

Park Board regular meeting August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Pend Oreille County Courthouse Commissioners meeting room 2:00pm

Park Board members present: Chairman Sam Nicholas, Vice-chair Dave Gruver, Treasurer Jeanetta Taylor, members Mark Bender, Don Comins and Greg Jakeman.

Guests: Pend Oreille River Tourism Alliance (PORTA) Executive Director Susan Harris and County Commissioner Karen Skoog.

Pend Oreille County staff: Community Development Director Mike Lithgow, Parks Manager Todd McLaughlin, Pend Oreille County Park Host Mike Peterson, County Forester (contractual) from Northwest Management Luke Machtoff and administrative assistant Terri Ann Hedtke.

Luke Machtoff presented a Power Point Presentation for the Pend Oreille County Park Forest Stewardship Plan. (hand out included) Following the presentation there was some discussion. A distinction was made between preservation and conservation. It was noted the plan is on the web site. The goal for the Park is not income driven but to "do it right." Susan Harris of PORTA suggested a press release highlighting the benefits of the Stewardship Plan. Some further discussion on how to present the information at possible public meetings.

Don Comins motioned to approve the Minutes from both June and July, Mark Bender seconded and the minutes were approved. The meeting adjourned to Rustlers Gulch Recreation Area at 3:05, motioned by Don Comins and seconded by Greg Jakeman. (PORTA Executive Director Susan Harris, Park Manager Todd McLaughlin and Pend Oreille County Park Host Mike Peterson did not continue to the field.)

Touring the units identified in the Rustlers Gulch stewardship plan, Luke Machtoff pointed out the work completed to date and the next phases. A very enlightening afternoon. The tour finished up around 5:00pm.