

**Park Board Meeting Minutes**  
**July 14, 2020**

**Park Board Members Present:** Ron Brunk, Ray Boksich, Terri Dunn, Carrie O'Reilly and Jim DeHerrera. Frank Sweeney was present via conference call

**Park Board Members Absent:** Susan Schnee

**Guests:** Tom Tornow

**City Staff Present:** Maria Butts and Mary Blubaugh

A. Call to Order: 7:12 p.m.

B. Approval of the July 14, 2020 Agenda – Member Dunn moved to accept the amended agenda as presented. Vice President DeHerrera seconded. A vote was taken with all ayes.

C. Approval of the March 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes – Member Boksich moved to accept the minutes as presented. Member Sweeney seconded. A vote was taken with all ayes.

D. Public Comments – None

E. Committee Reports

a. Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee – Vice President DeHerrera reported on what was discussed in the meeting. Regarding the Riverbend Condos, the committee will walk the different alternatives for the bike path. Public Works is working on installing an activated cross walk light by Baker Park.

b. Tree Advisory Committee – Member Dunn informed the Board Rebecca Norton is the new City Council Representative.

c. WSFF Board – Member Sweeney reported the Ice Den is limiting the number of people allowed in the building as a COVID safety measure. A hockey tournament was also cancelled as a precaution.

d. WAG Board – Member Boksich introduced Tom Tornow as the new President of the WAG Board and deferred to his presentation.

F. Presentation – a. Consideration of WAG expansion project design. The Park Board received information regarding this project in their packet. Approval had already been given by the Board to expand. Tom gave the Board more details on the expansion and asked for the expansion to include a small area that cannot be used for anything else and would be easier to maintain if it was within their fence line.

Motion: To approve the expansion of the WAG Dog Park as presented tonight.

Made by: Vice President DeHerrera      Seconded by: Member Dunn

A vote was taken with all ayes.

G. Public Hearings – None

**H. Old Business** – Update on new MOU with Glacier Twins, allocating Verizon Funds, including lease revisions. After discussion, the previous motion stood. The Park Board suggests Director Butts be in contact again with the Glacier Twins. They should be informed the Park Board has upheld its motion. If the Glacier Twins would like to negotiate, they should provide Director Butts with a counter.

**I. New Business** –

a. Update on FY21 budget. Director Butts reviewed her memo with the Park Board.

b. Consideration of what to put in place of the railroad statue. Director Butts informed the Park Board the owner of the Railroad Statue has decided to place the statue on the Stumptown Historical Society property. The space on the northwest corner of Central Ave is now open. Director Butts seeks direction from the Park Board on what they would like to see in the open space. Discussion was held.

Motion: To move the Whitefish Rising statue to the open northwest corner of Central Ave.

Made by: Member Dunn      Seconded by: Member O'Reilly

A vote was taken with all ayes.

**J. Other Items**

a. Election of Park Board Officers

Motion: To keep Ron Brunk as President and Jim DeHerrera as Vice President of the Park Board.

Made by: Member Sweeney      Seconded by: Member Boksich

A vote was taken with all ayes.

b. Committee appointments

Motion: To reappoint the incumbents, John Phelps and John Repke, back to the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

Made by: Member Boksich      Seconded by: Vice President DeHerrera

A vote was taken with all ayes. The Park Board encourages the other two candidates to attend the committee meetings.

Motion: To reappoint the incumbents, Dan Cassidy and Bruce Boody, back to the Tree Advisory Committee.

Made by: Member Dunn      Seconded by: Member Sweeney

A vote was taken with all ayes.

**K. Items from Parks and Recreation Department**

- a. Administrative Report –Reviewed with no questions.
- b. Recreation Coordinator Report- Reviewed with no questions.
- c. Maintenance Report – Reviewed with no questions.
- d. Community Service Coordinator Report – Reviewed with no questions.

**L. Correspondence - None**

**M. Items from Park Board:**

Frank Sweeney – Staff has done an amazing job during these last few months making our parks safe for our community.

Terri Dunn – Farmer’s Market causes her major anxiety. She hopes the Ordinance mandating masks/face coverings makes a difference.

Ray Boksich – What is the timeline on the sod at Depot Park?

Director Butts said possibly August 1<sup>st</sup>. It needs 30 days to establish itself.

Jim DeHerrera – Maria and staff are doing a great job during this time. They are making things work.

Carrie O’Reilly – None

Ron Brunk – Thanks to Maria and staff.

**N. Adjourn: Motion to Adjourn**

Made by: Member Boksich                      Seconded by: Vice President DeHerrera

A vote was taken by all ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.