

Park Board regular meeting September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ Cusick Community Center

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

Guests: Pend Oreille River Tourism Alliance (PORTA) Executive Director Susan Harris and Mary Maxfield of Sacheen Lake.

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

In Director Mike Lithgow's absence, Todd McLaughlin facilitated the meeting.

Vice-chair Dave Gruver called the meeting to order at 2:05pm.

Jeanetta Taylor reviewed the Monthly Financial Statement and Revenue Budget Performance Report produced by the Treasurer's Office for the month of August, also the Accounts Payable reports. It was noted there were no unusual expenditures. Further noted, since the installation of the new donation collection station in the Day Use area at the Park, \$128.57 was collected in addition to the monies collected for camping fees.

The Forest Stewardship Plan for the Park was discussed, Mark Bender motioned to recommend approval of the final plan, dated June of 2015, to the Board of County Commissioners, Don Comins seconded, the vote was for unanimous approval.

The October Parks Board meeting will include discussion of the Projects Timetable and Proposed Expenditures. Copies of these items from the Parks Plan were distributed for review.

The topic of disk golf was mentioned, Manager McLaughlin recommended a walk about at the Park to explore possible sites.

Firewood in support of various community service outreach was discussed, one concern being the wood might not be of much use if it is not processed soon.

Parks Manager Todd McLaughlin reviewed his agenda.

- Park host Mike Peterson has requested installation of a yard light at his driveway for security purposes. The installation cost would be \$300.00 and the monthly fee \$8.00. Mike Peterson would be responsible for the monthly fee. There was some little discussion and it was finally decided to re-visit this at the October meeting.
- Geocache event update—one cache has been “disabled” due to close proximity to the fires. Manager McLaughlin has issued 26 coins to date and received many interesting comments. Bottom line, the event has indeed showcased Pend Oreille County. PORTA Director Susan Harris spoke to a Water Trail Geocache event offering funds for additional coins and mentioned the new Kayak Rental business.
- Manager McLaughlin provided a Power Point presentation showing the signs installed at the park, the new dumpster, donation and collection boxes, gates, fire pit built as an Eagle Scout project, Gregg's boat launch repair, which is failing, and docks which appear to have been dumped on public access sites. Further Todd mentioned the planned inventory and mapping of campsites at the Park and working with GIS to create a map.

Member Mark Bender suggested signage for the gates, "Do not block gate."

PORTA Director Susan Harris had a conversation with Gayne Sears of the Forest Service re: Batey Bould. A new person will be coming on board from Colville, who might need to be brought up to date on the facility.

There was some discussion on when to close the Park. It was decided to keep it open until the water would need to be shut off, no later than November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Don Comins motioned to approve the minutes of the August meeting, Mark Bender seconded, the vote was for unanimous approval.

Motion to adjourn 4:10pm.