

Pend Oreille County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Cusick Community Center
Cusick, Washington
Minutes Draft

January 19, 2011

Attending Members:

Sam Nicolas
John Stark
Ken Timmreck
Charles Smith
Mark Bender

Sam Castro
Jeanetta Taylor
Dave Gruver
Paige Gardner
Heather Wells

Other Attendees:

John Hankey

Sam N. motioned to accept the minutes. All seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Sam N. will continue as Chairman, with all in acceptance that Mark Bender will be Co-Chairman. Attendees suggested that meeting reminders be sent out for upcoming park meetings. Jeanetta inquired about getting information for Bars Coding for the Parks Department. Long term plans to use from money collected from timber sales. The park budget report showed a current total expenditures were \$54.14 with no revenues. Ken Timmreck stated that there is a proposal at the State level that would possibly allow 4-wheelers to travel on the shoulders of State, City and County roads, permitted that the vehicles are in compliance. The speed limit would be an estimated 35 miles per hour.

Yokum Lake:

Sam C. discussed the regulations on Yokum Lake as well as having "non-combustible" signs posted on Yokum Lake. If the County were to pose an ordinance on Yokum Lake for "no-combustible engines", then Fish and Wildlife would enforce the ordinance. It was requested that we could also post "no lead sinkers", to keep from further pollution to Yokum Lake. A motion will be requested if no ordinance is supported.

Section 16:

With regard to the money generated from timber on Section 16, Sam N. proposed that the park committee submit proposals to the committee, and then prioritize projects based on those proposals that are submitted. By being good Stuards of the fund may assist with the 1/4 of 1% of the real estate excise tax.

Water Trails:

Need a follow up discussion, the Parks Committee voted on assisting or leading the water trails project? We need to clarify this at the next meeting, this occurred at the December meeting. Sam N mentioned that this was missing in our December Minutes.

Pend Oreille County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

**Cusick Community Center
Cusick, Washington**

January, 19, 2011

Next Regular Meeting:

Wednesday February, 16, 2011

Cusick Community Center, 3:00 pm

Focus: Revenue from timber sales

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February 16, 2011

Attending Members:

Dave Gruver
Jeanetta Taylor
Mark Bender
Charles Smith
Bob Gish

Others:

Sam Castro
Sally Clark
John Hankey
Mike Lithgow

Charlie motioned to accept the minutes. All seconded the motion.

Discussion:

No park revenue for the month of January. Sam C. stated that Community Development Director Mike Lithgow will be sharing a slide show presentation of the Pend Oreille County Water Trails project with the group today in hopes of inspiring the Park Board to get involved. John Hankey suggested the group postpone discussions of the ¼ of 1% tax until the return of Park Board leader Sam Nicolas. All agreed.

Section 16:

Sam C. stated a correction to the group: Section 16 is officially a Park and not Timber Land as previously explained. Sam C. made it clear that the proceeds from any timber harvesting on Section 16 will in fact go to the Park fund for the Park Committee to use as they see fit. Sam C. stated that only 80 acres of this parcel will be harvested this year by forester Steve Gibson. Steve has proposed that the Park board members and the Commissioners meet on site early spring to discuss which old growth trees and habit areas need preservation. Sam C. stated this should be done as soon as weather permits. Charlie expressed his concerns at the Park Committee receiving funds and not knowing how to proceed. Sam C. asked the Park Committee to prepare a list of Park Project Priorities for our next meeting to be presented to the Commissioners. Jeanetta stated that she needed some guidance with the BARS CODES accounting system so that she could accurately continue her position as Park accountant. Sam C. offered Jeanetta to come to the Public Works office and get the help she requires. Mark mentioned his concerns at getting their priorities worked out and the potential need of a Park Director to help the group with leadership. Sam C. and John Hankey expressed the financial impracticalities of hiring a Park Director at this time. The Park members suggested meeting separately to organize their wants and needs in order to align as a group and prepare a solid plan for the future spending of the Park funds.

Yocum Lake:

Sam C. explained that in the past there were verbal agreements with Karen from the Forest Service and the County regarding the installation of a new road to access the Yocum Lake Camp Ground and that Public Works would pay for it; apparently a boat ramp was discussed as well. Sam C. said he found no written documentation that this was agreed upon and that he is unable to commit to a memorandum at this time due to lack of funding. Sam C. suggested that Karen propose this road project to the Park Committee for review. Charlie stated we still need a "No Motorized Vehicles" sign at Yocum Lake and Sam C. explained that we first need a new ordinance to do so. The group stated that Fish & Wildlife currently prohibits "lead sinker" on the lake due to the need to protect the Loon habitat.

Water Trails:

Mike Lithgow ended the meeting with a slide show presentation of the Water Trails Project created by the Planning Committee; they have been working on this project since 2008 through grant funding from the Shoreline Master Plan Program. Apparently all public agencies are in support of this plan as there are currently many Water Trails in place across the USA and Canada. The plan has yet to be adopted by the Commissioners.

Mike explained that according to the plans, the county would be designating the Public Access sites along the Pend Oreille River for a variety of recreational uses. To date all Public Access sites have been inventoried and numbered and the PUD plans to provide signage for each site. Mike spoke of producing guidebooks and map development at the start up. Mike foresees that in time the sites will be developed, little by little, as the project progresses. He spoke of the Park Committees potential involvement with site development.

Mike is proposing the Water Trails Project fall under the umbrella of the Park Department; he wants the Park to administer and maintain the plan and eventually hire a Park Director.

Sam C. asked who is currently involved in funding the project. Mike stated involvement from both the Lion's Club and the EDC (Economic Development Committee) in the conceptual planning stages. Sally asked who would eventually be maintaining the Public Access sites.

Mike said he did not know for certain. Sam C. asked the actual cost of implementing the start-up. Mike said it would be approximately \$14,000 and that the Planning Committee is searching for funding.

Sam C. noted that this presentation of the Water Trails Project is a proposal for funding from the Parks Department for the implementation of the Water Trails Project.

Sam C. stated that we ought to wait for more Park board members before discussing the Water Trails Project.

Charlie stated his concerns with the rapid expansion of the Parks Department and their need of leadership and direction. All members seemed to agree.

