

Lynden Regional Park and Recreation District

Minutes

September 1, 2011

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

Absent: None

Guests Present: Geri Beecher, Park's Director Vern Meenderinck & Bill Verwolf, City of Lynden

I. CALL TO ORDER:

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve; Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Bandarra. Minutes of August 4, 2011 unanimously approved

President DeValois asked about the status of January 20, 2011; May 5, 2011 and June 2, 2011 meeting minutes. Commissioner Burke stated he is responsible for the May 5, 2011 and June 2, 2011 and would get those completed and submitted. Commissioner Burke noted Steve Jilk is responsible for the January 20, 2011 meeting minutes and we'll need to contact him concerning status.

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

- No vouchers before the Board for payment.

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- No general comments from guests

V. OLD BUSINESS

- **YMCA Landscaping:** Season of Service not available to address the landscape maintenance at the YMCA. The Board asked Director Meenderinck to investigate other options.
- **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. The Board decided to participate in the funding of a wooden sign. Motion by Commissioner Fraser; second by Commissioner Burke to contribute \$2,000 toward a wooden sign at Patterson Park.

- **Lawn Mower:** Director Meenderinck followed up with the Board's request for additional information for a new lawn mower. Director Meenderinck provided a matrix with an analysis on four different types of lawn mowers that would do the job. The board agreed they fund the purchase of the Rhino mower at \$2,115.75. Motion by Commissioner Fraser; second by Commissioner Van Soest to authorize the purchase of the Rhino lawnmower at \$2,115.75. Approved by unanimous vote of the Board.
- **Disc Golf Signage:** The Board had a discussion concerning the current signage at Patterson Park for the Disc Golf. It was noted by Commissioner Fraser that each tee box already had the hole number embossed in the wooden tee box. He also stated that each hole was a par 3 as standard for the sport and therefore noting that would just be redundant. He said it would be nice to have a permanent sign concerning the rules of play and outlay of the course. He thought that this might be a great project for an Eagle Scout candidate. Director Meenderinck to investigate that option.

VI. New Business

- **Metropolitan Park District Informational Meetings:** Commissioner Burke presented a draft press release about the Metropolitan Park District upcoming public meetings. The Board had a discussion about the upcoming public meetings on October 6, and 18, 2011. There was some concern that the evening's activities were not clear defined at this point in time. Question was whether there would there be a presentation, just questions and answers with the audience or stations set up for people to go to. The Board expects that those answers will be forth coming from the steering committee which Commissioner DeValois is a member.
- **Bender Field Usage Income for Recreation Property:** Director Meenderinck gave the Board and update of the 2010 revenues generated from Bender Park for Lacrosse and Soccer activities; \$5,149.00. Expenses were \$18,988 for a deficit spending for these activities of \$13,839.
- **Patterson Park Eagle Project:** Director Meenderinck noted he had received a request fro an Eagle Scout candidate to put down wood chips on the trail. The scout would obtain the material and do all the labor. The Board noted the undertaking of this effort and was supportive. Director Meenderinck will convey the Board's approval and appreciation for this effort.
- **Commissioner Fraser Request for Shelter/Playground/Parking:** Commissioner Fraser sent an email to Director Meenderinck and brought before the Board, a suggestion for construction a new covered picnic shelter at Bender Fields next to the playground equipment to facilitate birthday parties

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and other similar celebrations. Also, some playground equipment and a shelter with a barbeque facility and even a possible pony rink. After a discussion with the Board, it was suggested that Director Meenderinck could talk with the Rotary about having them to some of the improvements as a service project. Follow up would be brought back to the Board.

VII. Correspondence: No correspondence for Board's review

VIII. Director's Report: No additional items other than those presented as part of new business.

IX. Account Summary: Board members reviewed the District account through July 2011. After all expense were paid, the fund balance was \$700,652.09. This does not include the payment to DeWilde's Nursery's. Director Meenderinck reminded the Board of their December 1, 2011 interest payment of \$80,000.

X. Commissioner's Comments: Commissioner Burke discussed that he had the District's lap top and was monitoring the website emails for information. He noted that most of the inquiries were forwarded on to Director Meenderinck for comment and or action. He thought giving the laptop to Director Meenderinck made the most sense. However, Commissioner Bandarra expressed interest in using the laptop to take meeting minutes at the meetings. He agreed to review the website emails and forward them if he was not able to answer the questions. Commissioners thought that a great idea and Commissioner Burke would get the laptop to Commissioner Bandarra to have the emails directed to him by the District's computer specialist.

XI. Meeting Adjourned

- There being no additional items to be brought before the Board; the meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm

Next Meeting:

- Next Regular LRPRD Board Meeting September 15, 2011; 7:00 PM at City Hall Annex
- Special Meeting with Lynden City Council and Lynden School Committee Sub Committees on September 28, 2011 at City Hall