

**THURSTON COUNTY
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD**
Parks Department Conference Room
Olympia, WA

JULY 12, 2005

MINUTES

PRESENT Joel Staloch
Bernie Chaplin
Mark Lovrien
Grant Larsen
Joe Shorin
Judy Johnson

ABSENT Jon Halvorson

STAFF Michael Welter
Chuck Groth
Sue Poyner
Cheri Johnson

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm

APPROVALS OF MINUTES – Michael stated that Commissioner Oberquell pointed out that the ORV Park does not have a Special Use Permit as stated in the June minutes under ORV, but is actually designated a *Non-Conforming Use* under county zoning codes because it was in existence before the zoning ordinances were adopted. With this correction noted, the minutes were approved as written.

PARKS REPORT

Regional Athletic Complex – There has been a spree of vandalism on the site and quite a bit of damage has been done. Chuck reported that a security system is in place and is hopeful this will help. Letters have also gone out to neighbors informing them of the vandalism and asking them to be aware of people entering the park after hours. The broken glass blocks in the restroom and all four dozen broken off sprinkler heads have been replaced at a significant cost to the department.

Trails – The mower has been fixed and the first cut should be completed by the end of the week. A second cut is needed because of the heavy growth along the trails.

Griffin Fields – The rain has helped keep the Griffin fields' green and staff has been able to fertilize which will help thicken up the turf.

Mima Preserve – A practice burn is scheduled for June 30, weather permitting.

RECREATION REPORT

Sue reported:

- that 475 Westside Soccer players were registered in-house this spring.
- Summer Camp for the Disabled – Over 70 participants has registered for camp, which begins next Monday. Sue stated that the nurse, Brenda Warner, has taken a week off from her regular job for the past 25 years to take part in the camp, which has been in existence for 33 years. Sue said that she feels a

special recognition should be given to Brenda and others like her who has taken time from their jobs over the years to do the same.

- The summer day camp at McLane School is going strong and has been a great success its first year.
- Teen Camp will be installing benches along the Yelm-Tenino Trail as a community service project.

Sue thanked Grant and the Valley Athletic Club for their donation of t-shirts and tennis balls to the Special Olympics sports training program.

CAPITAL FACILITIES PLAN – 2006-2011

Darling Creek Property – After discussion, the board was still not prepared to make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners about this property. The map that Michael presented to the board from Mr. Erler did not include the details they were looking for. They do feel at this point it is a lower priority then the existing projects they are currently reviewing. The board questioned whether the Nature Conservancy might be aware of any other projects coming up in the future that may be more viable as a park. They asked Michael to report to them at the next meeting the amount of money that is currently in the Conservation Futures Fund. They also requested a more detailed map depicting buffers, slopes, setbacks, and general topography of the Darling Creek property. Michael stated he has told Mr. Erler that the Parks Board is reluctant to take action because of a lack of information. At the board's request, Michael will invite him to the next meeting.

PARKS PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM – The board will discuss at a later date the following issues: 1) How is maintenance currently managed on existing facilities, and 2) how to can funds be set aside for an effective preventative maintenance program for all current and future facilities.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Olympia City Council/Commissioners Meeting – Michael reported that at the meeting there was discussion around combining services on recreation projects, such as one recreation brochure. Michael did point out that there already is a lot of coordination of efforts among the recreation personnel from all jurisdictions in sharing of equipment and ideas and in running joint programs.

City of Rainier – The City of Rainier has secured a surplus portable restroom and has approached the County with the idea of placing it on Yelm-Tenino Trail property near the city's park. The total cost to construct and place the facility is \$9,000. The City has secured grant funding of \$5,000 to make available toward the installation of a septic system, but they want the County to put in the remaining \$4,000. The Commissioners have informed them that the County does not have the money to contribute.

AUGUST MEETING – The meeting will be held at Frye Cove Park beginning at 6:00 and will include a tour.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm