

**CITY OF MONROE  
PARK BOARD MINUTES  
March 20, 2014**

**Call To Order**

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

**Roll Call**

Board Members Present: Lara Ramey, Shawna Chamberlain, Tami Beaumont, Ralph Yingling, Dian Duerksen

Board Members Absent: Steve Whalen, Karin Coppernoll

**Agenda Revisions** – None

**Approval of Minutes** - Motion was made by Lara Ramey and seconded by Tami Beaumont to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2014 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Audience Participation** –None

**Unfinished Business** – None

**New Business** – *Draft Agenda* –April 17, 2014 to include Park Plan Update (ongoing), updates from Director Mike Farrell on the skate park project and progress on the disc golf course at Al Borlin Park. Park Board Member Tami Beaumont will report on the refurbished WWII monument and bring a picture of two small totem poles that are currently at the Monroe Historical Society that had originally been planned to be placed at the memorial garden at Sky River Park.

**Staff Reports/Updates** –*Director's Report*- Director Mike Farrell passed out a written report on things that have been going on in the parks including planning for new and returning events in the parks for 2014, confirmation of four free music concerts in the park scheduled for Thursday evenings in July and August, an update on the flowers grown by prisoners at the DOC as well as worm fertilizer. Eagle Scout Mason Harris built new agility equipment for Wiggly Field and Eagle Scout candidate Alexander McCreary plans to install new barbeques for the newer shelter at Lake Tye Park.

**Board Discussion** – The Board recapped the January vision meeting for the Comp Plan update and the joint meeting on February 25 with the City Council and Planning Commission. Members shared their experiences participating in activities at the workshops regarding mapping jobs, housing, shopping and recreation opportunities showing what the participants thought existed versus what they would like to see.

At the February 25 joint meeting, a group exercise asked questions regarding thoughts on how Monroe is thought of and where it should be – higher emphasis, or lower emphasis – in areas such as an affordable place, outdoor/adventure place, retirement place, small business place,

regional retail place, family-friendly place, bedroom community place, small town, walkable/interconnected place and a part of the Seattle metro area.

Director Farrell invited the Board Members to attend the next scheduled workshop on the topic of Transportation, to be held at the Monroe Chamber of Commerce on March 27 at 6:30pm.

**Agency Reports**

Planning Commission –Dian Duerksen reported that the Planning Commission has been working on housing issues and projections. There are several housing development applications that have been coming to the City.

Monroe School District – Ralph Yingling reported that a community committee has been looking at capital plans for the School district. Current bonds are expiring and the District is discussing a new bond at the same funding level, while also planning for growth – there are 500 houses in the pipeline. Mr. Yingling also reported that the principal is retiring at the school where the Swift Night Out event occurs and that she had been a big supporter of the event, so he has reached out to the event organizers to inform them that some operational tasks may need to be adjusted, but the District still fully supports the event. Community groups have assisted the District maintenance staff with volunteer labor to improve the baseball fields. The District contributed \$7,000 in materials and they have been able to play games on the improved fields. Mr. Yingling also reported that the District is getting closer to having all of the financial commitments in place to proceed with developing the first of the all-weather fields at the high school.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Shawna Chamberlain and seconded by Lara Ramey to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

  
Steve Whalen, Chairperson

  
Shawna Chamberlain, Secretary