



CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON
Parks Board MEETING MINUTES
November 8, 2017

Regular Meeting - 6:30 PM

GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - 6:35PM - [6:35 PM](#)

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Beth Putnam	Board Member	Absent	
Beth Wills	Board Member	Present	
Darrin Class	Board Member	Present	
Kimberly Stenbak	Board Member	Present	
Rachelle Simmons	Board Member	Present	
Thomas Ball	Board Member	Absent	
Marie Bouvier	Board Chair	Present	

Board member Beth Putnam is excused as she was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT - [6:35 PM](#)

None

CONSENT AGENDA - [6:35 PM](#)

1. Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, 10/11/17 Meeting

Minutes stand as approved

MEMBER REPORT - [6:39 AM](#)

Chair Marie Bouvier will do presentation at next month's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS - [6:40 PM](#)

1. Gee Creek Trail

The City is working closely with BergerAbam to develop trail alignment options along Gee Creek. Bryan presented an updated map with three possibilities and highlighted the pros and cons of each. A question was asked about how to work with owners who are concerned about the trail running through their property. Dennis Riches, Ridgefield resident, requested clarification on the route colors of the proposed trail alignments.

2. Nature Play at Abram's Park

After working with Juanita of BergerAbam, the Board identified the following features they would like to see in this nature park:

- Play areas to address different age groups (y)
- A sand pit (y)
- Tall trunks for climbing (y)
- Younger age structures up front and taller features towards the back (y)
- A challenge course similar to Ninja Warriors if space allowed (y)
- Prefer natural materials (y)
- Use manufactured materials for larger pieces of equipment (y)
- Phase project by age group you wish to accommodate (y)
- Add educational features that would also qualify for funding (y)
- Use stump rounds (y)
- Use boulders (y)
- Use balance logs (y)
- Add slides (y)
- Use tall climbing logs (t)
- Add picnic Table (n)
- Use materials to build forts and nests made of sticks that kids can move around (y)
- Use live plants like willows to make an arch (y)
- Add benches like campground seating (y)
- Water table, rectangular table kids can create rivers, dams, etc. (y)
- Add signs or beaver images such as (here's where they build a dam), etc. (y)
- Create a challenge course where they can go from stump to rocks to...(y)

Bryan appreciated the Boards input and will draw up a final draft at December's meeting for approval. In January, the final concept will be presented to Council.

NEW BUSINESS - [7:10 PM](#)

None

PUBLIC COMMENT - [7:10 PM](#)

None

STAFF REPORTS - [7:10 PM](#)

Public Works Update

Bryan presented RORC's website (RORC.info) and highlighted various pages. One particular feature of this site is Project Webcam. It uses drones to do flyovers and capture the development process. This site is an excellent tool to answer project questions. The city plans to reach out to the community through fund raising efforts.

Bryan is working with a hydraulics consultant to walk the entire Gee Creek and identifying potential erosion areas needing reinforcements. The City is working with Fish and Wild Life on permitting and hope to move forward on this before the wet weather sets in.

It was suggested that signs be installed on the trail so you know you are on the path and not walking through someone's property. Bryan will check with Public Woks to see if they are storing pre-printed trail signs.

FROM THE BOARD - [7:24 PM](#)

Board Member Updates

Chair Marie Bouvier reminded the group about the trail system event in November.

Council Update

There will be a Parks Board update at January's Council meeting.

Requests from the Board for Upcoming Meetings

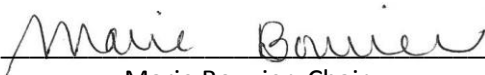
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ADJOURN - [7:25 PM](#)

AGENDA ITEMS



Lisa Blake, PW Administrative Assistant



Marie Bouvier, Chair