

**CITY OF MONROE
PARK BOARD MINUTES
June 20, 2013**

Call To Order

Chairperson Steve Whalen called the Park Board meeting to order at 7:00pm in the Parks/Public Works Conference Room.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Steve Whalen, Ralph Yingling, Shawna Chamberlain, Karin Coppernoll, Collette Reams, Bill Kristiansen, Lara Ramey

Board Members Absent: None

Agenda Revisions – Collette Reams – Add Potential Eagle Scout Project to New Business

Approval of Minutes - Motion was made by Collette Reams and seconded by Ralph Yingling to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2013 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Audience Participation –Kristopher Backman. Kristopher Backman shared his vision for creating a disc golf course at Al Borlin Park. Mike Farrell stated that the use is consistent with a goal in the Park Plan to establish a disc golf course at Al Borlin Park, utilizing new soft surface paths so as to not interfere with existing trail use at the park and to be sensitive to the natural environment. The baskets may be removed during the winter months as the entire trail areas are prone to seasonal flooding. Mr. Backman explained that fundraising commitments are under way, he has scouted out some pathways for a course and invited all to view. Mr. Backman shared that large tournaments could occur with a full 18 hole course that draw people to Monroe that would have a positive economic impact. Concerns brought up by Board Members and staff included: parking capacity, the fit of large events at the park and any environmental impact(staff to review Shoreline Master Program for guidance)affects on existing uses at the park. Next steps include staff review of proposed course and feedback from planning staff regarding proposed use relating to the Shoreline Master Plan.

Unfinished Business – Steve Whalen welcomed Lara Ramey to the Park Board, as this is her first meeting since being appointed to the Board.

New Business – *Draft Agenda* – Continue discussion of Rotary field restrooms status and Park Plan update – RFP process, schedule trip to view proposed disc golf course at Al Borlin Park. *Potential Eagle Scout Project* – Collette Reams spoke of the potential for an Eagle Scout project being new dog agility equipment at Wiggly Field, as the existing equipment is wearing out to a point of needing replacement. Mike Farrell added that he supports the idea and would accept such a proposal from an Eagle Scout.

Staff Reports/Updates –*Director's Report*- Director Mike Farrell shared information about upcoming events and programs for the season.

Rotary Field Restrooms – Director Farrell reported that the restroom unit has been ordered and a contractor is being solicited by City staff to perform the necessary site work for the building. The estimated date for completion of the project is August of 2013.

Board Discussion – *Park Plan Update* – Mike Farrell and Ralph Yingling reported that the review committee that they both served on for selecting a consultant firm for the Comp Plan update has met to review the initial 7 proposals, narrowed them down to 3 who were selected to be interviewed. Interviews were conducted earlier today and the three gave good presentations and would all work well with the City's goals, however there was a clear top candidate. The top candidate will be recommended to the City Council for approval.


Agency Reports

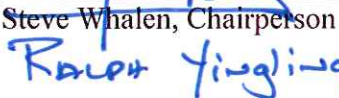
Planning Commission – Bill Kristiansen reported that the Planning Commission has reviewed and made recommendations for the sign code. They also worked on plan amendments in advance of the Comp Plan update process.

Monroe School District – Ralph Yingling reported that the School District is logging district property, with the proceeds from the sale to be set aside for development of the first of three all-weather fields at the High School. He also reported that the District has approved the use of school facilities as requested in support of the City-sponsored triathlon events.

Adjournment

Motion by Karin Coppernoll and seconded by Bill Kristiansen to adjourn. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.



Steve Whalen, Chairperson




Shawna Chamberlain, Secretary