



Park Board Minutes
February 9, 2009

City Hall Council Chambers
The meeting began at 6:03 PM

Park Board Members Present

Darren Proctor-Chairperson
Fred Jacobsen-Vice Chairperson
Carol Ujick
Brian Cebe
Richards Rawlings
Valerie Zifka
Karen Allen Witters

City Representatives Present

Gary Leaf
Jennie Sage
David Wells
Randy McKibbin

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Unanimously approved minutes of the January 12th meeting.

II. PUBLIC CONCERNS/COMMENTS:

The Community Services Director Gary Leaf was approached by property owner Scott Emery with 10+ acres for sale (parcel #'s 0520346013 and 0520342004). Gary will further communicate with Scott on price etc. and Fred Jacobsen will run a property search. This discussion will continue when City funds become available for property purchases.

III. OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Darren Proctor, 2009 Park Board Chairperson, welcomed the newest Park Board member Karen Allen Witters. He then asked the remaining Park Board members to please introduce themselves.

David Wells was asked to share and discuss the 2009 Event Calendar. David had open discussion with the Park Board regarding this year's event line up, advertising, donation receipting, and City projects including Arbor Day, Parks Appreciation Day etc. While handing out his most current event schedule, he mentioned that the City of Bonney Lake Community Services Department had been asked by Neil Johnson (Bonney Lake Mayor) to plan and host the 60th Birthday Party/Main Street grand opening. The days activities will start with the Bonney Lake High School Jazz Band playing throughout the event; a ribbon cutting at 3:00pm, followed by a parade down Main Street, cake cutting and informational booths. Please go to www.ci.bonney-lake.wa.us for updated event information. The Board expressed their appreciation for these events.

Darren Proctor discussed his ideas regarding plaque standards; i.e. a consistent look for benches, donated items, Heritage Tree plaques etc.

A few of the questions brought to the table were:

Will our current Heritage Tree plaque be the standard for all future Heritage Tree plaques?

How will the plaques be displayed; on a stand, on a cement slabs etc?

Darren concluded the discussion by asking the Board and staff to bring in visual aides and other ideas to assist in setting a consistent plaque standard. This will be further discussed at the March 9th meeting.

Fred Jacobsen wrote thoughts/comments regarding Ordinance 1232, and submitted them to the Board. The Park Board then reviewed and discussed the suggested changes. Darren Proctor suggested that Ordinance 1232 be updated and operational. Fred Jacobsen volunteered his time to draft the changes discussed. Gary Leaf stated that he and Fred would work together and bring this updated document back to the March 2009 meeting. The following are the discussed changes to Ordinance 1232:

12.12.010 Rule making authority.

The mayor, or his or her designee, may make and promulgate reasonable rules and regulations for safety and sanitation and periods of public use of public parks of the city, which shall be posted in conspicuous places in or adjacent to any park of the city. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 250 § 4, 1967).

12.12.020 Unauthorized motor vehicles.

Unless authorized in advance for a special event specifically designated by the City Council, ~~M~~motor vehicles are prohibited in all areas of any city park, except that motor vehicles licensed by the Washington State Department of Licensing or similar licensing department from another state are permitted in areas designated for parking only. For purposes of this section, “motor vehicles” are defined as any device with two or more wheels powered by an internal combustion engine or electric motor that is capable of propelling the device with or without human propulsion. Examples of “motor vehicles” include, but are not limited to, motorized foot scooters, mini-motorcycles, and motorized toys, commonly referred to as power wheels. This section shall not apply to any disabled person using a wheelchair conveyance as defined in RCW 46.04.710, or city-owned or approved park maintenance vehicles. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 1150 § 1, 2005; Ord. 454 § 6(1), 1977).

12.12.030 Alcoholic beverages.

No person shall possess or consume an alcoholic beverage in any city park unless designated by the City Council according to BLMC 12.12.035. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(2), 1977).

