

**CITY OF MONROE
PARK BOARD MINUTES
May 17, 2018**

Call To Order

Vice Chairperson Devlin Piplic called the Park Board meeting to order at 7:02pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Tami Kinney, Shawna Fischer, Steve Whalen, Michael Stanger
Board Members Absent: Devlin Piplic, Karin Coppernoll

Agenda Revisions – None

Approval of Minutes - Motion was made by Steve Whalen and seconded by Michael Stanger to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2018 meeting as revised. Motion carried 4-0.

Audience Participation – None.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business – *Economic Advisory Board Recommendations – Presentation by Deborah Knight* – City Administrator Deborah Knight presented background on the formation of and the work that the Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) has done that included a review of several existing city economic development planning documents, setting a strategic vision, prioritized plan, and identify funding and cost estimates to start doing projects and activities that support economic development in Monroe. EDAB held a series of meetings, workshops and a community open house and are finalizing their recommendations that will be presented to the Planning Commission and Park Board in June and then to the Monroe City Council.

June 2018 Agenda/Review Work Plan – Items to be added per work plan if ready include Skykomish River Park Playground Project Update, State RCO Grant Update, Park Review – Skykomish River Park.

Park Review – Ramblewood Tot Lot – The Board reviewed features of the park, noting that tot lots such as this are discouraged for future city park planning due to size and recreational feature limitations and cost-efficiency concerns regarding maintenance. The current direction for future park development objectives is the neighborhood park classification for such parks, with a minimum size of 5+ acres that can provide a more diverse range of recreation options and activities for a neighborhood service area.

Staff Reports/Updates – Director Farrell distributed copies of the department update for activities and park events.

Sky River Park Playground Replacement Update – Director Mike Farrell gave an update that construction is on schedule and a ribbon-cutting ceremony will be scheduled at the end of the month.

State Grant Applications for Lake Tye Park Synthetic Turf Fields Project – Update – Director Farrell gave an update to the Board that he has applied for two grant applications to the State Recreation Conservation Office (RCO). He will make a presentation to the funding board in Olympia later this month. Grant award notifications will occur this fall.

- Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Local Parks Grant: \$500,000 (max)
- Youth Athletic Facilities Grant: \$350,000 (max)

Downtown Art Sculpture Selection Committee Update – Mr. Farrell gave a recap of the May 15 Monroe City Council meeting recommendation. The Art Selection Committee recommended two options for consideration to the Monroe City Council on May 15: **Alternative No. 1:** Defer action to select a proposal for 2018. Direct Mayor and Staff to schedule a budget scoping discussion with the City Council or Council Committee to recommend an appropriately-sized budget for 2019 that meets scope expectations for cost of materials, size and level of artistry. **Alternative #2:** Move to direct the Mayor and Staff to negotiate a draft agreement for services with Lance H. Carleton for a downtown art sculpture titled “Fat Tire”, not to exceed \$10,000. The City Council moved to select alternative #1.


Board Discussion – *Heritage Tree Program* – Board member Tami Kinney shared examples of tree nomination forms from various entities and Board members gave feedback that preferred the Leavenworth example. Tami thanked the Board and stated that she would work with staff to refine the heritage tree nomination forms.

Agency Reports- Planning Commission – Board member Michael Stanger stated that the Planning commission has been very busy working on reviews and recommendation of revisions to the City Codes as well as Comprehensive Plan priorities in the subject areas of transportation and traffic.

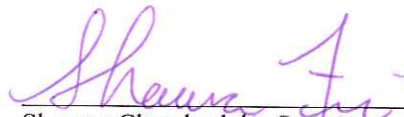
School District – No report.

Adjournment

Motion by Shawna Chamberlain and seconded by Steve Whalen to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.



 Tami Kinney, Chairperson
 Mike Stanger



 Shawna Chamberlain, Secretary
 Fischer