Kinney, Bridgette Tuttle, Devlin Piplic

Board Members Absent: James Yap

Agenda Revisions – None

Approval of Minutes - Motion was made by Tami Kinney and seconded by Karin Coppernoll to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2016 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Audience Participation – None

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – *Election of Officers* – Motion made by Karin Coppernoll, seconded by Shawna Chamberlain to postpone election of officers to the next meeting scheduled for February.

Park Facilities Review – Currie View Park - The Board reviewed the Park Plan snapshot description of Currie View Park and discussed its existing features, as well as discussed planned improvements to the park. Steve Whalen mentioned that a looped trail proposed improvement would be a great improvement to the park and improve access from the local neighborhood to the park. Bridgette Tuttle added that a sport court such as a 4-square court may be utilized by children and the consensus of the Board was that turf improvements would be beneficial to the west portion of the park. Steve Whalen inquired whether there are any plans to develop a pickleball court in any of the parks as it is becoming a popular activity for all ages. Director Farrell replied that the newly resurfaced tennis courts at Lake Tye Park are also now striped for pickleball use.

Staff Reports/Updates – Director Farrell updated the Board on various parks and recreation work and events including the downtown art sculpture dedication and the upcoming Jayme Biendl Memorial 5K Run. He updated the Board that interviews for the Park Supervisor position are underway, the Monroe Boys & Girls Club have adopted Sky River Park for regular volunteer service cleanups and projects and that the parks crew are siting a post at Cedar Grove Park for a bench near the playground. He also reported that the drinking fountain at Cedar Grove Children's Park was destroyed by vandals and that it will need to be replaced at a cost of over \$3,000.

Board Discussion – *Lake Tye Park Playground Replacement* – Director Farrell informed the Board that Sitelines Park & Playground Equipment Inc of Everett is working on designing a new playground for Lake Tye Park. The company is the distributor for Gametime, a nationally recognized playground equipment manufacturer that is authorized through the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Cooperative to sell and install playgrounds that are competitively bid through their program. Design criteria include features that encourage multi-generational play, ADA inclusive play spaces that intentionally break down physical and social barriers to play, playful public art that enhances the visual appeal of the park, and advanced climbing challenges and motion activities that appeal to older children

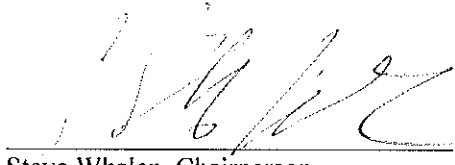
who seek a more adventurous play experience. Surfacing improvements such as the use of rubberized surfacing is also desired in the playground design. A representative from the company will make a presentation to the Board at the February meeting of the design. A recommendation to the City Council is desired so that the equipment can be purchased and installed in time for the summer season.

Agency Reports- Planning Commission –Bridgette Tuttle reported that the Planning Commission continue to work on allowable uses for various businesses in given zones and expect to make a recommendation to the City Council in April. She also noted that the Community Development Director has left the City and that the position will need to be filled.

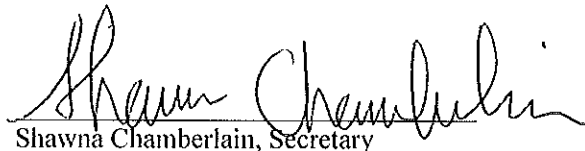
School District – Devlin Piplic shared that the School District has completed the main ballfield at the High School and that a ribbon-cutting will occur in March.

Adjournment

Motion by Shawna Chamberlain and seconded by Tami Kinney to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.



Steve Whalen, Chairperson



Shawna Chamberlain, Secretary