

Lynden Regional Park and Recreation District

Minutes

August 4, 2011

Lynden Regional Park & Rec. District Commissioners Present: Terry De Valois, Kevin Burke and Bob Bandarra

Absent: Bob Fraser, Ron Van Soest

Staff: Park's Director Vern Meenderinck

Guests Present: Geri Beecher, Valerie Messman and Jane Schilperoort

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Terry De Valois called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of July 7, 2011 were approved with amendments, Geri Beecher's name spelling was corrected; Under approval of vouchers (III), second bullet; payment was to LJ Portables and not Portionables. Old Business (V), second bullet should read "no discussion as Steve Jilk was not at meeting." Commissioner Comments (IX); should read, Commissioner Fraser suggested now that the disc golf project was complete; we should look for another project such as improvements to the pickleball or basketball court.

President DeValois asked about the status of January 20, 2011; May 5, 2011 and June 2, 2011 meeting minutes. Commissioner Burke indicated he would finish up those he was responsible for and we need to approach Steve Jilk for the others.

Commissioner Bandarra volunteered to do the Board minutes for the remainder year. After a short discussion, Commissioner Burke moved to have Commissioner Bandarra do the meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Bandarra. Motion approved unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS TO PAY VENDORS FOR SERVICES/PRODUCTS:

- Motion to approve payment to De Wilde's Nursery for the 30 trees provided at Patterson Park for \$1,139.25 by Commissioner Bandarra; seconded by Commissioner Burke. Motion approved unanimously.

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- All three guests inquired about the current status of the purpose of the creation of a Metropolitan Park District and the costs associated with its formation. The

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Board updated our guests on the current status of the petition effort to get it on the February 2012 ballot.

- Geri Beecher brought up the subject about the need to do something about the landscape maintenance at the YMCA. Possible suggestion was to ask the Season of Service Volunteers whether they might assist in that endeavor. The Board asked Director Meenderinck to investigate options.
- Million smiles discussion on promoting refreshments (???)

V. OLD BUSINESS

- Auditor's Report – Financial statement and other reports required submitted. There was a discussion concerning missing minutes in the 2010 submittal.
- Master Plan Discussion – No discussion as Steve Jilk was not at the meeting. The current plan is out of date.
- Patterson Park Update – There was a discussion concerning the great turn out and follow-up article in the Lynden Tribune for the ribbon cutting ceremony at Patterson Park for the new Disc Golf Course.
- Web Page Updates – Commissioner's Fraser and Burke received comments about the website and forwarded them on to Director Meenderinck for action.

VI. New Business

- Update on Petition Drive – Currently there are approximately 350 voters who have signed the petition to date. There appear to be serious concern with being able to get the necessary 2,000 signatures. Some Board members expressed the need to change the direction and ask both the City and County Councils to pass a resolution asking that the formation of the Metropolitan Park district be placed on the February 2012 ballot.
- Letter of Support for Loop Trail – Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Bandarra, to authorize Commissioner DeValois to sign the letter for support of the loop trail. Motion approved unanimously.
- Signage for Paterson Park – discussion ensued concerning signage at Patterson Park. A wooden sign similar to other signage at other parks would be approximately \$3,500 compared to a metal sign that would cost \$1,500. No decision was made.
- Disc Golf – hole signs – Discussion about the need to complete the disc golf course with a sign noting the hole number at each tee box and the par for that hole. Each basket should have a tri-sign noting the hole number and an additional map sign at the street side to note the holes on the other side of the road. Costs to be investigated.

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- Lawn Mower discussion – Director Meenderinck discussed the need for a new lawn mower. The board had questions about the type and size. Director Meenderinck to bring back information about the costs and types.
- Account Summary – Board members reviewed the District account through June 2011. After all expense were paid the fund balance was \$700,379.81

VII. Correspondence

- The District received a letter from Wood's Coffee noting they were pulling the petitions to place the MPD on the February 2012 ballot off their counter. Apparently, it required a level of explanation from their barristers concerning the need. It consumed too much time and to away from their business.
- Letter from Mayor Korthuis noting appreciation to the LRPRD Board for their efforts in establishing Patterson Park and the Disc Golf Course.

VIII. Director's Report

- Eagle Scout Projects – Director Meenderinck noted that he had received a number of requests from the local scout troops for projects that would allow their Eagle candidates to meet their Eagle Merit Badge requirements.

IX. Commissioner's Comments

- Commissioner Burke expressed concern and reminded the other Board members present that email is a form of communication that requires disclosure under the open meetings act. He wanted to caution fellow board members not to make decisions using email.

X. Meeting Adjourned

- There being no additional items to be brought before the Board; the meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm

Next Meeting:

- Special Meeting with Lynden City Council and Lynden School Committee Sub Committees on August 30, 2011 at City Hall
- Next Regular LRPRD Board Meeting September 2, 2011 at City Hall Annex