



CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON
Parks Board MEETING MINUTES
February 14, 2018

Regular Meeting - 6:30 PM

GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM

FLAG SALUTE

None

ROLL CALL

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

Excuse Board Members Darrin Class and Beth Putnam who had other engagements and are unable to attend.

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Under Member Report

Delete - Item #4 since Board Member Darrin Class was unable to attend

Add - Introduction of new staff member

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

Chair Marie Bouvier received an email from Grant Cowie, a Ridgefield resident, who wants to assist with the multipurpose and mountain biking trails. She will send the email to Bryan and Lisa to forward to Board Members.

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

1. Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, 1/10/18 Meeting

Minutes stand as approved.

MEMBER REPORT - [6:40 PM](#)

1. Dog Park Features, Darrin Class

The presentation by Board Member Darrin Class will take place in March.

Public Works Staff Introduction - Nick Johnson was recently hired to backfill for Randy Wray who is retiring at the end of February. Randy's main responsibility was to mow our parks and keep them nice and tidy. Nick is catching on quickly and will be a great asset to the city.

OLD BUSINESS - [6:41 PM](#)

1. Developer Flipbook, Kim Stenbak

Board Member Kim Stenbak presented the concept of a Flipbook that is designed to assist developers when planning their developments. As an example, she featured a pump track. The idea behind nature play space is that instead of the standard, cookie cutter metal and plastic structures that make up the bulk of today's playgrounds-- people can incorporate the surrounding landscape and vegetation to bring nature to children's daily outdoor play and learning environments. Research indicates that when children play and learn in nature, they do so with more vigor, engagement, imagination and cooperation than in wholly artificial environments and that symptoms of attention deficit and depression was reduced.

NEW BUSINESS - [6:45 PM](#)

1. Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan

Bryan provided an overview of the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan. The next update is due in 2020. A driver of the plan is to meet requirements for the recreation and conservation office that allows eligibility of grants for parks through the state program. With the numerous changes taking place, it is a good idea to be thinking about potential changes ahead of the 2020 update. Plan details are also available on the city's website. As a next step, Bryan will email the Board with the Development Plan, Parks and Trails Maps and copy of the Capitals Facilities Plan to see the order of funding and review at next month's meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT - [7:20 PM](#)

None

STAFF REPORTS - [7:20 PM](#)

Public Works Update - [7:20 PM](#)

Nature Play Area at Abrams Park - A final concept of the design and landscape schematics was presented.

Gee Creek Bank Stabilization - Work to stabilize the Gee Creek trail bank between Abrams Park and Heron Drive was completed a couple of weeks ago. City staff assisted with the placement of materials, received from local developments, to divert energy from water away from the banks and enhance fish habitat.

Ridgefield Outdoor Recreation Center (RORC) - The City is considering the addition of a fitness court through a collaborative partnership with the National Fitness Campaign.

Field Turf Selection - After touring four facilities, the City and Ridgefield School District decided to go with Astro Turf. In addition, the project received a \$90,000 grant from the US Soccer Foundation.

FROM THE BOARD - [7:48 PM](#)

Board Member Updates

No updates

Council Update

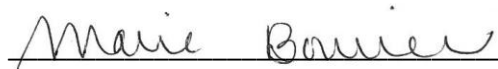
No updates

Requests from the Board for Upcoming Meetings

The topic of grants will be discussed at next month's board meeting.

ADJOURN - [7:50 AM](#)


Lisa Blake, PW Administrative Assistant


Marie Bouvier, Chair