Next Regular Meeting:

Wednesday March 16, 2011

Cusick Community Center, 3:00pm

Focus: ¼ of 1% tax, Park Project Priorities List, and the Water Trails Project

Pend Oreille County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Cusick, Community Center
Cusick, Washington
Minutes, Draft

March 16, 2011

Attending Members:

Dave Gruver
Jeanetta Taylor
Mark Bender
Charles Smith
Ken Timmreck

Others:

Sam Castro
Heather Wells
John Hankey
Paige Gardner

Charlie motioned to accept the minutes. All seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Park expenditures for the month of February were \$67.77. No revenue for February. Charlie suggested placing an ad for the Parks meetings in the Newport Miner. Sam C said this would cost about \$60. Mark wondered if it was possible to run the ad for free as a Public Service. Charlie said he will look into this option. Charlie identified several of his interest that included installing fishing docks at our public access sites.

Section 16:

Sam C presented a comprehensive plan for Parks and Recreation to the group, outlining the overview of the policies and goals. Sam C stated that anyone wanting to make changes or updates, the proposed change would need to be brought up to the Commissioners, thus amending the current plan. Jeanetta wanted to know if each park would have its own Bars Code. Sam C said the P.O.C. Park only has own Bars Code fund thus far, but he would look into it. Pend Oreille County has its own fund for Parks, and Pend Oreille County will continue to pay Park bills. Sam C said he will talk to Beth Gillespie regarding this request. Sam made a suggestion that creating sub-reports may be an option, and adding that to the Park expenditures report. Paige Gardner wanted to know how she would go about making a proposal to put in a new trail on Sect. 16. Sam C said it would be an additional cost, but that any proposals should be put together and are to be given to Sam Nicholas. Sam C said that Forest Service has a grant for 50% to clean up Pend Oreille County Park trails only. This will be done by a volunteer group sometime in April 2011.

A field trip to Section 16 has been rescheduled for some time in May due to the mud.

Next Regular meeting:

Wednesday April 20, 2011
Cusick Community Center, 3:00 p.m.
Focus: ¼ of 1% tax

Pend Oreille County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

**Cusick Community Center
Cusick, Washington**

**April 20, 2011 - Wednesday
3:00 p.m.**

Attending Members:

Mark Bender
Charles Smith
Jeanetta Taylor
Ken Timmreck
Sam Nicholas
John Stark

Others:

Sam Castro
John Hankey
Heather Wells
Beth Gillespie
Lonnie Johnson

Sam N. opened the meeting at 3:00pm and entertained Ken's motion to accept the March 16, 2011 minutes as written. Motion seconded and carried. Introductions were made.

- Heather - Park public meeting notice in Newport Miner for free
- Jeanetta - no revenue in March and \$48.18 for PUD utilities
- Sam C – berms can be removed at Sandcreek. Can move forward with design & construction of new bridge
- Sam C – Oliver, Park caretaker, had to have septic tank pumped recently
- Yokum Lake – Sam C. tasked to prohibit combustion motors. Resolution 2007-17 states no combustion motors allowed but could not be enforced as no public hearings held. Gate installed at bottom of Yokum Lake Road as not safe for winter travel. County would like Park Board to designate it and Yokum Lake as a Park and Rec area. Yokum Lake Road would then not be a County road. Need to hold public hearing so can enforce the no combustion engines.

MOTION by Ken to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to designate the Yokum Lake and Yokum Lake Road as a Park & Recreation area. Motion seconded and carried.

- Gardner Caves and Crawford State Park – Lonnie, representing Economic Development Council (EDC) and from Seattle City Lights, discussed possible solutions to keeping Gardner Caves (3rd longest limestone cave in WA) and Crawford State Park (49 acre day use area) open in 2011. State is closing them due to budget constraints. Caves attract about 6,000 visitors a year, of which many are not from the County. No fees have been charged for the tour and about \$2,000 is received yearly in donations. It is vital to the County to keep them open to attract tourists. EDC has found that for every \$ spent in camping, another \$7 is spent in the surrounding communities. Jim Harris of Wenatchee and regional director of State Parks wants to go to a permit or park pass system to generate funds for the State Parks. Even so, not likely Gardner Caves or the day use area would be able to stay open in the future even if a fee is charged by the State. Need partnership of various entities like Park board, EDC, Motel tax board, towns and clubs to support it. State runs Cave and day use park from Memorial Day to Labor Day spending a total of about \$24-\$25,000/year. The one employee hired to live on-site and conduct tours is about \$10,000 the total. If EDC, Motel Tax Board, Chambers and clubs were

able to donate like \$10,000 then would the Park Board be able to donate say \$8,000? May be good possibility to open souvenir shop or in the future to do ATV tours to help generate more funds if the County took it over. Sam C said grants are available to create recreation sites but they cannot be state owned. Sam N said Section 16 timber harvest is expected to bring in \$225,000 in revenue in the fall, so maybe the Park Board could use some of this money. Sam N. asked what the consensus of the Board was. Most were in support.

MOTION by Ken to have Sam C to bring a proposal before BOCC next week about having Sam C represent the Park Board and attend a meeting with Lonnie and other partners to obtain contributions to keep Gardner Caves open in 2011. Sam C would have authority to suggest Park Board could donate up to \$8,000 in the fall of 2011. Motion seconded and carried.

- Sam C – asked Heather to add Jamie Wyrobeck’s email address to the Park Board list so she can be informed of the meeting days and times and hopefully be able to attend in the future.
- Park on Highway 2 - Sam C brought up 3 things:
 - 1) The Park will have a Spokane youth group rent the whole park for two nights on July 28 and 29 with about 180 people camping. They are looking for any service projects that they can do then or any other time in the County. Do we have any?
 - 2) Oliver said a suggestion by visitors is to have playground equipment installed in the Park. Sam C. has some brochures to obtain grants and will look into this possibility.
 - 3) A power line is down for the toilets. It will need to be fixed before opening the park on Memorial Day .
- Section 16 off Fertile Valley Road - Sam C said Brian Trieshell of Dept. of Fish & Wildlife (DFW) has approached Sam C about using part of their grant to fence off Rustler’s Gulch to include fencing off Section 16 at the same time. DFW would like to manage the 561 acres the County has in Section 16 for the next 50 years by putting it into their master plan. They would let the County still have access for logging but would like to make improvements that could benefit both parcels (like a parking lot). Rustler’s Gulch does not want ATV’s in their parcel and Sam told Brian the County’s only requirement might be to have Section 16 be **day use** since the Park on Highway 2 has overnight camping. Rustler’s Gulch would like Fertile Valley access so this might be a “win-win” for all of us. Sam C will invite Brian to come out to Section 16 for the May 18th site tour. Sam C asked Heather to be sure the Miner (& Selkirk Sun) get an ad in regarding the site tour of Section 16 on May 18th.

