

Lynden Regional Park and Recreation District

Minutes

November 3, 2011

Lynden Regional Park & Rec. District Commissioners Present: Terry De Valois, Kevin Burke, Ron Van Soest, and Bob Bandararra

Absent: Bob Fraser

Guests Present: Park's Director Vern Meenderinck and Bill Verwolf, City of Lynden, Geri Beecher, Brian Dykstra and Les Gitts

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Terry De Valois called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes of October 6, 2011 by Commissioner VanSoest; seconded by Commissioner Burke. Unanimously approved

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

No vendor invoices

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Brian Dykstra and Les Gitts are officers of the Tractor Club. They came before the Board to request the possible financial participation of the District in the expansion of the road at Berthusen Park. They stated that had received bids for expansion of the road in the amount of \$12,000. After discussion among the Board members present it was suggested that if Les and Brian could go back to their club membership and were able to raise part of the \$12,000 in some type of event the District would consider matching the funds dollar for dollar. It was also requested by the Board that for the District's financial participation a couple of tours of the tractor club facilities for a fourth grade class would be appropriate. Brian and Les agreed to go back and talk with the membership.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- **Summary and Discussion on the Public Listening Sessions of October 6, and 18, 2011:** A summary of the top suggestions offered by the citizens on how best to proceed in the future was included in the agenda packet. The top item was to continue the expansion of the trail system, followed by a combination of suggestions on the YMCA. A close third was improvements to Bender Field and

Berthusen Park. The Board agreed that the citizen's comments were consistent with the previous phone survey conducted in 2007.

The next discussion then was what will be the Board's recommendation to the City Council? Should we proceed with trying to form the Metropolitan Park District? Do we ask the City and County Councils to pass a resolution asking that the question be placed on the February 14, 2012 ballot? After a lengthy discussion it was the consensus of the Board to not request the formation of the Metropolitan Park District at this time. The Board believes the current economic situation would not secure a positive vote from the public. There will be a future discussion on whether or not to move forward with a maintenance and operation levy.

VI. New Business

- The Park's Director Vern Meenderinck presented a request to pay the 2011 principal and interest due on the outstanding bond in the amount of \$82,771.25. A motion by Commissioner VanSoest; with a second by Commissioner Burke to make the bond payment. Unanimously approved.
- The Park's Director Vern Meenderinck presented a 2012 budget for the Board's review, discussion and approval. The only change recommended from the 2011 was a reduction of \$5,000 to the Engineering and planning line item. The estimated expenditure for 2012 would be \$164,547.50. The Board members present unanimously approved the 2012 budget.
- A discussion ensued on the need to create a Petty Cash Fund via resolution. Some Board members were concerned with the delay in getting vendor invoices paid within a timely manner to avoid late charges. After a brief discussion it was decided not to create the Petty Cash Fund but to be sure to explain to the vendors that checks were processed by Whatcom County and often took long than anticipated.

VII. Correspondence: Correspondence from the County Auditor noting the 2012 election dates; February 7; April 17; August 7 and November 6.

VIII. Director's Report: Director Meenderinck noted he was continuing his efforts of working with the Boy Scouts to locate additional projects for Eagle Scout candidates.

IX. Account Summary: The Financial update was presented in the packet as an update only. No discussion.

X. Commissioner's Comments: It was noted that the Board of Commissioners would only be meeting the first Thursday of the month. Commissioner Bandarra will work with Lynden IT to have that information posted on the website.

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XI. Meeting Adjourned

- There being no additional items to be brought before the Board; the meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm

Next Meeting:

Next Regular LRPRD Board Meeting December 1, 2011; 7:00 PM at City Hall Annex