



Clackamas County Parks Advisory Board
Tuesday Sept 20, 2022
Barton Park at 6:00pm

PAB Members Present: Rob Smoot, Walter Hull, Louise Lopes, Mark Elliot, Thomas Hester, Dana Hindman-Allen, Morgan Parks, Eric Pfeiffer-Robinson

Staff Present: Tom Riggs, Sandy Weijland, Thomas Gray, Mark Shaw

Guests Present: Commissioner Mark Shull, Oksana Bell

I. Call to Order

Rob S called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm

II. Citizen Input

- 1) Tom R spoke about the Milo McIver State Park fire earlier this month and how it affected Metzler Park; having to evacuate campers late in the night as Metzler Park was in the evacuation zone. Refunds were processed for campers who had to shorten their stay.

III. Meeting Minutes

Mark E made the motion to approve the August 2022 minutes; seconded by Louise L. Approval was unanimous. Rob S abstained from voting as he was not present at the August meeting.

IV. Timber Sale Advisory Committee Appointment

Tom R explained that there is a Forestry timber sale in the near future. The Timber Sale Advisory Committee is formed of five members: two from the Forest Advisory Board, two from the Parks Advisory Board, and one citizen. Louise L is one PAB member on the TSAC, so there is one opening. A discussion followed regarding the purpose and time commitment to serving on the TSAC. Louise L confirmed that there is little time commitment: a tour of the sale property, and a meeting or two. The sale is in the Wildcat area with about 1 million board feet harvested and bringing in about \$250,000 profit. Those funds will aid County Parks in grant matching for capital projects. Mark E nominated Eric P-R for the 2nd PAB member on the TSAC; the vote was unanimous.

V. Administrative Updates – Tom R

1. PAB Letter of Support – 2nd attempt on Feyrer project - COG
Tom R read a letter addressed to ORPD for a 2nd attempt at the County Opportunity Grant for the Feyrer repaving project. The letter was unanimously approved for presentation to the state.

2. Barton Event Center – Tom R

The Routson Pavilion tent (where the meeting was held) is showing its age. The framework is original and the canvas was replaced in 2018, having several good years left. Each spring & fall the tent is set up and taken down, expending considerable time and money. It is proposed that a permanent building replace the tent. An event center building is included in Phase I of the Barton Master Plan and could start construction in 1.5 to 2 years. A permanent building would enable year-round event reservations and would generate more rental revenue than the current tent. The initial idea for the structure is a barn-style structure with rolled glass doors (garage door style to allow air circulation and can also be rolled up in flooding situations). PAB member ideas include a bride prep area (including vanity and a bar!) with its own restroom separate from a guest restroom, a kitchenette, photo opportunity aesthetics, a river rock fireplace, and obtaining corporate sponsorship to help in funding the facility. Mark E mentioned that Portland State University has a Master's design program that looks for public agency projects. Also entertain events such as live music events, and farmer's markets.

3. Other

- a) There are donation boxes placed at the undeveloped properties of Wilhoit Springs and Wagon Wheel. Wilhoit Springs produced \$271 in donations, whereas Wagon Wheel brought in \$1.37 in donations.
- b) Parks staff toured the Tickle Creek property on Mon Sep 19 and engaged in discussions with the Stone family about the feasibility and conditions.
- c) Walter H gave kudos to the seasonal staff for doing a great job in the parks. Walter also mentioned that the Disabled Veteran/Active Military on Leave discount could be more prominent on the park brochures.

VI. Park Updates – Mark S

1. Project Updates

- a) Barton Park East loop paving is out to bid; still projected to start in October
- b) Barton Park well system is getting redesigned
- c) New septic systems being installed in Eagle Fern and Barton Parks starting on Oct 17
- d) Boones Ferry dock replacement: we're waiting for construction plans to come in
- e) Metzler Park's disc golf course: the lower 9 holes are almost complete, the baskets need to be installed. It's a family-friendly course that will be put to good use.

2. Operational Updates

- a) Because of not having full staffing throughout the summer, we are able to keep the Lead seasonals on through mid-Oct to help with projects. It provides staff development opportunities to train in plumbing, winterizing, etc to inspire them to return next year.

3. Emergency Plan

- a) Walter H provided this great idea to create an Emergency Plan to provide information to staff on what to do in an emergency such as vehicle accidents, lost child, etc. Who to call, what breakers or pumps need to be turned off, evacuation zones, etc. There will be tabs for plumbing, electrical, etc. for quick access. Mark S has been using a GPS locator in the parks to pinpoint and map important items, such as shut-off valves.

4. Other

- a) Thomas H asked about the Hebb docks and when they are scheduled to be removed for the winter, as ODFW is forecasting a robust Coho run through the 3rd week of October. Mark S said they are planned to be removed before the first high water arrives.

Next Parks Advisory Board meeting for October 18: Hybrid meeting. An option to either meet in-person meeting at DSB, or join via Zoom. Links will be sent out.

VIII Adjournment

Walter H made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Thomas H. The meeting was ended unanimously at 7:25pm

Next meeting: October 18, 2022, 6:00 pm in Room 401, Development Service Building, 150 Beaver Creek Rd, Oregon City.