

Park Board Regular meeting January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 2:00pm County Extension Office meeting room 227 S. Garden Ave, Newport.

Park Board members in attendance: Chairman Dave Gruver District 2, Vice chairman Mark Bender, Treasurer Jeanetta Taylor ist1, Member Don Comins .

Guests: Jim Hudkins, Public Lands Coordinator for the Back Country Horsemen (BCH), and Stuart Neeman, Trail Boss, Maintenance and Construction Coordinator, (BCH).

Pend Oreille County support staff: Community Development Director Greg Snow and administrative assistant Terri Ann Hedtke.

Chairman Gruver called the meeting to order at 2:10pm.

As per the agenda, the minutes of the December meeting were reviewed and approved. Treasurer Taylor reviewed the financial reports provided by the Auditors and Treasurers offices, no unusual expenditures or unexpected revenues were noted.

The next two agenda items addressed the upcoming Tundra Swan Festival, a Pend Oreille Region Tourism Alliance (PORTA)/Kalispeel Tribe event scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup>. Administrative assistant Terri Ann Hedtke, also a PORTA board member, informed the Parks Board the Tribe is hoping to elevate the event into more of an 'expo,' and to that end would like to see representation of a variety of entities. The Parks & Recreation Department could rent a table at the Festival for \$10, further Hedtke has approached Petroglyphs Printing about creating a flyer for distribution, highlighting Parks properties i.e. Pend Oreille County Park, Yocum Lake Wildlife Recreation Area and Sweet Creek Rest Area on one side and the Pend Oreille Parks trail map on the other. Petroglyph could produce 150 such flyers at a cost of \$105 + tax. Member Comins motioned to approve the printing of the flyers, and Jeanetta seconded. Comins motioned to approve the \$10 table rental and Jeanetta seconded, the motion carried. Hedtke has volunteered to be in attendance at the festival to distribute the flyers, noting it is a great opportunity for the Parks, and could segway into a National Trails Day event, highlighting the Pend Oreille County Parks trail system. This led into a discussion of the trail signage at the Park. Hedtke will work with one or more Board members to determine what signs might be needed and a cost estimate to be presented at the next meeting.

Public Works Director Craig Jackson, who has volunteered to facilitate the Parks Comprehensive Plan update, asked that he be allowed to utilize the already scheduled regular Parks Board meeting for his updates. The next scheduled meeting for the Parks Comp Plan update is January 25<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00pm. Subsequent meetings will be held in conjunction with the regular Park Board meetings.

Director Snow shared a meeting he had with Luke Machtoff of Northwest Management re: forest inventories and harvest plans at Rustlers Gulch, the need to reapply for some Department of Natural Resource (DNR) matching funds for pre-commercial thinning, the possibility of American Tree Park status, and fuels reduction, the need to re-apply for a 20-year plan for Sweet Creek, a stewardship plan and Yocum Lake were also addressed. The newly acquired Ashenfelter Bay property was also mentioned, the plan will need to address forest health and shoreline management. Vice chair Bender motioned to allow Northwest Management to proceed with the re-application for the forest stewardship plan at a cost of \$1,950, member Don Comins seconded the vote was for approval.

Stu Neeman of the BCH provided a very comprehensive presentation re: the equestrian camping area and the specific level of support they are committed to deliver. His 11-point list is hereby incorporated by reference. Don Comins motioned Parks allocate up to \$6,500 for Caterpillar rental to be used during construction of the Pend Oreille Park Equestrian Campground, Jeanetta Taylor seconded and the motion to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners carried.

The next regularly scheduled Parks Board meeting will be February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm in the WSU meeting room. As previously noted, a Parks Comprehensive Plan workshop is scheduled for Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm in the WSU meeting room.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35pm.

1. NEBCH will clear brush & small trees in area to expand parking
2. Rent chipper to eliminate brush from clearing <sup>or burn</sup>
3. Contractor estimates 5 days of stump removal and grading work, depending on site conditions after clearing.
4. NEBCH will build perimeter fence w/ small trees & large trees from clearing
5. NEBCH will construct pad for porta potty near water spigot.
6. Parking area will be built to accommodate trucks and trailers to fit site after clearing
7. Rock, ~~log~~ placement to control horse access to trail to Rustlers Gulch
8. Signage for Rustlers Gulch trail provided by NEBCH.
9. Road to campsites within as time & money permits (Phase 1).
10. \$6500 excavation only, NO GRAVEL
11. does county have <sup>local</sup> source?   
 gravel