

CITY OF MONROE
PARK BOARD MINUTES
April 19, 2012

Call To Order

Chairperson Karin Coppernoll called the Park Board meeting to order at 7:04pm in the Parks/Public Works Conference Room.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Karin Coppernoll, Collette Reams, Ralph Yingling, Shawna Chamberlain, Steve Whalen, Jeff Rasmussen

Board Members Absent: Bill Kristiansen

Agenda Revisions – None

Approval of Minutes - Motion was made by Ralph Yingling and seconded by Steve Whalen to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2012 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Audience Participation – None

Unfinished Business – *History of Skatepark & Review of Proposal* – The Board re-capped the discussion held at the March 15 Park board meeting regarding the history of the development of the skate park at Lake Tye Park and the Board's recommendations for Todd Yingling's proposal of upgrades for the skate park (as was presented to the Board at the February 16, 2012 meeting). The Board agreed to take this item off of the agenda while the proposal is being refined.

New Business – *Draft Agenda – May 17* - The draft agenda for the May 17, 2012 regular meeting was discussed. A park tour was added for the May meeting so it was decided that the rest of the agenda for that meeting would be kept light in order to accommodate the tour. The only other agenda item for the meeting would be a review/discussion of Section 5 of the Park Plan if time permits. Ralph Yingling offered to supply transportation for the tour.

Election of Officers - Motion made by Collette Reams and seconded by Shawna Chamberlain to ratify election of Ralph Yingling as Chairperson, Jeff Rasmussen as Vice-Chairperson and Steve Whalen as Secretary. Motion carried.

Staff Reports/Updates – *Director's Report*- Director Mike Farrell reported on the park activities and events for April and May. He mentioned that he would run a Parks & Recreation information booth at the upcoming Evergreen Recreation & Sportsmen Expo to be held on April 28-29 at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds and offered that Park Board members could come and help out if interested and/or available. He also reported on the City Council's approval of his request for hiring two 4-month seasonal park maintenance positions by late May/early June to help address the service needs of the Department in that area. The City Council also approved the Director's request to amend the Park Code, Monroe Municipal Code Chapter 9.28, in order to allow licensed and limited possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages in a City park only through an approved special event permit.

Board Discussion -

Rainier View Park – Review – The Board discussed the features of the park noting that proposed playground improvements as listed in the Park Plan have been addressed.

Review Park Plan Elements – Section 4.3-4.5 – The Board discussed the section of the Park Plan that addressed maintenance levels of service for the park system. A question of whether the level of service for parks have been lowered in some areas of the system due to the economic downturn and budget reductions in park maintenance resources was answered in the affirmative by Director Farrell. He described how priorities have been evaluated and changed to best meet the service demands given the lower resource levels available for service.

Role of Park Board regarding Cable Wakeboard Park – The Board discussed its role in the cable wakeboard proposal and concluded that the Board would have liked to have had more opportunity for input and review in the early stages of the process. The Board acknowledged that, after Director Farrell sought and received Board participation in the review of the initial proposal, the next review and discussion steps in that proposal became the work of the City Council. The Board discussed how they can seek opportunities to become more involved in the future process of items and issues that arise relating to parks and recreation. The Board concluded that they could improve in the area of communication with the City Council through scheduling future joint meetings on an annual basis at the minimum.


Agency Reports

Planning Commission – None.

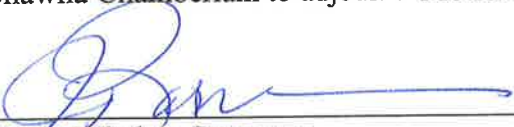
Monroe School District – Ralph Yingling reported that on April 28-29 he would be participating in a car show event fundraiser for the Monroe High School Foundation that will be held at the high school. Also that the School District is evaluating a proposal by the City of Monroe to extend Hill Street west to King Street through School District property.

Adjournment

Motion by Collette Reams and seconded by Shawna Chamberlain to adjourn. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.



Ralph Yingling, Chairperson



Steve Whalen, Secretary
Jef Rasmussen Vice chair