Next scheduled Park Board meeting:

Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at 2pm for a tour of Section 16 on Fertile Valley Road. Members can meet at 1:30pm at the Public Works office in the Pend Oreille County old courthouse (625 W 4th Street in Newport) to carpool to the site.

MOTION by Ken to adjourn at 4:17pm. Motion seconded and carried.

Pend Oreille County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

at Section 16 land off Fertile Valley Road
North of Roberts Road on the West side
(see mapbook page 1 attached)

May 18, 2011 – Wednesday 2pm

Attending Members:

Mark Bender
Jeanetta Taylor
Sam Nicolas
Charles Smith
John Stark
Dave Gruver
Steve & Merry Ann Gibson
Absent: Ken Timmereck

Others:

Sam Castro
Julie Anderson
Heather Wells
Beth Gillespie
George Luft
Diane & Brad Wear
Meg Decker
Edward Mann (Spokane Tribe forester)

Land Owners:

Karen Jackson
Paige & Gene Gardner
Doug Wahli
James Ogden (grandpa owns land)
Yvonne . . .

Sam N. opened the meeting at 2:07 pm. Since the meeting was held onsite of the Section 16 land, the May 18th minutes were not read nor approved. Purpose of this meeting was to tour the 88 acre timber harvest area to be cut this summer (see aerial map showing harvest location). Introductions were made with about 23-25 people in attendance.

- Jeanetta – will report the April revenue and expenses in June along with May expenses
- Sam C – Sam reminded the group that the Parks Board is still accepting written proposals for ideas on projects to be funded from the timber harvest to establish a priority list. Please turn them in to Sam Nicholas.
- Sam C – survey corners need to be established on Section 16 land so harvesting can happen soon Steve Gibson, Forester to the County said most of the mills are out of logs so now is a good time to harvest.
- Sam C – Section 16 may qualify for state DNR grant that could help us get up to \$680/acre in a cost share “slash abatement” burn. This application is currently being reviewed.
- Meg (representing PORTA) in her introduction said the Parks trail map has gotten 9,000 hits in a month
- Charlie mentioned liability issues on recreational land and handed out the attached “WA Recreational Use Statute”

SECTION 16 TOUR:

There are 640 acres to Section 16 and it is one square mile. 540 acres are owned by the County, the other 80 acres are privately owned. 88 acres of County land will be timber harvested this summer as approved by the Board of County Commissioners. An acre is about the size of a football field (without the two end zones).

Julie Anderson, from Department of Fish & Wildlife (DFW) and Manager of Rustler’s Gulch (aka West Branch of Little Spokane Wildlife Area) attended this meeting to address concerns about DFW possibly taking over management of Section 16 for the County. Rustler’s Gulch is over 3,000 acres of wildlife area and is all non-motorized. If the County should decide to have DFW manage Section 16 land, DFW would plan to:

- create a parking lot
- install signage and fence the perimeter of the parcels
- monitor and police any motorized vehicle use
- let Pend Oreille County maintain ownership of the land and keep all monies from any timber harvests
- have Section 16 also be a non-motorized area, except for ADA handicap vehicles, or equipment for harvesting and thinning, or firefighting vehicles

- obtain a 50-year Management Agreement however, a shorter term could possibly be negotiated with the County

Steve asked how would having DFW manage Section 16 benefit the Park and County. Sam C. said that any monies generated would go to the Park fund. Julie said public can now buy a \$30 Discovery pass for entrance to all State parks for day camping, all Fish & Wildlife lands, all DNR lands for one season or \$10 per day. The Discovery pass replaces the parking permit received with a fishing license. Each Discovery pass would also have a map of Washington showing the different areas they can visit. Monies from this pass would also hopefully help to fund Gardner Caves and POC Park. The public can also volunteer to work 3 days and receive the Discovery season pass for free.

After riding about one-half mile north of the parking area to the Section 16 timber harvest area, the group asked Steve what this harvest would look like:

- There would be 21 trees per acre left
- About 15 or 16 trees that are smaller than 10" dbh (diameter at 4.5 feet above the ground) and are in decent shape would be left plus 5 or 6 large 27" dbh
- The trees that will be cut down will be marked with orange so the leave trees in the Park are not colored
- There will be a fifty foot buffer of trees left in the spring area
- In the area where we stopped, Steve said most every tree would be cut down since the trees were topped, diseased, etc.
- This harvest will be a stumpage sale. Logger buys the rights to cut the trees, build roads to haul them out (about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile or 4,600 lineal feet of roads) and then the County gets paid.

Steve said a separate contract from the harvesting contract is needed for slash removal. Three options were discussed as to what do to with the slash:

1. pile the slash, get a chipper, haul the chips away in a semi-trailer
2. pile the slash, burn it in the fall or winter
3. grab the slash, spread it out over the forest floor

MOTION: Dave G moved to have Steve G contract to make every effort to remove the slash by bringing in a chipper and hauling it away by truck. (Steve thought with the current price of chips it should mean no cost to the County but no payment either). Where chipping is not feasible due to equipment access issues, then the slash will be piled up and burned later in the year when burning is allowed. (Steve said the County will incur costs to burn). Motion seconded and passed.

Meg Decker asked if she could have the SEPA Checklist and FPA # be emailed to her as well as the monthly Park Board minutes at: sparky@povn.com. Other attendees that wanted Heather to add them to the Parks Board Minutes email list are: dkJackson4@gmail.com and cada@povn.com.

NOTE: There is a public hearing scheduled for June 6th at 1:30 pm in the Board of Commissioner' meeting room regarding Yocum Lake's Recreation Area designation and prohibiting the use of combustible engines on the Lake. All Park Board members are asked to attend.

The next Park Board meeting is set for the third Wednesday, June 15th, at 3pm at the Cusick Community Center located at 111 First Avenue in Cusick. Sam N. entertained a motion from Sam C. to adjourn the tour at 3:35pm.