12.12.035 City-designated beer gardens and/or wine tasting areas.

Notwithstanding the provisions of BLMC 12.12.030, it shall not be unlawful for any person over 21 years of age to possess or consume alcoholic beverages within any city-designated beer garden and/or wine tasting area at Allan Yorke Park during the annual Bonney Lake Days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday during the third weekend in August or other special event specifically designated by the City Council. The mayor or his or her designee is authorized to impose such regulations upon such operations as he or she deems appropriate; provided, that the city-designated beer garden and/or wine tasting area shall not open any sooner than 12:00 p.m. on each day of the annual event and shall be allowed to remain open until the day’s planned event ends, or earlier, if circumstances so require. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 1015 § 1, 2004).

12.12.040 Hours of use.

Unless authorized in advance for a special event specifically designated by the City Council, City parks shall be open from dawn until dusk each day. No person shall go upon any city park except during opening hours. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(3), 1977).

12.12.050 Group use.

Groups of more than 50 people shall not be allowed to use any city park without first obtaining a permit from the city. The conditions for issuance of a permit shall be set by the city clerk, and shall be designed to mitigate problems caused by large groups, such as park overcrowding, noise, traffic, safety concerns, competition over park facilities, littering, crime, and damage to park facilities. Groups wishing to reserve park facilities such as ballfields and picnic shelters must make a reservation prior to such use by contacting the community services department. Reservation fees are listed in BLMC 12.12.055. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(4), 1977).

12.12.051 Boat launch facilities – Fees established.

here is fixed and established the following schedule of fees to be charged by the city for use of the boat launch facilities:

A. A resident boat launch admission card (“card”) shall be available at Bonney Lake City Hall. The cost of the card shall be \$25.00 per ~~watercraft~~ residence per year. Residency will be verified through utility accounts information, current Washington State driver’s license or other acceptable proof of residency. The card shall not be transferable to others ~~watercraft~~. Resident watercraft ownership must be verified by state license(s) of the watercraft, if applicable, or some other acceptable proof of ownership. The card will expire on December 31st of each year.

B. A fee of \$8.50, paid electronically, will be required, per launch or recovery, at the boat launch facilities for any watercraft not issued a valid card for which a currently authorized card is not being used.

C. The administrative fee for replacement of a card is \$100.00. No refunds will be given for lost, stolen, or unused cards.

D. The city may temporarily close the boat launch facility without advance notice. No refunds will be given for the temporary or permanent closure of the boat launch facility.

E. The mayor is authorized to promulgate policies and procedures necessary for the implementation of this section and the administration of the boat launch program. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 1037 § 1, 2004; Ord. 826 § 8, 1999; Ord. 669 § 1, 1993).

12.12.052 Disposition of boat launch fees.

All costs of the program will be paid from the gross revenues collected. The balance of any moneys after the expenses are to be split evenly between the park department and the police department. The park department funds shall be used solely for park facilities operation, maintenance and improvements to park department facilities. Police department funds shall be used solely for the water safety and park enforcement programs. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 669 § 2, 1993).

12.12.053 Administration of program.

Repealed by Ord. 1232. (Ord. 669 § 3, 1993).

12.12.055 Fees established.

There is fixed and established the following schedule of fees to be charged for reserved use of the following designated facilities:

Soccer and baseball fields:

First two hours of rental	\$7.00
Each additional two hours	\$7.00

Picnic areas:

1 – 50 persons	\$25.00
*51 – 150 persons	\$50.00
*151+ persons	\$75.00

*In addition a permit from the City Clerk is required for groups of more than 50 people

(Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 826 § 9, 1999; Ord. 661 § 1, 1993).

12.12.057 Disposition of fee moneys.

All such fees collected from the use of the concession stand, soccer fields, baseball fields and picnic areas, and revenues derived from cellular towers sited in city parks shall be paid into the parks department fund and shall be used solely for park facilities’ operations and maintenance and/or park facilities’ improvements. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 661 § 2, 1993).

