



CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON
Parks Board MEETING MINUTES
February 13, 2019

Regular Meeting - 6:30 PM

GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM - [6:35 PM](#)

Board Members and Staff recognized Chair Marie Bouvier for her service and dedication to the Parks Board over the past 15 years. Her efforts and leadership have been invaluable. In January, she passed the baton to Kim Stenbak who will serve as the next Board Chair. Staff also recognizes and appreciates the efforts of all members (new and existing) and looks forward to another productive year together.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Rian Davis	Board Member	Present	
Dave Zigler	Board Member	Present	
Beth Bicknell	Board Member	Present	
Darrin Class	Board Member	Present	
Kimberly Stenbak	Board Chair	Present	
Marie Bouvier	Board Member	Present	

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT - [6:43 AM](#)

CONSENT AGENDA - [6:43 PM](#)

1. Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, 1/16/19 Meeting

Minutes approved as submitted.

MEMBER REPORT - [6:45 PM](#)

1. Innovative Parks - Floating Trails, Kim Stenbak and Beth Bicknell

Board Member's Beth Bicknell and Chair Kimberly Stenbak did a presentation on floating trails. Essentially, a floating trail connects land at both ends. Due to numerous factors involved in constructing this type of trail, it's generally a last resort if all other alternatives won't work. Staff commended Beth and Kim on their excellent presentation. The information will be useful when working with various partners on the Lewis and Clark Trail and potentially other trails.

OLD BUSINESS - [7:03 PM](#)

The Board discussed a few minor revisions and finalized the Work Plan for 2019. Chair Kimberly Stenbak will make a presentation at a City Council meeting in March.

NEW BUSINESS - [7:14 PM](#)

1. Planning Commission Meetings

Chair Kimberly Stenbak asked for a volunteer to attend the Planning Commission meetings and provide updates to the Parks Board. After some discussion, a spreadsheet identifying key groups/meetings will be circulated to the Board. Assignments will be made for representation at these meetings.

2. An Ordinance of the City of Ridgefield, WA Amending the Requirements and Conditions for Obtaining a Special Events Permit or Agreement for Use of City Parks and Facilities

Deputy City Manager Lee Knottnerus presented proposed amendments to the Parks Use Ordinance and Special Events Ordinance. Both amendments regulate the public use of City parks, streets and facilities.

The first ordinance for Special Events has been in effect since 2007. An event is open to the public on City property or is a private event that affects the use of City services or property. Since 2007, Ridgefield's population has increased; there are new parks, new streets and several new organizations that want to provide special events. As a result, it is time to take a closer look at this ordinance, which provides objective criteria on how we issue or deny Special Events Permits. Lee highlighted revisions to the code followed by Board discussion.

The second ordinance is for the Park Use Permit, which did not exist previously by itself. The proposal is similar to Vancouver's given similar locations in Ridgefield. This ordinance covers three different types of permits: Park Use, Concessions and Temporary Use. This ordinance provides the framework for general conditions. Brochures are being created and information is on the City's website regarding each one.

Staff is looking for comments from the Board on potential changes or modifications to the proposal before presenting it to City Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT - [7:45 PM](#)

Devotion Phillips -Resident, expressed the following concerns:

- 1) Ridgefield's proposed ordinances and impacts to her children's experience with consumerism at special events
- 2) Would like the dog park covered to alleviate standing water, puddles and mud
- 3) Asked that the clay mound at the dog park to be removed
- 4) Inquired about the overgrowth of blackberries behind her house near the greenbelt

The Board and Staff responded to Devotion's concerns

STAFF REPORTS - [7:54 PM](#)

Public Works Update

Ridgefield's Outdoor Recreation Center is getting close to completion. All major construction is done and the contractor will demobilize by the end of next week.

The City Manager, Steve Stuart, is working on sports agreements with the Ridgefield Little League and Pacific Crest Soccer teams, which includes the use of RORC and Abrams Park. Final discussions should wrap within the week.

The City submitted a grant to obtain an AmeriCorps team this summer. Projects will include constructing a segment of the Gee Creek Trail, south of Abrams, the Nature Play Area at Abrams and help with the Big Paddle event. We will keep you posted as we hear back.

There is money in the budget to make the off leash park a permanent facility. The City will combine the park, street and drainage improvements in one package. Staff is looking for input on park enhancements and how the Board would like to be involved with planning.

Due to other obligations, Beth Wills resigned from her position on the Board. Staff appreciates her dedication and contributions to the Board and wishes her well. Filling the position is Spencer Velott who will take his Oath of Office at next month's meeting. Welcome Spencer.

FROM THE BOARD - [8:10 PM](#)

Board Member Updates

Martina Serpa is developing a Volunteer Page on the City's website. If you have any ideas or information, please let her know.

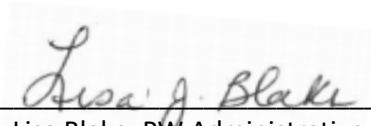
Council Update

Chair Kimberly Stenbak will present the 2019 Work Plan at a City Council meeting in March.

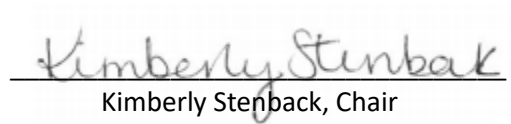
Requests from the Board for Upcoming Meetings

None

ADJOURN - [8:15 PM](#)



Lisa Blake, PW Administrative Assistant



Kimberly Stenback, Chair