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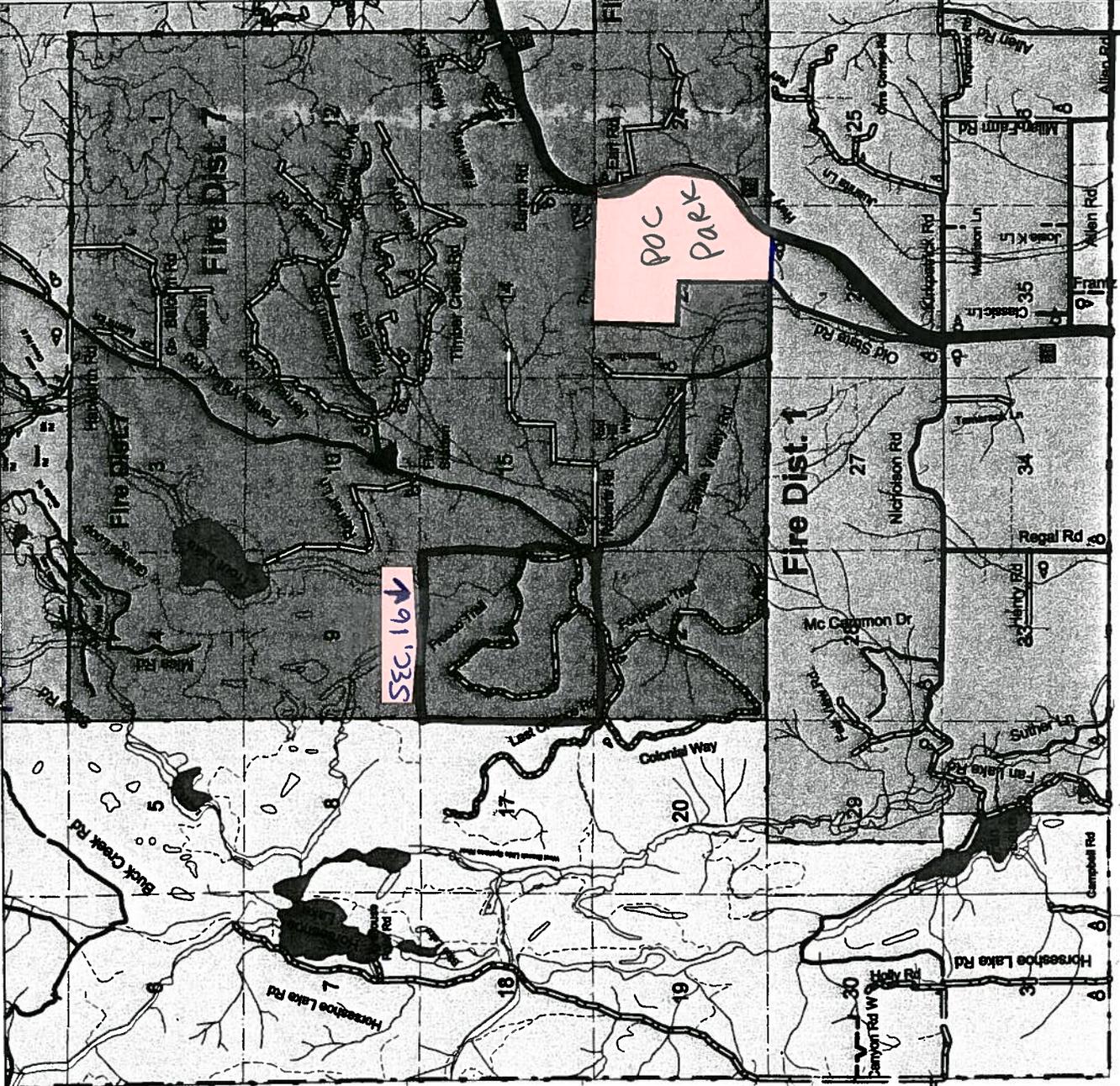
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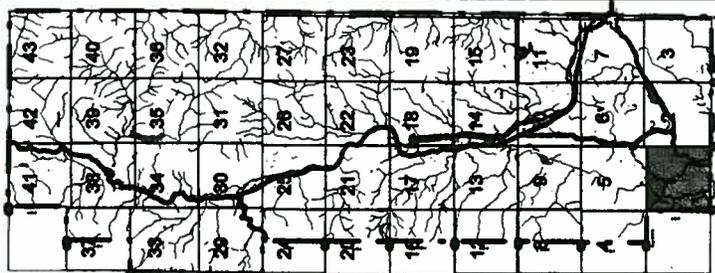
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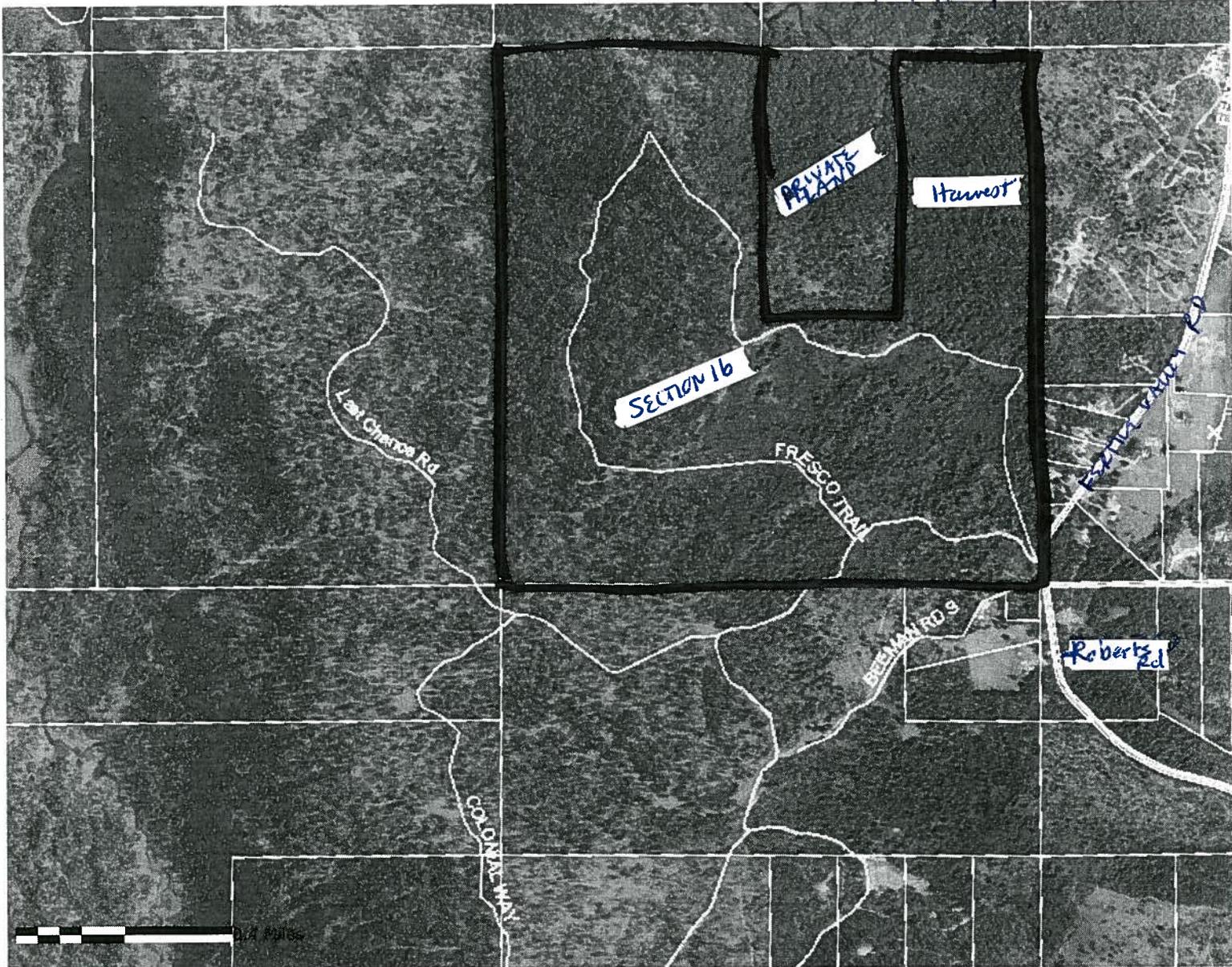
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- ==== Private roads Named
- USFS Rds
- Unnamed Roads

