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Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Meeting August 20, 2020

APPROVED

Members Present: Mary Baumgardner, Stacy Epsteen, John Linman, Todd Olson, Sarah Silvernail and Eleanor Wynn

Staff Present: Ken Warner & Tarra Wiencken

Council Liaison: Richard Sakelik and Jules Walters-Alternate

Guests: Jane Forbes, Jeffrey Bernasconi, Tom Meier and Doug Vokes

Meeting called to order at 6:01pm

1. Introductions: All Board Members and Council
2. Approval of Tonight's Agenda: Stacy made a motion to move agenda item 6 to 10 tonight, John second, motion passed.
3. Approval of Summary Notes
 - a. Approved July 9, 2020 with additions to Item 5-c from Mary Baumgardner about support from WNA and WOS for Natural Playground Elements.
4. Community Comments:
 - a. Jane Forbes, addressed a letter that was sent to the PRAB about the pickleball courts at Skyline Ridge Park. The court orientation, drainage and a land use study were all brought up.
 - b. Jeffrey Bernasconi talked about the pickleball courts at Skyline Ridge Park, they have caused 79 days of pain to his family. The wooden paddle has an increased pitch. He said pickleball was never on their neighborhood agenda. Asked if the citizens want this? Wants the pickleball courts removed immediately. Mentioned the GoBond for the Restroom is \$75,000.
 - c. Tom Meier said he did not know about the pickleball courts at Skyline Ridge Park. Questioned the \$150,000 that parks spent. Wants roundup removed from all the parks, wants it banned tonight. Tom said the City of Eugene has banned it.
5. Items of Interest from the Board:
 - a. John and Mary asked about discussions with pickleball, they are an agenda item for tonight.
6. White Oak Savanna Nature Play Re-Design Process
 - a. The Grant states that there is no obligation to build a playground at WOS. SONA would still like a playground even though they were told that the grant didn't require one.
 - b. Stacy asked if it should be left as it is and add a restroom and use the money to maintain the trails. John likes the playground design but thinks WOS might not be the right location for it. Possibly look for another park in the city. Sarah asked if there might be a better spot too, maybe redo some other established parks like Hammerle. Mary would like an option that is not as expensive and some interpretive signage could be added in WOS, also asked about the rock at Mary S. Young.



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- c. Ken talked about what SONA sent about what they support (8 items). KPFF Engineering – required ADA parking with play area installed would be approximately \$150,000. It would cost approximately \$200,000-\$300,000 total cost to put in a smaller playground, pathways and required parking.
 - d. If a porta potty was placed it needs to have easy access for servicing/cleaning.
 - e. Todd asked what is missing with this process. Ken reached out to Learning Landscape to discuss how we get to a point where everyone’s needs are met. Mary asked about the current budget, it was originally at \$600,000 as of today there is a total \$225,000 in SDC funds available city wide.
 - f. John mentioned that it is a challenge to go out to the public to get approval, he would like to do nothing right now. Mary wants to move forward with a scaled down playground, Sarah agrees as long as the whole community is involved. Todd hears there is support of moving forward with a scaled down playground worries about the community engagement at this time.
 - g. Sarah made a motion that was 2nd by Mary “We, the Parks and Recreational Parks Board Advisory Committee, recommend to proceed with a scaled down version of the play area at Savannah Oaks as created by our consultants. We appreciate the input from the Savannah Oaks Neighborhood Association but do not feel that this should come from one party or neighborhood association. When decided, this will be shared to all West Linn citizens as a whole as well as all neighborhood associations. Motion passed – Eleanor Wynn Abstained
7. Park Rules-Bikes on trails
- a. MSY has chipped trails and they are narrow in some areas. Not too many bikes because there are too many people on the trails. John recommends bikes on paved trails only.
 - b. Todd said this is a chance to educate about bikes on trails. Rules need to be clear. How to discourage bikes on trails?
 - c. Eleanor asked what else we can offer to young kids if trails in parks are not an option.
 - d. Eleanor made a motion to have an educational sign at Wilderness Park that discourages bikes on trails. John second, motion passed. Wording will be sent out to the Board.
8. Skyline Ridge Park Noise Discussion:
- a. John, Mary and Sarah visited the pickleball courts at Skyline Ridge while people were playing and did say that it is loud.
 - b. Acoustic walls are an option for noise and would cost about \$8000.
 - c. Sarah made a motion 2nd by John “The Parks and Recreational Board recommends that the pickle ball nets be removed immediately (21 August 2020) and until further notice given noise complaints and respect for the neighborhoods. Noise abatement will be explored while other sites are explored and considered in the interim. Motion passed
 - d. Council Liaison Sakelik advised that the Board can direct this to occur without going to City Council.
9. Parks Project Updates: Emailed to Board



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10. Elect Board Chair: John nominated Stacy. Sarah nominated Stacy. Sarah motioned to have Stacy be chair for next term, John second. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm