

# *Kelso Parks & Recreation Department*

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## **Park Board Meeting**

September 16, 2010

### **Call to Order:**

Scott DeRosier called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at City of Kelso City Hall Council Chambers, 203 S. Pacific Ave.

### **Those present were as follows:**

#### **Park Board Members**

Scott DeRosier

Bob Smith

Jerry Phillips

#### **Staff**

Tim Mackin, Park Superintendent

Stephanie Helem, City of Kelso

Excused Absence: Pamela Jo Enbusk

#### **Also in attendance:**

Gary Schimmel, City of Kelso Council Member

Rick Roberson, City of Kelso Council Member

### **Approval of Minutes:**

**MOTION:** Jerry Phillips made the motion, seconded by Bob Smith to approve the minutes of June 17, 2010.

Motion carried, all in favor.

### **Business:**

1. **New Park Board Member** – Park Board Position No. 1 is currently vacant as James Webb is now a City Council Member. There was a general discussion on the need to fill this position and suggestions on possible candidates. The position has been advertised with no response.
2. **Cowlitz River Trail Plan** –Tim Mackin gave a presentation on the Cowlitz River Trail Plan. Vision is to gain access and connect bike, walking, running trails from Castle Rock area to Woodland area. Each jurisdiction will need their Park Boards approval to take to City Council and create a resolution to add to 10 year Parks Program. Upon Kelso's Park Board approval presentation and resolution would be on the agenda for the October 5, 2010 City of Kelso Council Meeting. Paul with Pathway and Gayle with the County were not present.

**MOTION:** Jerry Phillips made the motion, seconded by Bob Smith: "Pass this onto the Council so they can adopt the resolution to follow through". Motion carried, all in favor.

3. **Tam O'Shanter Park**

- a. Highlander Festival was a huge success. Approximately 5,000 people attended. More vendors and competitive games than in years past.

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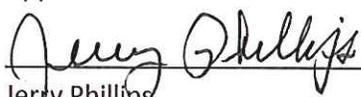
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- b. Rister Parking Lot Small Island Ideas – One small island left by the minor field. Suggested the possibility of getting an Eagle Scout involved.
  - c. Bob Smith had questions regarding the annual \$2,500 fee from the Watering Agreement between Babe Ruth and the City of Kelso.
  - d. New Batting Cage placement. Bob Smith suggested area by the dike, area by the beach volleyball nets, or parking lot behind centerfield. General discussion followed. Parking lot behind centerfield better may be the better option. Share with Kelso High School? Does it fit into Master Plan? Needs to be aesthetically appealing.
4. AT & T/Verizon Towers – Tim Mackin
- a. AT & T wireless tower is completed. City has received three monthly lease payments.
  - b. Verizon wireless tower contract has been signed. Contractor has not yet contacted Tim Mackin with construction start date. Tim Mackin to meet with Bob Smith to discuss specifics on light pole by Rister Stadium.
5. Rotary Spray Park – Tim Mackin
- a. Spray Park is closed for the season. Several apparatus pieces, buckets, and guns broken.
  - b. Have received several positive comments about shade covers. Possibly add more prior to Spray Park opening next year.
  - c. Discussed Maddie Thornton monies for new play equipment for a small children's playground. \$15,000 left in budget. Matching funds?
6. Rotary Skate Park Update –
- a. New Rotary Park sign placement. New fabricated garbage can with concrete base has been installed.
  - b. Restrooms at Skate Park are in poor condition.
  - c. Rick Roberson discussed possibilities of bringing "curb appeal" to the skate park. He has spoken to the Rotary Club and there are funds available, however, they would need to see a plan before funds would be distributed. Scott DeRosier suggested Rick approach David with Brittell Architecture with his vision and see if David would be willing to contribute his time and design ideas for this cause. David Brittell had collaborated with the Willis boys in designing the Tam O'Shanter Park sign for their senior project.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Approved:

  
Jerry Phillips

  
Tim Mackin