Map Date: 02/20/2009



Washington Recreational Use Statute

ANNOTATED REVISED CODE OF WASHINGTON

TITLE 4: CIVIL PROCEDURE

CHAPTER 24: SPECIAL RIGHTS OF ACTION AND SPECIAL IMMUNITIES

SECTION: 200

?4.24.200 Liability of owners or others in possession of land and water areas for injuries to recreation users -- Purpose.

The purpose of RCW 4.24.200 and 4.24.210 is to encourage owners or others in lawful possession and control of land and water areas or channels to make them available to the public for recreational purposes by limiting their liability toward persons entering thereon and toward persons who may be injured or otherwise damaged by the acts or omissions of persons entering thereon.

HISTORY: [1969 ex.s. c 24 ? 1; 1967 c 216 ? 1.]

?4.24.210 Liability of owners or others in possession of land and water areas for injuries to recreation users -- Limitation.

(1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this section, any public or private landowners or others in lawful possession and control of any lands whether designated resource, rural, or urban, or water areas or channels and lands adjacent to such areas or channels, who allow members of the public to use them for the purposes of outdoor recreation, which term includes, but is not limited to, the cutting, gathering, and removing of firewood by private persons for their personal use without purchasing the firewood from the landowner, hunting, fishing, camping, picnicking, swimming, hiking, bicycling, skateboarding or other nonmotorized wheel-based activities, hanggliding, paragliding, the riding of horses or other animals, clam digging, pleasure driving of off-road vehicles, snowmobiles, and other vehicles, boating, nature study, winter or water sports, viewing or enjoying historical, archaeological, scenic, or scientific sites, without charging a fee of any kind therefor, shall not be liable for unintentional injuries to such users.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this section, any public or private landowner or others in lawful possession and control of any lands whether rural or urban, or water areas or channels and lands adjacent to such areas or channels, who offer or allow such land to be used for purposes of a fish or wildlife cooperative project, or allow access to such land for cleanup of litter or other solid waste, shall not be liable for unintentional injuries to any volunteer group or to any other users.

(3) Any public or private landowner, or others in lawful possession and control of the land, may charge an administrative fee of up to twenty-five dollars for the cutting, gathering, and removing of firewood from the land. Nothing in this section shall prevent the liability of such a landowner or others in lawful possession and control for injuries sustained to users by reason of a known dangerous artificial latent condition for which warning signs have not been conspicuously posted. Nothing in RCW 4.24.200 and 4.24.210 limits or expands in any way the doctrine of attractive nuisance. Usage by members of the public, volunteer groups, or other users is permissive and does not support any claim of adverse possession.

(4) For purposes of this section, a license or permit issued for state-wide use under authority

of *chapter 43.51 RCW, **Title 75, or Title 77 RCW is not a fee.

HISTORY: [1997 c 26 ? 1; 1992 c 52 ? 1. Prior: 1991 c 69 ? 1; 1991 c 50 ? 1; 1980 c 111 ? 1; 1979 c 53 ? 1; 1972 ex.s. c 153 ? 17; 1969 ex.s. c 24 ? 2; 1967 c 216 ? 2.]

NOTES: Reviser's note:

*(1) Chapter 43.51 RCW was recodified as chapter 79A.05 RCW pursuant to 1999 c 249 ? 1601.

***(2) Title 75 RCW was recodified, repealed, and/or decodified in its entirety by 2000 c 107. See Comparative Table for Title 75 RCW in the Table of Disposition of Former RCW Sections, Volume 0. Purpose -- 1972 ex.s. c 153: See RCW 79A.35.070. Off-road and nonhighway vehicles: Chapter 46.09 RCW. Snowmobiles: Chapter 46.10 RCW.

?79A.35.070 Categories of trails or areas -- Policy statement as to certain state lands.

The following seven categories of trails or areas are hereby established for purposes of this chapter:

- (1) Cross-state trails which connect scenic, historical, geological, geographical, or other significant features which are characteristic of the state;
- (2) Water-oriented trails which provide a designated path to, on, or along fresh and/or salt water in which the water is the primary point of interest;
- (3) Scenic-access trails which give access to quality recreation, scenic, historic or cultural areas of state-wide or national significance;
- (4) Urban trails which provide opportunities within an urban setting for walking, bicycling, horseback riding, or other compatible activities. Where appropriate, they will connect parks, scenic areas, historical points, and neighboring communities;
- (5) Historical trails which identify and interpret routes which were significant in the historical settlement and development of the state;
- (6) ORV vehicle trails which are suitable for use by both four-wheel drive vehicles and two-wheel vehicles. Such trails may be included as a part of the trail systems enumerated in subsections (1), (2), (3) and (5) of this section or may be separately designated;
- (7) Off-road and off-trail areas which are suitable for use by both four-wheel drive vehicles and two-wheel vehicles. IAC shall coordinate an inventory and classification of such areas giving consideration to the type of use such areas will receive from persons operating four-wheel drive vehicles and two-wheel vehicles.