12.12.060 City ordinances to remain in effect.

The ordinances of the city and the laws of the state not in conflict with BLMC 12.12.020 through 12.12.050 shall remain in full force and effect as to city parks. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(5), 1977).

12.12.070 Structures and signs.

No person, firm or corporation shall use, place or erect any placard, notice, sign or device or any kind of advertising in any park, or erect a structure of any kind in any park; provided, however, the community services director, or his or her designated representative, may permit the erection of temporary directional signs, decorations, advertising signs or temporary stands and buildings on occasions of group or public meetings, or for purposes of organized athletic events, or special events specifically designated by the City Council. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(6), 1977).

12.12.080 Injuring plants.

No person shall, without the written permission of the community services director or his or her designated representative, cut, injure, deface, remove or disturb any tree, shrub, plant, building, fence, bench or other structure, apparatus or property in a public park or a public place, or injure, misuse or remove any device placed to protect such tree, shrub, building, fence, bench, or other structure, apparatus or property. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(7), 1977).

12.12.090 Entering posted areas.

No person shall enter upon any portion of lawn or ground within a public park or a public place when notified by a sign placed in such park or public place, or by a police officer, not to enter upon such lawn or ground. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(8), 1977).

12.12.100 Littering.

No person shall throw or deposit any refuse, litter, garbage or other waste materials in any park or public place, except in designated receptacles. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(9), 1977).

12.12.110 Fires.

No person shall make or kindle any fire in a public park or public place except at places designated for such purpose. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(10), 1977).

12.12.120 Remaining after closing hours.

Unless authorized by the community services director, no person or motor vehicle shall remain in a public park or public place after the posted closing hours. Any motor vehicle found parked in violation shall be towed away at the owner's expense and/or cited. Signs shall be posted in parking areas in public places designating such places as tow-away zones. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(11), 1977).

12.12.130 Animals at large.

No person shall allow or permit any animal to run at large in any public park. Animals are permitted if kept on a leash no longer than eight feet, or confined and under control at all times. Any person with an animal in his or her possession or control in any city park shall be responsible for the conduct of the animal and removing from the park grounds fecal matter deposited by such animal. Horses shall not be permitted in any city park except where specifically designated. This regulation may be temporarily waived by the community services director for special events. No person may fish where a sign prohibiting such activity is posted. All laws, rules, and regulations of the state of Washington relating to season catch limits and methods of fishing shall apply to all city parks and public places. A violator of this section may be charged with an infraction for which the penalty is listed in BLMC 12.12.250. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(12), 1977).

12.12.140 Firearms.

No person shall possess, use or discharge any firearm, air gun, BB gun, slingshot or any bow and arrow in a public park, or use or discharge any such weapon in a public place, unless otherwise authorized as a part of an organized recreation program of the park and recreation department of the city, or other public agency. A violator of this section may be ~~cited into an appropriate court of law and~~ charged with a misdemeanor. Conviction of such misdemeanor shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000, imprisonment for a term not to exceed 90 days, or both. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(13), 1977).

12.12.145 Fireworks prohibited.

No person shall possess, nor allow any minor child under said person's immediate supervision to use, possess or explode any fireworks in any public park unless such possession or use is part of a duly authorized public display. The term "fireworks" shall include "common fireworks" as per the provisions of Chapter 70.77 RCW. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454B § 1, 1983).

12.12.150 Molesting animals.

No person shall molest, catch, injure or kill, or throw any stone or missile of any kind at, or strike with any stick or weapon, any animal or bird in a public park or public place. A violator of this section may be ~~cited into an appropriate court of law and~~ charged with a misdemeanor. Conviction of such misdemeanor shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000, imprisonment for a term not to exceed 90 days, or both. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(14), 1977).

12.12.160 Soliciting.

Unless authorized in advance for a special event specifically designated by the City Council, No person shall solicit or ask for the payment or gift of money, or sell, offer or solicit for sale, any goods, services or merchandise in a public park or public place without the prior written permit from the city clerk or his designated representative. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(15), 1977).

