

Park Board Regular meeting April 15th, 2015 @ Cusick Community Center

Park Board members present: Vice chairman Dave Gruver, members Mark Bender and Don Comins.

Guests: Pend Oreille River Tourism Alliance (PORTA) executive director Susan Harris.

Pend Oreille County staff: Director Mike Lithgow, Parks Manager Todd McLaughlin and administrative assistant Terri Ann Hedtke.

There being no quorum, no official business could be conducted and no formal minutes were taken, below is a summary of topics discussed.

Financial reports were reviewed and mention was made of the Outdoor Leadership School.

Manager McLaughlin provided his report, which addressed:

- a meeting with a DNR wildlife biologist and the firm of Northwest Management at the Pend Oreille Park on April 2nd, Mark Bender was also present and mentioned the quality of the entomologist and biologist.
- The GeoCache event is "rolling," 25 sites are planned with set-up scheduled for May 16 & 17. The event "kick-off" will be July 18th at the Pend Oreille Park with the coordinates posted at 10:30am. Sites will be located county wide, with the first 50 completed applicants receiving the Pend Oreille County commemorative coins (one per household). Susan Harris suggested a press release and a link to PORTA's website for lodging.
- Signage re: litter and firewood

There was some discussion on the placement of the Iron Ranger pay station. There have been no bids received for the danger tree removal at the County Park, Director Lithgow is negotiating with contractors. It is hoped the Pend Oreille Park trailhead and group camp will be done by summer. The Board of County Commissioners has directed Parks to schedule Town Hall meetings for public input re: the Edgewater North property. Susan Harris provided a briefing on pertinent items from the Economic Development Council (EDC) meeting, notably all-terrain vehicle maps and the Forest Service. Mention was made of the Westbranch Wildlife Advisory meeting, the next Park Board meeting is scheduled for May 20th. The meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.