The planning and designation of trails shall take into account and give due regard to the interests of federal agencies, state agencies and bodies, counties, municipalities, private landowners and individuals, and interested recreation organizations. It is not required that the above categories be used to designate specific trails, but the IAC will assure that full consideration is given to including trails from all categories within the system. As it relates to all classes of trails and to all types of trail users, it is herein declared as state policy to increase recreational trail access to and within state and federally owned lands and private lands where access may be obtained. It is the intent of the legislature that public recreation

facilities be developed as fully as possible to provide greater recreation opportunities for the citizens of the state. The purpose of chapter 153, Laws of 1972 ex. sess. is to increase the availability of trails and areas for off-road vehicles by granting authority to state and local governments to maintain a system of ORV trails and areas, and to fund the program to provide for such development. State lands should be used as fully as possible for all public recreation which is compatible with the income-producing requirements of the various trusts.

HISTORY: [1977 ex.s. c 220 ? 21; 1972 ex.s. c 153 ? 1; 1971 ex.s. c 47 ? 2; 1970 ex.s. c 76 ? 8. Formerly RCW 67.32.080.]

NOTES: Severability -- 1971 ex.s. c 47: See RCW 46.09.900.

Application of chapter -- Permission necessary to enter upon private lands: RCW 46.09.010.

?46.09.010 Application of chapter -- Permission necessary to enter upon private lands.

The provisions of this chapter shall apply to all lands in this state. Nothing in chapter 43.09 RCW, *RCW 67.32.050, 67.32.080, 67.32.100, 67.32.130 or 67.32.140 shall be deemed to grant to any person the right or authority to enter upon private property without permission of the property owner.

HISTORY: [1972 ex.s. c 153 ? 2; 1971 ex.s. c 47 ? 6.]

NOTES: Reviser's note:

(1) RCW 67.32.050, 67.32.080, 67.32.100, 67.32.130, and 67.32.140 were recodified as RCW 79A.35.040, 79A.35.070, 79A.35.090, 79A.35.110, and 79A.35.120, respectively, pursuant to 1999 c 249 ? 1601.

(2) Throughout chapter 46.09 RCW, with the exception of RCW 46.09.010 and 46.09.900, the phrase "this 1971 amendatory act" has been changed to "this chapter." This 1971 amendatory act [1971 ex.s. c 47] consisted of the enactment of chapter 46.09 RCW and RCW 67.32.130 and 67.32.140 and the amendment of RCW 67.32.050, 67.32.080, and 67.32.100.

Purpose -- 1972 ex.s. c 153: See RCW 67.32.080.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Text of Code also available at <http://www.leg.wa.gov/wsladm/rcw.htm> on 11/19/00.

Pend Oreille County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2011 – Wednesday 3pm

Attending Members:

Jeanetta Taylor
Sam Nicolas
Charles Smith
Dave Gruver

Others:

Sam Castro
John Hankey
Carrie McKinley
Bob Gish
Darrel Wallace

Land Owners:

Karen Jackson

Sam N. opened the meeting at 3:00 pm. The April and May meeting minutes were read and approved.

The next Park Board meeting is scheduled for July 20th at 2:00 pm.

- Jeanetta – April expenditures: \$53.32, May expenditures: \$365.99
- Sam C. – Informed group of upcoming invoice from P.U.D. for power line issue. Estimated invoice around \$200.
- Sam C. – Issue: Public Hearing meeting regarding Yocum Lake. ADA access is not required per the RCW's.

Section 16: Land off of Fertile Valley Road:

MOTION: Dave moved to leave Section 16 motorized and county run. Motion passed.

FAILED MOTION: Charles moved to give each park a designated name, for example: Fertile Valley Park, Rogers Pass Park, and Yocum Lake Park. Sam C. said he is not opposed to changing Sec. 16 to Fertile Valley Park. However, concerns about changing the name of Pend Oreille County Park were expressed by Dave, John H., and Sam C. Dave was not comfortable with voting on it yet so motion died.

Pend Oreille County Park:

- Dave mentioned the problem with an abundance of trash at the park located near the home of the camp host as well as the RV's located nearby. Also states inadequate access to the horse area due to too much trash.
- Sam C. acknowledged clear need for improvement and confirmed no one was living in the RV's
- Dave suggests trash cans needed as garbage is stacked in front of the house and needs to be cleaned up.

- Jeanetta noted a problem at the park with the donation sign. There is no receptacle to take donations under the sign. There are no forms to fill out or envelopes either. This is a concern because several people appeared to be camping there.
- Sam C. will expect the Park Resident to participate and attend future monthly meetings.

Proposals Utilizing Timber Funds:

- Sam N. noted that no one other than Bob Gish from the Back Country Horseman's had put in a proposal yet.
- Bob Gish and Darrel Wallace of BCHM gave a PowerPoint presentation showing how they would like to use some of the funds to create an equestrian area at the Pend Oreille County Park. The total cost for the project is estimated at \$250,000.
- CD of presentation is available for reviewing
- Sam N. would like them to prioritize each step so the project may be completed in stages and have a cost analysis for each phase.
- Bob and Darrel agree the first priorities are the water system and parking.
- Bob mentioned a donation of gravel for the project from Dean Cummings.
- Dave noted that much of the labor costs could be saved by having the volunteers of BCHM doing a lot of it.
- Sam C. In regards to using gravel instead of pavement: Recreation areas are left under the jurisdiction of the board.

Final Note:

- Sam C. addressed the timeline for the timber harvest and when monies are expected.
- Foresters are to come in August and get logs in the yards. The hope is for cutting to start Aug. 1st.
- No money will be coming to this group until November at the earliest and March 2012 as the latest anticipated date
- Dave will look into costs for the BCHM project beginning with water, parking, and then vault toilets.
- Meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm

Pend Oreille County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

**Cusick Community Center
Cusick, Washington**

August 17, 2011

Minutes

Attending Members:

Sam Nicholas
Dave Gruver
Charles Smith
Jeanetta Taylor
Mark Bender
John Hankey – Commissioner

Others:

Sam Castro—Public Works Director
Carrie McKinley—Public Works
Oliver Johnson—POC Park Caretaker

Sam N. motioned to accept the minutes from June. All seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Jeanetta gave the treasurer's report stating June expenses were \$362.62 with revenue of \$495. July expenses were \$86.28 and revenues were \$577. Year to date expenses are \$1,037.03 with YTD revenues at \$1,502.00

The group addressed having the park board minutes posted and updated regularly on the county's website. Carrie will coordinate with Tom McCaffrey to ensure this is done.

