



CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON

Parks Board MEETING MINUTES

October 10, 2018

Regular Meeting - 6:30 PM

GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM - [6:32 PM](#)

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Rian Davis	Board Member	Present	
Beth Putnam	Board Member	Present	
Beth Wills	Board Member	Excused	
Darrin Class	Board Member	Present	6:50 PM
Kimberly Stenbak	Board Member	Present	
Rachelle Simmons	Board Member	Excused	
Marie Bouvier	Board Chair	Present	

Board Member's Rachelle Simmons and Beth Wills were unable to attend tonight's meeting.

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Under Item 5 add Parks and Trails Tour Update and Abrams Park Master Plan.

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

None

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

1. Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, 9/12/18 Meeting

Minutes stand as approved.

MEMBER REPORT - [6:35 PM](#)

1. Flipbook Presentation

Board Member Rian Davis gave a presentation on Accessible Parks that provide individuals with physical or cognitive disabilities access to these play spaces. Design features include ramps, wider slides and swings, various heights, textures, paved or soft surfaces, etc. In addition, there is a local organization called Harpers Playground that raises money to assist with these projects.

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

1. Abrams Nature Park - [6:50 PM](#)

A new type of park featuring large logs was recently placed in the Hillhurst Highlands subdivision, located across the street from the Wishing Well neighborhood.

As part of the old middle school remodel, Ridgefield's School District removed a couple of cedar trees and donated them to the City for Abrams Nature Play Park.

Chair Marie Bouvier spoke further with Molly Patterson who expressed interest in establishing a space for plants native to the area for educational purposes. She also researched grant funding for parks and provided an update to the Board.

The Parks and Trails Tour will be on Saturday, October 20. We will meet in front of the Community Center at 9am.

The Master Plan for Abrams was drawn up in 2008 and, over the past 10 years, several items have been implemented. With the opening of the Outdoor Recreation Center, sports teams indicated they might still need field space at Abrams. Bryan asked the Board to review the master plan and give input on possible enhancements. After their review, the Board suggested speaking with the school district on ways to make their cross-country training course at Abrams less difficult and recommended paving the parking lot.

NEW BUSINESS - [7:05 PM](#)

1. Park at View Ridge Middle School

The varsity baseball field at View Ridge Middle is being remodeled to accommodate staff parking and an open space park area. Student groups may be involved in developing park concepts. When available, staff will share them with the Board and forward suggestions back to the school. The building will be used for district and some City offices. Ultimately, the school district will retain ownership and maintenance of this facility. The Board would like to see the park concept include accessible play features and suggested installation of a plaque to honor the ball field.

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

None

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

Public Works Update

RORC - The turf is done. The primary focus now is on the community building. Exterior finishes should be completed in November and interior finishes in December. The City is meeting with the developer of the Pioneer Village Park, across from Rosauers, to discuss the trail layout and other improvements. Information will be shared with the Board.

FROM THE BOARD - [7:18 PM](#)

Board Member Updates

Board Member Kim Stenbak asked about Make a Difference 2018 in Ridgefield. Chair Marie Bouvier provided additional information about Raleigh NC Parks Volunteer Program. While their city is much larger than Ridgefield, their volunteer program is robust. From their on-line presence, service opportunities and numerous volunteers, Ridgefield could glean ideas when growing our program.

Council Update

Bryan - City Council would like to have a joint meeting with the Parks Board. Also, a reminder about the All Parks Board Meeting on October 19th at Lacamas Lake Lodge in Camas from 4-7 pm.

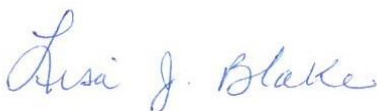
3. Joint Parks Board and Council Meeting

Same as Council Update

Requests from the Board for Upcoming Meetings

None

ADJOURN - [7:30 PM](#)



Lisa Blake, PW Administrative Assistant

Marie Bouvier, Chair