



Park Board Minutes  
June 14, 2010

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**City Hall Council Chambers**  
**The meeting began at 6:00PM**

**Park Board Members Present**

Darren Proctor-Chairperson  
Brian Cebe-Vice Chairperson  
Fred Jacobsen  
Valerie Zifka  
Karen Witters  
(2) Vacancies

**City Representatives Present**

Gary Leaf  
Jennie Sage

**Citizens Present:** None

**Approval of minutes:**

May 10th, 2010 meeting minutes approved

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Karen Witters (paraphrasing Becky Giles comment to her), passed along to the Park Board the importance for Bonney Lake to have its own unique recreation/events on the plateau different from Sumner.

## **STAFF REPORTS:**

### ***Heritage Tree application update:***

Gary leaf stated that he emailed out the Heritage Tree application update to the board; some of the board members did not receive this email and would like Gary to email this again. Valerie Zifka stated that the application she submitted was denied due to the proposed Heritage Tree (s) not falling under the cities criteria of a Heritage Tree. Gary responded that the Park Board would have to come up with proof that there is contemporary Bonney Lake historical significance to these trees, or come up with a different definition/classification to have these trees recognized. The Park Board discussed the changes to the ordinance; and possibly working with council to re-draft this ordinance. The board requested that they receive an updated copy of this ordinance, and the dates that this ordinance was modified. Darren Proctor stated that although this proposed Heritage Tree (s) did not meet the Heritage Tree classification, they are in a sensitive area and they will be left alone.

Fred Jacobsen would like to thank Valerie for pushing this issue forward and for bringing cultural trees to the forefront. He also stated that he is very disappointed with Mr. Morrison and/or the City for not notifying the board of the ordinance modifications.

Valerie Zifka would like to thank Al Catanzaro for maps and H.D. Messinger for the arborist report.

## **OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

### ***Park Plan Update:***

Gary stated that the future Park Board meetings (while working on the Park Plan) will be work/planning sessions.

In this work plan session the following was discussed:

The sub-committee created two surveys; one long form and one short form for public events. The board discussed the information included in these surveys, where they will be distributed etc.

Community Center and YMCA information was copied and handed out to the Park Board members. The Park Board discussed the desired amenities, size of center, pools (costs) etc. The board is leaning towards a Community Center.

Don Partington (Rails to Trails Group) submitted to Gary Leaf an unsigned letter written in support of the Foot Hills Buckley/South Prairie section of the trail. He is requesting that the Park Board Chairperson Darren Proctor sign this letter. Brian made motion for Darren (Chairperson) to sign the letter in support of Foot Hills Buckley/South Prairie section, Fred Jacobsen second motion. Motion was voted on and passed. Darren Proctor will sign this letter and submit.

The Park Board is requesting projected population clarification from Planning Dept.

**OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:** continued

***Park Plan Update:*** continued

The Park Board would like to see the plans/amenities for the Sumner YMCA; but will stay focused on what citizens need in Bonney Lake.

Possible open space for parks in City limits (Brookside).

Darren Proctor stated that these surveys are very general; once we receive the community input we can have open houses (more public input), staff opinion, consultant input, look at trends, look at other local Centers as not to duplicate etc.

The Park Board needs the surveys and approximate costs in order to complete this draft plan that has a deadline of September 2010.

Darren Proctor suggested previously that Gary Leaf request demographic information from the Planning Department; Gary has not heard back yet.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Staff and the board discussed having more covered shelters at the parks.

Gary Leaf discussed his community meeting (local Home Owners Associations) that informed the public on the Safe Routes to School project.

The Viking Dog Park has volunteers working on fencing; no written plan submitted.

Conservations Futures Grant letter was signed by Darren Proctor and submitted.

The Community Garden is so far a huge success; they've had top soil donated and delivered, the City donated the water, and the wood for the garden boxes. Sandi's Signs donated the sign. Stew and Julia Bowen deserve a lot of credit.

Darren Proctor would like the Park Board date and time posted on the reader board outside the front door of City Hall.

**PROPOSED JULY 2010 AGENDA ITEMS:**

**A. Park Plan**

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

The Park Board is tentatively planning a special meeting (7/19/10), to be confirmed at the next Park Board meeting (7/12/10). The sub-committee will no longer meet outside of the regular Park Board meetings.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:** continued

Darren would like staff to keep the board current on past projects (boat launch etc.).

Gary will update the survey and email the updated copy to the board to distribute.  
Fred Jacobsen will add the survey to his Livability Newsletter.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting ended at 7:39pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July12th at 6:00PM.

*Jennie Sage*  
Park Board Secretary