Sam C. and Oliver gave an update on the Pend Oreille County Park and confirmed one RV has been removed from the property.

Pend Oreille County Park:

Oliver informed the group about vandalism which has taken place at the park in one of the restrooms. The person responsible was apprehended by the Sheriff's office and has been charged \$500 in damages for their vandalism to the restroom. Oliver believes this will be enough to cover the cost of the repairs.

Sam C. assessed the park last week and determined the south end near the parking lot had trees down that need to be removed. Another tree was down at site 2 as well. Mark

Bender will lead a volunteer group to determine if there are enough trees for a load. Alternatively, Sam N. suggested contacting one of the fire stations to see if they would like to come out and have a free training station. Oliver will contact the South county fire district to see if they are interested in burning the trees and brush.

Jeanetta and Sam C. agreed there is a need for a well-marked pay station at the campground in the park. Sam C. suggested a kiosk with an actual pay station located near the house. Charles S. suggested two forms be filled out by campers. One form with the name, payment and license plate number and the other to put into the stake at the campsite identifying those who have paid. Sam C. agreed more accountability is needed including daily inspections of who is coming, going, and paying.

Dave Gruver noted, as of Father's Day weekend, all the developed trails were opened and cleared by the Back Country Horseman. The group suggested sending a thank you card/note for their work. Sam C. and/or Carrie will mail or email one to Bob Gish of the Back Country Horseman.

Timber Harvest:

Sam C. announced the timber harvest was projected to sell for \$254,000. Instead it is going for \$357, 272. The forester, Steve Gibson will be receiving his contract price of 10%.

Sam C. has concerns about paying a contract price for the forester's service and in the future would rather pay an hourly rate.

Sam C. addressed the need to implement a plan with a priority system for using the funds and then bring the plan to the commissioners for approval. John Hankey stated it needs to be presented in the same form as the 6 year road plan.

Sam Nicholas proposed we not spend any of the money for a year and would like to have a workshop to develop some of the ideas. He believes the workshop will provide an opportunity for the visions of the board members to be heard and the needs of the community addressed. Dave Gruver prefers to wait until there is snow on the ground before having a workshop due to time constraints.

Sam N. **Motioned** to have a moratorium on the spending until we have a comprehensive plan on paper. **Motion passed.**

Pend Oreille County Comprehensive Plan, Sec. 6 Parks and Rec. (2009):

Sam Castro read from the Pend Oreille County Comprehensive Plan, Section 6 Parks and Recreation. He highlighted Section 6.2 and the requirements of the Growth Management Act which includes this specific goal:

"Open Space and Recreation: Retain open space, enhance recreational opportunities, conserve fish and wildlife habitat, increase access to natural resource lands and water, and develop parks and recreational facilities."

Pend Oreille River:

Dave Gruver suggested we utilize the Pend Oreille River to have a water accessible park. He suggested the large piece of county owned land near Ione. The members agreed to have their next meeting at this site in order to assess the property first hand.

The Park Board members will meet at the county shop in Ione at 2:00pm, September 21, 2011 and then caravan/carpool to the piece of land in question. The land was logged not long ago and therefore members can walk on skid trails to the edge of the river to get an idea of land use.

Parks Budget Proposal:

Sam passed out a copy of the Parks Budget proposal and specifically stated it was just a draft. According to John Hankey he has until the end of the year to finalize it. A few concerns were expressed and addressed. Sam assured the group the figures were estimates and if the dollar figures in the final draft are not spent the money will remain in the parks fund.

Next Regular Meeting:

Wednesday, September 21, 2011
County Road Shop in Ione, 2:00 pm

Pend Oreille County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Location:
Potential Water Accessible Parks
Ione, Washington

September 21, 2011

Minutes

Attending Members:

Sam Nicholas
Dave Gruver
Jeanetta Taylor
Mark Bender

Others:

Sam Castro—Public Works Director
Carrie McKinley—Public Works

Discussion:

The group spoke about the Pend Oreille County Park and the need for better lighting as well as better maintenance of the restrooms. Sam C. is interested in contacting the P.U.D. to ask if they would like to donate a light for the park. It was suggested that the vault toilet from the park possibly be moved to Yokum Lake. The South County Fire Dist. will be using the Pend Oreille County Park for training purposes and burning specific piles of trees and brush. They are going to do it sometime in October once more rain has fallen to dampen the area.

Sam N. would like to further review the proposed Parks Budget at the next meeting.

Sam C. informed the group about available funds for water trail systems. There is approximately \$108,000 in the fund currently with more added annually. The money can be utilized once a project is specified. It can be used for anything related to parks and trails.

Site Visits/Adventure:

Members drove to the **first site** which was a short distance from the District 3 Road shop in Ione, approximately 2 miles north from the bridge. The first site was directly off of Box Canyon Rd at the "Edgewater Campground" turn off. We then took the first right and then the next left up a logging road. There is about 200 acres of county property there.

No milfoil was seen. Abundant wildlife frequents the area as evidenced by animal tracks, droppings, and beaver teeth marks on a huge downed tree, ducks in the water,

etc. Mark commented on the Old growth white pines and the Oregon grapes found in the area. An old cement marker was discovered in the ground which we believed to be part of the original survey from the Box Canyon Dam Project. It was about 8 inches in diameter and was marked with the following, "Boundary LME 19, PUD No. 1" The group walked through several areas and noted the beauty and many possible uses for the area. Sam N. suggested a second visit to the site using his pontoon boat to view the area from the river. Everyone seemed interested in that fun idea.

The park members unanimously agreed the property has a lot of potential and would like to lock it in as a designated recreational site.

The **second site** the group looked at was equally as nice and is also going to be pursued as a recreationally designated site within the county.

It was located in Ione as well, approximately 5 miles south up the river from the first site just off of LeClerc Rd N. close to mile post 28 and right before the address: 28582 N. LeClerc Rd. This site was approximately 4-5 acres and had wonderful up close views of the river and the surrounding landscape. Members felt it would not take too much to put a boat launch in as one of its uses. We were able to walk right up to a fairly level spot at the water which looked like it could already be used to launch canoes, rafts, and other small boats. The land was mostly flat, mowed, and peaceful at the time of our visit.

