

PARK & RECREATION BOARD AGENDA
Monday, November 5, 2018
6:30 P.M. - City Hall Council Chambers

- 1) Self-Introductions/Roll Call. Current members of the Park and Recreation Board are: Stephen Dorner, Kelsey Proctor (Chair), John Eichsteadt, Mindy Garlington (Vice-Chair), Bruce Hildreth, William Preble and Benjamin Misley. City Council liaison is Mayor Tammy Stempel. Planning Commission liaison is Les Poole.
- 2) Approval of October 8, 2018 Minutes.
- 3) Parks Board Work Plan continued discussion.
- 4) Park user fees comparison research. Ben
- 5) Fitness Court funding/grants. Mindy
- 6) Business from staff.
- 7) Business from Board.
- 8) Next Scheduled Meeting is December 10, 2018.
- 9) Adjourn

GLADSTONE PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES of October 8, 2018

Meeting was called to order 6:35 PM.

PRESENT:

Chair Kelsey Proctor, John Eichsteadt, Bruce Hildreth, Mindy Garlington, Ben Misley

ABSENT:

Bill Preble, Stephen Dorner

STAFF:

Michael Milch, City Council Liaison; Jim Whynot, Public Works Director; Mayor Tammy Stempel (via telephone)

1. Self-Introductions/Roll Call

2. Approval of September 10, 2018 Minutes:

Ms. Garlington pointed out that Chair Proctor was missing from the attendance portion of the minutes.

Mindy Garlington made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2018 meeting with the amendment mentioned. Motion was seconded by Bruce Hildreth. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Parks Board Work Plan Status Discussion:

1) Review attached scoring of 2018 plan from last meeting:

There were no changes/errors noted.

2) Discussions for 2019 plan:

Chair Proctor said they should take the makeup of the board into consideration. Her seat is up in December. There are two Parks Board members who are running for City Council – if they are elected they will need to be replaced. She feels this should move the researching parks user fees topic to the top of the priority list. It was agreed to modify this to “plan and implement park user fees” for next year. There was discussion regarding methods of payment. Mindy Garlington said there are a lot of grants available for playgrounds – she feels those should be looked into. She would also like to hear from groups such as the Gladstone Nature Park, Gladstone Garden Club, etc. – she would like to know what they are working on, who is using the grounds, what they do with the money collected, etc. Chair Proctor feels they can wait until January to rank the rest of the list – everyone agreed. Chair Proctor said she is working on an idea regarding using transient lodging tax revenues. She also has ideas regarding scavenger hunts/geo-caching, art projects, etc. in conjunction with schools and/or the library.

4. Park User Fees Comparison Research:

Mr. Misley went over the information he collected. Ms. Garlington said she isn't feeling good about implementing fees for renting the covered areas at Max Patterson Park – they've always been a first come/first serve situation. Her first priority would be a fee at the entrance to Meldrum Bar Park. Her second priority would be to build some new shelters at Max Patterson

Park and charge a fee to use those. There was discussion regarding building a wedding venue with a view of the river, an RV park, etc. Chair Proctor feels there needs to be more discussion regarding how the fees will be collected. There was discussion regarding parking fees for sporting events at Meldrum Bar. There was discussion regarding charging residents versus non-residents. It was agreed that everyone would like some kind of access fee for non-residents for Meldrum Bar and the first goal is to get that park to be self-sustaining so that we can free up resources of Gladstone staff for other parks. It was agreed that there would be no discounts given for shelter rentals, but waivers for non-profit groups. Reservations can be made up to one year in advance, with no “season” for reservations, and at least 72 hours before use. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

5. Fitness Court Update:

Ms. Garlington said she identified thirteen grants that could possibly be used for the fitness court. She will share that information, along with the acknowledgment from the National Fitness Foundation, with Ms. Betz. Mr. Whynot said that West Linn has poured the concrete for their court and they are waiting to install the equipment.

6. Jal Duncan Property Discussion of Possible Use if Purchased:

Ms. Garlington said there are big grants available for land acquisition only. There was discussion regarding maintenance of the property/buildings. There was discussion regarding the budget process and next steps. Chair Proctor feels we need a vision of what we want the property to become. Mayor Stempel said this property acquisition is already in the master plan. Ms. Garlington feels we need to look for partners such as the Boardman Creek Watershed Complex/North Clackamas Parks & Recreation. Chair Proctor will contact the North Clackamas Urban Watersheds Council. It was agreed that a site plan is needed before trying to obtain grants.

7. Signs and Garbage Cans at High Rocks Discussion:

Ms. Garlington said that she and the Mayor received an email from Cathleen Hollingsworth regarding implementing a “pack it in/pack it out” plan. Part of the plan is having trash cans available and signage. Mr. Whynot said that the garbage problem has gotten better recently. There is a garbage can next to the restrooms and the park rules have been posted. It was agreed to monitor the situation and see if the signs improve the situation. Ms. Garlington will contact Ms. Hollingsworth.

8. Business from Staff:

Mr. Whynot said the park rules signs have been installed at all the parks.

He shared a video of the Rinearson Project.

9. Business from the Board:

Chair Proctor suggested moving the next meeting to November 5th because November 12th is Veteran’s Day and the City offices will be closed. She asked that anyone who is interested in volunteering to help decorate for Trick-or-Treating to contact Mr. Whynot.

Ms. Garlington said there is a Lantern Walk at Gladstone Nature Park on Thursday night. The kids build a lantern and then take a walk through the park.

10. Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 P.M.