

## GLADSTONE PARK & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES of November 5, 2018

Meeting was called to order 6:36 PM.

### **PRESENT:**

John Eichsteadt, Bruce Hildreth, Mindy Garlington, Ben Miskey, Bill Preble

### **ABSENT:**

Chair Kelsey Proctor, Stephen Dorner

### **STAFF:**

Michael Milch, City Council Liaison; Jim Whynot, Public Works Director; Mayor Tammy Stempel

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#### **1. Self-Introductions/Roll Call**

#### **2. Approval of October 8, 2018 Minutes:**

*Bruce Hildreth made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2018 meeting with the amendment mentioned. Motion was seconded by John Eichsteadt. Motion passed unanimously.*

#### **3. Park User Fees Comparison Research:**

Mr. Miskey said this was discussed at the last meeting with most of the focus being on Meldrum. Mr. Whynot said that the people using the fields are being charged fees but he isn't sure where the money is going or if it is enough to cover the expense of maintaining the fields/lots – he will look into that. Mr. Preble asked what cars will be charged and what for – Ms. Garlington said it would be a fee for any vehicle that came to the park. There was discussion regarding charging people who are watching ball games. It was agreed that people using the boating/fishing parking areas should be charged a fee. It was agreed that residents of the City should not be charged – they would be issued a pass for their vehicles. There was discussion regarding which parks in the area charge for parking. There was discussion regarding what to do with the revenue from the fees – possibly for building more shelters that can be reserved/rented out. Mr. Miskey suggested starting out with an honor system to collect fees. Mr. Whynot said we can't charge more than \$5/vehicle for parking at Meldrum because of the grant they received to build the restrooms. There was discussion regarding how much Clackamas County charges for parking, what we would want to charge for what types of vehicles, season passes, notification, etc. Mr. Whynot said that everyone using the children's course/driving range is parking at Meldrum and it's causing issues. He has asked them to come before the Parks Board in order to reach some sort of mutual agreement. There was discussion regarding having camp hosts – hooking up to the sewer system would be the biggest expense. Mr. Whynot will look into this.

*Bruce Hildreth made a motion to recommend that the City begin to charge for certain types of vehicles (boats, RV's, trailers) and cars in certain areas of Meldrum Park and Dahl Beach. Motion was seconded by Bill Preble. Motion passed unanimously.*

There was discussion regarding building shelters and where to put them. There was discussion regarding the baseball fields between the school and Max Patterson Park – the property belongs to the school.

*Bruce Hildreth made a motion to request the City Council consider adding a third shelter (multi-purpose) in Max Patterson Park with the possibility of connecting to power and water and*

*charging fees for use of all three of the shelters. Motion was seconded by Mindy Garlington. Motion passed unanimously.*

**4. Fitness Court Update:**

Ms. Garlington said she is passing on the information regarding funding grants to the City.

**5. Business from Staff:**

Mr. Whynot said the Spray Park at Max Patterson is 10-12 years old now – it was installed as a recirculating system and there are certain requirements (chemicals, etc.), similar to a swimming pool. Most places that have these are turning them into a water-to-waste system instead. They are in the process of looking to switch over the system.

With the Civic Center being built there will be some moving around on the back of Public Works for a second emergency access. The Fire Department will be using an area in Meldrum Park temporarily, but they need a permanent spot for their training activities/equipment. He suggested having someone from the Fire Department come to a meeting and discuss the situation. He is working on figuring out where we are in regard to recovery costs for the various fields (soccer, softball, baseball). He said there are a lot of liability issues involved also. There was further discussion regarding camp hosts and their duties. Mr. Whynot will look into this further.

**6. Business from the Board:**

Mayor Stempel said she attended the Clackamas County Water Tourism Workshop recently. She visited Bend's Whitewater Park and met with some of the people using the park – it is a huge success and a great partnership between the people fishing and the boaters. Clackamas County wants to do more along the waterfronts. The Willamette Falls Legacy Project and the National Heritage Association want to create a natural heritage area on a national level (it encompasses approximately 54 miles of the Willamette River and part of the Clackamas River). Mr. Misley suggested having a representative come to a meeting.

Mr. Hildreth asked if the park rules signs had been put up in the Nature Park – Mr. Whynot said they should have been, but he will check into it. Mr. Hildreth said there have been some small fires started along the trails.

He said that on Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Dahl Beach City Park there will be a partial lunar eclipse that begins at 7:33 P.M., a total lunar eclipse begins at 8:41 P.M. and ends at 9:43 P.M., and the partial lunar eclipse ends at 10:50 P.M. Since this would happen after park hours there would have to be special dispensation. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

Councilor Milch said in June of 2017 when the City adopted its budget one of the changes was to transfer \$100,000 from one unspecified area into the Parks Department for projects. He wondered if the Parks Department has identified any projects. Ms. Garlington said the fitness court would need some of the money, as would building a shelter. Mr. Whynot said they also talked about using some of the money for a site-specific plan at the Nature Park. Some of the funds were used for the Pickleball Court.

Mr. Misley thanked everyone for their work on the park user fees research. Everyone thanked him for his work on it.

Ms. Garlington talked about a photo on the back of the "Glad Report" – "teens tackle the day of service". The photo was taken at the Nature Park – they had 22 kids helping move bark chips.

Mayor Stemple thanked everyone on the Board for being a proactive, vision-driven Parks Board.

7. **Meeting Adjourned:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Next scheduled meeting is December 10, 2018