Sam C. said he would have the county's survey crew put boundary markers in at that location.

Final Note:

- Sam N. would like to have an informal workshop to discuss the 6 year plan.
- Sam C. is going to work on getting these two sites designated for recreational use.
- Instructions on how to use Pend Oreille County's interactive map via' the website is attached for anyone interested in using it.

Next Meeting:

- October 12th (2nd WED)
- 2:00 PM
- Cusick Community Center

Agenda:

- 1) Hunting on Pend Oreille Park
- 2) Interpretive Sign

Pend Oreille County Parks & Recreation
Advisory Board Meeting

Cusick Community Center
Cusick, Washington

October 12, 2011
Wednesday 2:00 p.m.

Minutes

Attending Members:

Mark Bender
Sam Nicholas
Charlie Smith
Dave Gruver
Ken Timmreck
Jeanetta Taylor

Others:

Sam Castro
Paige Gardner
Carrie McKinley

Sam N. motioned to accept the minutes from August and September. All seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report:

Jeanetta reported August expenditures at \$573.06 with revenues of \$250,348. September disbursements were \$160.88 with receipts being \$244. The ending balance is \$252,009.17

Discussion:

Sam Nicholas informed the group of an invoice coming from Dan Peterson for Crawford Park. It will be approximately \$1,800.00

Dave Gruver and Paige Gardner addressed the logging that took place at Section 16. The wood remaining was supposed to be chipped as part of the project. The forester, Steve Gibson will be contacted regarding the situation.

Hunting at County Parks:

The Pend Oreille County Park is closed for the camping season with the gate closed until spring. However, hunters can park at the entrance by the restroom and walk in and out.

Charlie believes the only restriction should be not shooting across public roads. Sam Castro added not shooting over a trail and would like to see safety signs put up.

Sam Nicholas **MOTIONED** to leave the county lands open for recreation including hunting. Ken seconded and all **APPROVED**.

Pend Oreille County Park:

Yard Light

Members agreed to allow P.U.D. to install a light on the existing pole by the restroom just outside the gate. The monthly fee of approximately \$20 will be paid from the park fund.

Interpretive Sign with a Water Conservation Theme

All were in favor of allowing the Little Spokane Water Smart Alliance and the WSU Extension office to create a 36" x 24" sign for the county park. They will provide the materials at no cost and deliver it to us for installation. The sign will be installed by county employees free of charge.

Section 16:

Paige suggested selling wood cutting permits for the downed and dead trees, limiting it to areas where roads need to be cleared. There would also need to be a specific time frame for when it could take place. Proper signage would be helpful.

Charlie said he is available to volunteer and show people where to cut. Volunteers would also be needed to help clear trails.

Charlie would like to carve out a 5 acre piece of land around an old growth tree and turn that tree into a historic monument.

Workshop Day:

To be determined by the board.

Proposed Park Budget:

Sam Castro informed the group to strike line item #15 for a Park and Rec. Coordinator.

He also stated he would like the Park Board to come up with figures they feel would be feasible within the next 30-60 days.

Sam Nichols said his goal is to be a good steward of the money and would vote for a ¼ percent of 1% excise tax to go to the parks. The excise tax would be paid by property owners upon the sale of their parcels.

Next Regular Meeting:

Wednesday, November 16, 2011
Cusick Community Center, 2:00 p.m.

Pend Oreille County Parks & Recreation
Advisory Board Meeting

Cusick Community Center
Cusick, Washington

November 16, 2011
Wednesday 2:00 p.m.

Minutes

Attending Members:

Mark Bender
Sam Nicholas
Charlie Smith
Dave Gruver
Ken Timmreck
Jeanetta Taylor

Others:

John Hankey
Sam Castro
Carrie McKinley

Sam Nicholas noted a correction for the October minutes. They should read, “Sam Nicholas motioned to leave county *lands* open for recreation including hunting.” The corrected minutes have been posted on the Pend Oreille County website.

Sam Nicholas motioned to accept the minutes from October and all seconded.

Treasurer’s Report:

Jeanetta Taylor reported October expenditures at \$34,946.71. The largest expense was to the forester for 10% of the timber harvest. Another \$597.36 was spent on surveying Section 16. The revenues were \$90,659.05 from the timber sale at section 16. The ending balance is \$307,721.51

Old Business:

Wood Cutting—Section 16

Charlie Smith spoke about wood cutting taking place at section 16 by private citizens.

Sam Castro asked if anyone is cutting down marketable timber.

Sam C. spoke about wood cutting permits. He proposed the idea to the County Commissioners. Don Ramsey, Risk Manager for the county, views it as the wood belongs to the logger.

Dave Gruver asked what we could do to get the Sheriff’s department to enforce no wood cutting in the park. Ken Timmreck commented, “At this time there is nothing to say they can’t do it.”

Mark Bender suggested the need for county parks to be regulated differently than other county lands as far as the cutting of trees. Ken wants to have an ordinance passed that says, “No wood cutting in county parks.” This way it can be enforced. Everyone agreed.

Dave expressed his concern about next spring and the roads getting rutted up. According to Sam C. we are not planning to close off any roads in Section 16.

Charlie motioned to set aside money for county park signage. Sam Nicholas suggested that was something to address at the workshop.

Park 2012 Budget

Members reviewed the revised budget. Changes were made to the original based on the Park Board's recommendations. Line item 28 will show as zero "Other Facility—Gardner Caves".

New Business:

John Hankey suggested having a concessionaire portion of the forest service along the water trails. Certain stops will need vault toilets, etc.

Ken added that anything we want to spend money on, we should look for grants to supplement it. Carrie will help research grant opportunities.

Ken spoke about allowing off road vehicles to ride for short distances (ie. 1/8 mile) on certain sections of the road in order to avoid riding through wetlands. John Hankey explained how someone would need to write a proposal requesting access and then the Commissioners could look at it.

Workshop Day--Saturday, January 7th 10:00 a.m. (Cusick Community Center)

Sam Nicholas would like to have ideas presented in an orderly fashion and have a process you go through to request funds for specific projects.

Ken made a motion not to meet in December (No December Meeting). Motion passed.

Next Meeting: Workshop

Saturday, January 7, 2012

Cusick Community Center, 10:00 a.m. No set end time.