12.12.170 Amplified sound.

No person shall operate or use any loudspeaker or mechanical means of amplifying sound in any public park or public place without the prior written consent of the police chief or his or her designated representative. Loud music, loud muffler noise, and loitering in vehicles in city parks shall be prohibited. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(16), 1977).

12.12.180 Exhibitions.

No person shall conduct any circus, carnival or similar exhibition except as a part of an organized recreation program of the parks and recreation department. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(17), 1977).

12.12.190 Boats – Operation.

No person shall have, keep or operate any boat or other watercraft within the limits of any park or land the same at any point on the shore bordering any park, except at places designated for such purpose or except in an emergency. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(18), 1977).

12.12.200 Boats – Compliance with Pierce County water regulations required.

Repealed by Ord. 1028. (Ord. 454A § 2, 1978).

12.12.210 Bicycles.

No person shall ride or drive any bicycle in a reckless and potentially dangerous manner in any city park ~~or motor vehicle over or through any public park or public place except along and upon public roads, streets or other designated areas therein, or operate any vehicle at a speed in excess of the posted speed limit.~~ (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(20), 1977).

12.12.220 Games.

No person shall practice or play golf, baseball or other games of like character in any public park or public place except at places designated for such purposes. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(21), 1977).

12.12.230 Trees.

No person shall, without the written permission of the ~~city engineer~~ Community Services Director or his or her designated representative after consulting with the City Arborist, place or hereafter maintain upon the ground in a public park or public place any stone, cement or other substance which shall impede the free entrance of water and air to the roots of any tree planted in such public park or public place, without leaving an open space of ground outside the trunk of the tree not less than four feet square. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(22), 1977).

12.12.240 Interference with employees.

No person, firm or corporation shall prevent, delay or interfere with the employees of the city in the planting, pruning, spraying or removing of trees, plants or shrubs in a public park or a public place. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(23), 1977).

12.12.250 Violations – Penalties.

The acts or conditions enumerated in this chapter are proclaimed to be public nuisances. Those persons responsible for maintaining with knowledge such nuisance shall be subject to immediate ejection from the city park area and served with a no trespass order by the police department. Unless otherwise specifically set forth herein, a violator may also be charged with an infraction for which the penalty shall be as follows:

1st offense within one year	\$45.00
2nd offense within one year	\$150.00
3rd offense within one year	\$200.00

Persons charged with infractions shall be processed by the municipal court in the same manner as persons charged with traffic infractions. Persons failing to appear for hearings for violations of this chapter shall be subject to the penalties set forth in BLMC 1.16.030. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 656 § 3, 1992; Ord. 454 § 6(23), 1977).

Valerie Zifka started the open discussion on Water Parks by stating that she had contacted Daryl Faber Director of Auburn Parks, Arts and Recreation regarding their Rotary spray playground located at 11th & Auburn Way S., in Les Gove Park. They discussed cost, how the Rotary was financially involved, who installed the equipment etc. The Park Board discussed ways to make the idea of having a Water Park in Bonney Lake a reality. They discussed attending Chamber of Commerce or Rotary meetings, applying for grants, the size and location of a water feature, how many people will utilize this Water Park etc. The Park Board will further explore this future endeavor and will discuss at a future meeting.

Proposed March agenda items:

- A. David Wells~Special Events update
- B. Discussion~Plaque standards
- C. Discussion~Pocket Park for Downtown
- D. Discussion~Ordinance 1232
- E. Discussion~Water Parks

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

Fred Jacobsen read a letter written by Winona Jacobsen to Council regarding naming Millers Corner.

Fred reminded Park Board of the Death by Chocolate event. Please go to website for further information bonneylakelions.com

V. CORRESPONDENCE: None

VI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Darren Proctor thanked park staff for installing new Digger Toy at the Allen Yorke Park tot playground, and concluded by thanking the Board for their patience and understanding regarding his new Chair position.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting ended at 7:31pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 9th at 6:00PM.

Jennie Sage

Park Board Secretary