



CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON

Parks Board MEETING MINUTES

October 11, 2017

Regular Meeting - 6:30 PM

GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM - [6:30 PM](#)

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

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

LATE CHANGES TO AGENDA

Under Old Business, add Nature Play Review with Juanita Rogers of BergerAbam

Under New Business, move Item 3, Playground Equipment Safety and Standards to Item 1.

PUBLIC COMMENT - [6:34 PM](#)

None

CONSENT AGENDA - [6:34 PM](#)

1. Parks Board - Regular Meeting - Sep 13, 2017 6:30 PM - [6:34 PM](#)

Minutes stand as approved

MEMBER REPORT - [6:34 PM](#)

1. Mountain Bike Trails, Kim Stenbak

Board Member Kimberly Stenbak shared a presentation on Mountain Bike Trails. This presentation can be viewed on the City's website on the Boards and Commissions page. Highlights include establish goals, trail contours, construction tips, general guidelines and rating system. In addition, design sustainable and appealing trails, incorporate loops, grade reversal, trail flow, etc.

OLD BUSINESS - [7:15 PM](#)

Juanita Rogers, the consultant with BergerAbam on the RORC Project, shared her thoughts on the nature play area at Abram's Park. She mentioned that the City of Vancouver has a few nature play type parks geared towards a younger age group. The Board may want to look into it. In general, however, she encouraged members to consider the following elements in their decision making process:

- With playscape, there is an acceptable range of maintenance, plan ahead.
- Identify the age range you want to accommodate and its program elements.
- Understand short vs. long-term maintenance and longevity.
- Understand manufactured features vs. donated items and associated costs / risks.
- Natural items like boulders, sand and logs, no longer needed from construction sites, can be repurposed.
- Consider picnic tables for parents if the play area is tailored towards younger kids.
- Think about plant materials that kids can use to make forts.
- Slides on hillsides are great. Use longer slides for older kids, smaller slides for younger kids.
- If using logs, ensure they are large enough to accommodate deterioration over time but still have a log.
- Vet ideas with Tad to ensure the placement of materials do not impede mowing boundaries.
- Manufactured playground equipment can cost \$100-\$150K. Donated materials could range around \$30K.
- Ensure the playground is ADA compliant.

Comments about a Mountain Bike Trail:

The location of the nature park at Abram's is good for mountain biking or a pump track for older kids. Single vs. double track has to do with number of users. A single track is mainly downward and could be a more complicated or risk taking trail. Avoid blind corners because of conflict users. It is good to include challenge courses. As an example, look at the Hamlet Park in Washougal. Camas Bikes is a huge mountain bike advocate. They maintain trails at Lacamas Lake, have a partnership with the City of Camas and are strong on maintaining other bike trails. They also offer to take your child on mountain bike courses.

Bryan recommended the following next steps: Board to identify an age group, program elements and continued discussions at next month's meeting. Then, meet with Juanita again to review design and layout ideas.

NEW BUSINESS - [6:50 PM](#)

1. RORC Update

Junita Rogers a consultant with BergerAbam on the RORC Project provided an overhead update that included the project benefits, timeline, a layout of the site plan for the school district and recreation center. She presented photos of the grading progress from various directions and concept sketches of the community building, varsity field and multi-use plaza.

2. PIF Funds Update

At the end of 2017, we are looking at a balance of \$3.6 million. Normal Impact Fees and a state grant paid for the acquisition of the Refuge Park. The Hill Property at Abram's Park was put up for sale and sold for \$625K. Those funds went back into the PIF funds. The baseline for the 2018 budget has no projects. However, by the end of the 2018, the projection is to have a balance of \$4.4 million dollars. Once you incorporate projects like RORC, the project ending balance will be less than \$10K at year-end. This balance reflects a conservative number of houses. Currently the estimate is 250 homes based on number of lots we see getting ready to build. However, that number could possibly double. Each house is about \$3000 in Park Impact Fees. Going forward, that balance will go up as growth continues. Only Park Impact Fees can be used on new construction to balance the impact of new growth. Maintenance comes from the general fund. Chair Marie Bouvier would like to know what the upcoming projects are so the Board can be responsible on what they are spending.

3. Playground Equipment Safety and Standards, Tad Arends

Public Works Facilities Supervisor, Tad Arends, provided a quick introduction of what his team does to maintain the city. Park maintenance is a small portion of their overall responsibilities. He has two guys that are mostly dedicated to parks. Maintenance includes trash removal, mowing, irrigation, visual play equipment inspections, etc. When a new playground is constructed, they do an audit to ensure installation meets standards outlined in the Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification Manual. He spoke about risk factors, pros and cons of using manufactured vs. natural materials. If citizens were interested in assisting with light playground maintenance, please let the Public Works Director, Bryan Kast know. Also, to report issues related to City parks, please use Access Ridgified located on the City's website.

PUBLIC COMMENT - [7:55 PM](#)

None

STAFF REPORTS - [7:55 PM](#)

Public Works Update

Community Development is working through implementation of developments. The development review and development agreement have taken place so the next step is the recording of final plats. Not many new projects have come up since then. However, they may see some during winter and spring and will keep you in the loop. Also, as more information on the mixed-use project on 45th is available, they will provide updates.

FROM THE BOARD - [8:00 PM](#)

Board Member Updates

Chair Marie Bouvier mentioned that Clark County Parks is getting ready to discuss the Lewis and Clark Trail that will run through all our districts. They are having a meeting, November 18, 2017, from 9AM to 4:15PM and will be looking for input from everyone. So far, Bryan, Juanita and Marie will be there. If anyone else is interested, let Marie know and she will make sure you get an invitation.

Council Update

None

Requests from the Board for Upcoming Meetings

None

ADJOURN - [8:05 PM](#)



Lisa Blake, PW Administrative Assistant



Marie Bouvier, Chair