



# CITY OF West Linn

## Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

### Meeting September 12, 2019

**Members Present:** Stacy Epsteen, Steve Gulgren, John Linman and Steve Miesen

**Staff Present:** Ken Worcester & Ken Warner

**Council Liaison:** Councilor Sakelik

**Guests:** William Wilkins, Tom Meier, Tim Catlin

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm

1. Introductions:
2. Approval of Tonight's Agenda:  
John made a motion that was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve to approve agenda. Motion passed.
3. Approval of Summary Notes
  - a. None
4. Community Comments:
  - a. Bill Wilkins – Introducing a new Adopt A Park group at Wilderness Park to the Board. Partnering with Rosemont Summit Neighborhood Association and Solve to build participation. 1<sup>st</sup> volunteer scheduled event is September 28<sup>th</sup>. Initial focus is invasive species removal and trail improvements. Stacy has met with group leadership. City coordinating with other groups to support all Adopt A Park groups. Conversation on bikes on trails in the park.
  - b. Tom Meier- WL Pickle ball club Ambassador – Mr. Meier discussed the fitness court as a “boondoggle, lack of project management and leadership in Parks & Recreation Department”, personally attacked the management staff. Mr. Meier expressed his concern that the covered pickle ball project has not moved forward even though he provided 3 bids and only a Pre Application meeting has been accomplished.

Ken Worcester explained that Tom had provided 3 concepts for a covered court but none of them are complete as they do not include all items necessary. Land use is required for the project, Level 1 Design review. Items to consider are prevailing wage, building codes, life expectancy, visual impacts and noise to adding new amenity to park, etc.

Conversation on the number of projects parks has for this Go Bond and each project has supporters that want accomplished first.

The Board asked Tom to provide input as to which structure is option #1 and #2 for the pickle ball community/club.

5. Items of Interest from the Board –
  - a. None



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### 6. Park Master Plan Update

- a. Recent Public Hearing was continued to date certain, October 14<sup>th</sup>, due to noticing error. At the Public Hearing City Council did tentatively approve the Master Plan as part of the motion. This was a process issue and not necessarily a plan issue.

Councilor Sakelik expressed that it is important to follow the correct process.

### 7. Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan

- a. Ken Worcester explained that with a lot of concern to review the existing plan as the Department manages 400+ acres of woods. City can coordinate with TVFR and Oregon Dept. of Forestry and have discussion on prioritizing. Currently Parks Dept. has \$25,000 budgeted this fiscal year for open space and almost ½ of this funding is gone already from hazard tree removal/pruning. The Dept. does work to leverage money with other groups like NW Youth Corp etc.

Some of the areas are not accessible and may be the most threatened. Need to do mapping, identify costs/volunteer efforts and possibilities. As an example, in 2012-16 the county paid \$3,000 an acre.

John mentioned that Mary S Young was mapped and trees identified were taken down. Stacy mentioned that this shows the value of the Adopt A Park program.

### 8. Other Project Updates

- a. Sunset Park – 70% complete – expected completion mid-October
- b. Sahallie Ilahee – awaiting concrete contractor availability – end of October right now.
- c. Mary S Young – Drainage, irrigation replacement, large drain pipe going in now.
- d. Hammerle Hazard Trees – Completed, next is concrete borders for play area
- e. Fields Bridge – Shelter & pathways completed – irrigation and seeding done
- f. National Fitness Campaign – Launch Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 10am

Upcoming projects

- g. Pre Application meetings held for:
  - i. McLean House shelter
  - ii. Tanner Creek - Covered Pickle ball court
  - iii. Robinwood Station
    - 1. Off-site not required is a big change from past pre-apps.
- h. Skyline Ridge Park– Met with NA And issues with location of restroom remain
- i. Willamette Park – continuing project and partnering on funding with WL Softball
- j. Fields Bridge – Gardeners want to rebuild shed and share cost 50%/50%
- k. Recreation Coordinator interviews to replace retirement in July

### 9. Community Comment Wrap-Up

- a. None

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm



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