

CITY OF MONROE
PARK BOARD MINUTES
September 19, 2013

Call To Order

Vice-Chairperson Ralph Yingling called the Park Board meeting to order at 7:05pm in the Parks/Public Works Conference Room.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Ralph Yingling, Shawna Chamberlain, Karin Coppernoll, Lara Ramey

Board Members Absent: Steve Whalen, Collette Reams, Bill Kristiansen

Agenda Revisions – None

Approval of Minutes - Motion was made by Karin Coppernoll and seconded by Shawna Chamberlain to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2013 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Audience Participation –None

Unfinished Business –Lara Ramey gave an oral report to the Board of her assessment of the proposed disc golf course trail areas in Al Borlin Park. She distributed a listing of native and non-native plants that she identified as she walked through the proposed course and a collection of photos showing various points along the course and of the vegetation that she encountered. She stated that she walked the course trails during July and spent approximately two and a half hours examining and identifying the plants. The Board thanked her for her time spent on it and appreciated the detail of her report. They agreed that it was very helpful and that the information she provided may be of future use in possibly laying out an interpretive trail that could educate the public in identifying and learning of the growing habits of native plants.

New Business – *Draft Agenda* – Rotary Field restrooms status, Park Plan update, budget update and plans for all-weather fields at the High School.

Staff Reports/Updates –*Director's Report*- Director Mike Farrell distributed an update to the Board on Department activities that included park events, music concerts, outdoor movies, several volunteer projects and an update on the Rotary Field restrooms project.

Rotary Field Restrooms – Director Farrell reported that the restroom unit has arrived and a contractor is performing the necessary site work for the building. The estimated date for completion of the project is fall of 2013.

Park Plan Update –Mike Farrell and Ralph Yingling reported that the review committee selected Studio Cascade to perform consulting work for the City on the comprehensive plan updates that will include an update to the park plan. The consultants have established a timeline for the two-year update process which will commence this fall.

Disc Golf Update – Lara Ramey gave an oral report of the proposed course during the **Unfinished Business** portion of the meeting. Mike Farrell distributed an update to the Board that included a summary timeline that included City staff evaluation and recommendation for the proposed course. The staff recommendation is to allow development of a 9-hole disc course utilizing approximately 40% existing pathways, with natural tees and baskets that Kristopher Backman’s disc group fundraises for. The activity allowed on the course shall be passive disc golfing, non-tournament play and staff shall evaluate the course annually to determine that impacts of the course are consistent with passive disc golf use.

Board Discussion – None

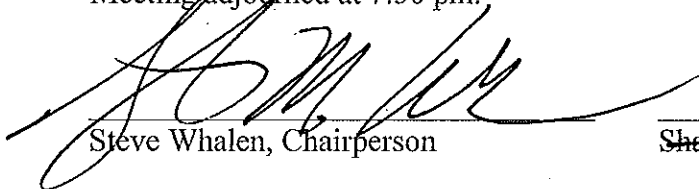
Agency Reports

Planning Commission – None

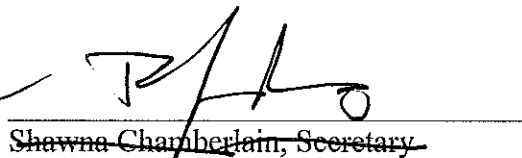
Monroe School District – Ralph Yingling reported that he will be meeting with consultants for the City Comprehensive Plan Update as a School District representative and will provide feedback and support of the ongoing efforts between the School district and Parks on shared recreation facility goals and projects. He also mentioned that he will give the Board an overview of the School District’s development plans for all-weather athletic fields at the High School.

Adjournment

Motion by Shawna Chamberlain and seconded by Karin Coppernoll to adjourn. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.



Steve Whalen, Chairperson



~~Shawna Chamberlain, Secretary~~

R Yingling
Vice Chair