

CITY OF MONROE
PARK BOARD MINUTES
September 18, 2014

Call To Order

Chairperson Karin Coppernoll called the Park Board meeting to order at 7:12pm in the Parks/Public Works Conference Room.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Karin Coppernoll, Lara Ramey, Shawna Chamberlain, Tami Beaumont

Board Members Absent: Steve Whalen, Dian Duerkson, Ralph Yingling

Agenda Revisions – None

Approval of Minutes - Motion was made by Tami Beaumont and seconded by Lara Ramey to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2014 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Audience Participation –None

Unfinished Business – *Park Tour* – Board Members recounted the park tour from August 21 that was held at Lake Tye Park after the conclusion of the regular meeting. Board members that attended expressed that they appreciated looking at the skate park and going over the proposed improvements, as well as the future cable wake park site. One comment mentioned was that, by viewing the lake and map of the proposed improvements and seeing where they would go, the project didn't appear to be as intrusive as was earlier thought. Another part of the tour included viewing the deteriorating condition of the tennis and basketball court surfacing. Director Farrell mentioned that he would like to prioritize resurfacing of the courts as soon as possible. Board Member Ralph Yingling offered that he would send information from the court resurfacing project at the high school.

Discussion ensued of interest for another date for a park tour this year before it is too late. Noting that the sun sets earlier in the fall, the Board expressed an interest in a voluntary one hour tour for those members interested at Sky river Park starting at 4pm. The Board asked Director Farrell to send out an e-mail to the Board to solicit which day of the week during the third week of October would work. Being that the tour is not mandatory and no business would occur, it would not be considered a special meeting.

Board Member Karin Coppernoll brought up two items that she heard as feedback from a few people she met while manning the Parks and Recreation booth at the National Night Out Against Crime event in August at Lake Tye Park. One request was for a map of the parks and trails for people to pick up. Director Farrell explained that the Chamber of Commerce has street map brochures that have the parks and trails on them and he had run out of them at the booth during the event and retrieved more from the Chamber of Commerce. The maps are updated periodically and he stated that he would check to make sure that they are up to date with the parks and trails. A second request was that the Parks and Recreation department be easier to find

on the City's website. Feedback she received from a citizen was that they did not think to click on "Government" to find the department. Discussion among the Board ensued with general agreement that it would be nice if the City website had a spot on the front page for "Parks & Recreation". Mr. Farrell explained to the Board that, during the process of developing the City website three years ago, that topic was discussed at length, with the outcome being that all departments would be accessed equally from the front page. Board members expressed that they would like to continue the discussion regarding ideas for the City website at the September meeting.

New Business – None

Staff Reports/Updates – *Director's Report*- Director Mike Farrell distributed a written report on parks and recreation activities that included an update on progress of design work for the skate park improvements, thanks to sponsors for another successful run of outdoor movie nights at the Movies Under the Moon, now with a larger screen donated by Republic Services, a recap of the successful free music concerts in the park put on by the Snohomish Artist Guild with help from several local sponsors, and noting the conclusion of a busy month of events in and around the parks including National Night Out Against Crime, the Lake Tye Triathlon and the Monroe Fair Days Parade.

Board Discussion – *Park Plan Update* – Director Mike Farrell reported to the Board that the consultants from Studio Cascade are working on putting together a draft plan based in-part by the input they have received from the several public workshops and surveys and can expect draft information coming out for review later this year.

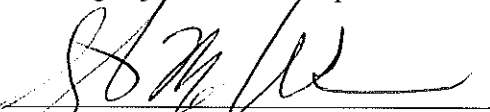
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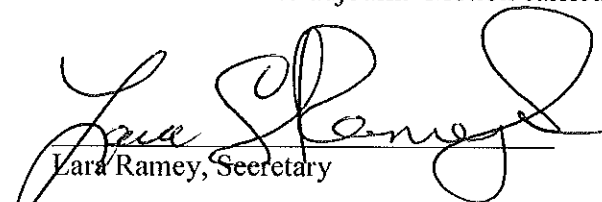
Planning Commission – No report

Monroe School District – No report

Adjournment

Motion by Lara Ramey and seconded by Shawna Chamberlain to adjourn. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.


Steve Whalen, Chairperson


Lara Ramey, Secretary