

**SPECIAL COUNCIL/
PARK BOARD MEETING**

March 15, 2005

MINUTES

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The City of Bonney Lake's Mission is to protect the community's livable identity and scenic beauty through responsible growth planning and by providing accountable, accessible and efficient local government services.

"Where Dreams Can Soar"

I. CALL TO ORDER – Deputy Mayor Swatman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

A. Roll Call [A1.3]

City Clerk Harwood Edvalson called the roll. In addition to Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman the following Councilmembers were in attendance: Councilmember Phil DeLeo, Councilmember Mark Hamilton, Councilmember Neil Johnson, Councilmember Dave King, Councilmember Cheryle Noble and Councilmember Jim Rackley. Mayor Young was absent.

Park Board Commissioners in attendance were Board Chairman Carol Ujick, Commissioner Margaret Farrell, Commissioner Leota Musgrave, Commissioner Darren Proctor and Commissioner Dan Totten.

Staff members attending were Planning and Community Development Director Bob Leedy, Public Works Director Daniel Grigsby and City Clerk Harwood Edvalson. Joining the meeting in progress were Administrative Services Coordinator Don Morrison, Finance Director John Weidenfeller, Assistant Public Works Director Gary Leaf, and Deputy City Attorney Jeff Ganson.

II. AGENDA

A. Discussion regarding direction and goals for parks and park facilities planning and development in the City of Bonney Lake.

Deputy Mayor Swatman said this special meeting had been called to make sure that the Council and Park Board are in sync with respect to the City's parks. Councilmember Rackley asked what the Park Board is doing with respect to future acquisition of properties for City parks. Commissioner Musgrave said that the Board had looked at properties, but felt that the money wasn't available for acquisition. She said the Board was particularly interested in the hill above Lakeridge Junior High. Commissioner Proctor said that the Board works with staff to request and review information and make recommendations. He said the Board is unfamiliar with available funding for acquisition, but noted that the adoption of the Parks Comprehensive Plan puts the City in a position to apply for grants. Councilmember Rackley said that the Council looks at the Park Board's work as a model for the Council to pursue. He said once the Board identifies areas of need within the City, then the Council can do whatever it needs to do to acquire the properties. Commissioner Totten expressed concern that by the time the Board is able to identify available properties, they're gone. He said the Board has been discussing the water tower property and the Weyerhaeuser property on SR410. He added that the Board

has a recommendation on the rezoning of the latter property.

Commissioner Farrell said that the Board often feels out of the information loop and that they frequently first find out about the Council's park-related actions in the newspaper. The Council expressed regret that the Board has not received more timely and direct information. Councilmember Johnson stated that the Board is important to the Council. He said he reads the minutes of all their Board meetings. He added that when he gets information relevant to the Park Board he will pass it on. Councilmember Rackley agreed and encouraged the Park Board to let the Council know if information is not received through the appropriate channels. Director Totten asked for a basic budget. He said there is no accounting provided to the Board of available funds and revenues. Councilmember Hamilton invited the Board to encourage the Council to implement the Parks Master Plan. He said it is the Council's responsibility to find the funding for implementation. Commissioner Proctor recommended the hiring of a grant writer to pursue parks funding. Councilmember King complimented the Park Board for their work. He said at their retreat, the Council discussed the appropriate timing of calving-off the City's own Park and Recreation staff. He said that concurred that the City has a significant opportunity with the Weyerhaeuser property.

Councilmember Johnson asked how much staff time is dedicated to the Parks Board. Public Works Director Grigsby responded that a portion of Assistant Public Works Director Leaf's time goes to the Park Board. He added that 1½ people on the Public Works crew are also dedicated to Parks. Assistant Director Leaf said he spends about 20% of his time working on Parks-related issues. Councilmembers urged the Park Board to communicate to both staff and the Council about their needs.

Speaking on behalf of the Board, Commissioner Totten said he would like to make their position on the Weyerhaeuser Property clear to the Council. He said the Board recommends that the Council not settle for less than 40 acres of the property for a park. He suggested acquiring the portion already developed for recreational uses. Director Leedy said it is the intent to involve the Park Board in the consideration process once an application for the Comprehensive Plan Amendment is received. He added that the application deadline is April 30th. Deputy Mayor Swatman described some of what he understands about the development plans for the property. He said they are planning on mixed commercial, open space/park uses and residential uses. He suggested that the City should seek to have any property donated for park uses fully developed before being turned over to the City.

Commissioner Totten asked if the Park Board could use space in the City's newsletter to communicate with the public. Councilmember Johnson said he will provide the publication schedule and space in the Council Corner. Councilmember Noble said the Council identified parks as a priority at their recent retreat. She said she supports having a staff member to spearhead an effort to acquire properties and write grants. She said the emphasis should be first parks and then recreation. Deputy Mayor Swatman also mentioned the Kelly Creek Farm for its recreational potential. He also explained to the Park Board that the Council has determined that the Ascent Gateway is more of a monument than a park and having no recreational value, should no longer be a concern of the Park Board. Assistant Director Leaf added that two contractors are working on the stone facing and metal work for the signs at a cost of

about \$25,000. Deputy Mayor Swatman also said that a volunteer group will assist with the cleanup and beautification of the monument area.

Commissioner Totten said the Board is still working on increasing the availability of boat trailer parking near Allan Yorke Park. Assistant Director Leaf reported that Cascade Design has been working on the Allan Yorke Park master plan and that preliminary options have been shared with the Park Board. Commissioner Musgrave suggested the use of the Moriarty House as a Museum for the Historical Society. Deputy Mayor Swatman said that the master planning process would study the potential uses for the house.

Deputy Mayor Swatman thanked the Park Board for their input. He expressed appreciation for the work of all the advisory boards. Councilmember DeLeo noted that the City has about 45 days before Quadrant submits their application for a Comprehensive Plan amendment. He urged the Council to research on the internet Quadrant's history with respect to honoring its commitments.

B. Adjournment

Councilmember Rackley moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.

Motion approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Harwood T. Edvalson, CMC, City Clerk

Daniel J. Swatman, Deputy Mayor