



**Clackamas County Parks Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes, Tuesday May 17, 2022  
Via Zoom Webinar @ 6:00 pm**

Members Present: Justin Ostrander, Mike Ferrell, Mark Elliott, Tom Hester, Walter Hull, Louise Lopes, Don Morgan, Chad Parker, Eric Pfeiffer-Robinson, Rob Smoot

Members Absent: Dana Hindman-Allen, Morgan Parks

Staff Present: Tom Riggs, Mark Shaw, Barb Guthrie, Thomas Gray

Guests Present: Gordon Tolbert, Total Golf Management

**I. Call To Order**

Justin Ostrander called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm

**II. Citizen Input and Correspondence**

- a. Tom Riggs reported on some customer feedback. This comes from Google Reviews; Carver Park is a good, safe and clean park to have lunch on the river bank; good family outing-five stars. Eagle Fern Park has the best “grandma friendly” trails; Family loves Feyrer Park; Metzler Park a great place for family, very clean. And one about Barton Park being able to better manage traffic on peak days with access to the river.

**III. Meeting Minutes**

Justin called for a motion to approve the minutes from April 19, 2022; Walter so motioned, Louise second the motion, minutes were approved by the PAB.

**IV. Stone Creek Update – Gordon Tolbert**

- Continuing to have a great golf season.
- Numbers are still right on budget; we are about \$300K ahead on the year
- Had an All Staff meeting for the first time in 2 years and 60 staff members attended
- Tournament numbers are very high with 7000 tournament rounds booked for the year. 24+ players is considered a tournament.
- Trail signs are in the works, but the sign company has supply chain issues as well; we will get back to you when the damaged ones are replaced.
- On the pond project; redid scope of the bid amount that was sent to procurement. Hoping for a late September or early October start date.

**V. Administrative Updates – Tom Riggs**

- Barton Well: Bids on this project came in significantly higher than our estimated costs. The bid came in \$110,000 over our project estimate. After some department wide discussions, DTD mentioned that they have a well at their stockpile at Barton Park that we could use. Mark has been working with vendors on the drawdown tests to see if that well would meet our needs, and test revealed that it does. The well is already drilled down to the deep aquifer that we were planning on targeting. We are now working on formalizing an agreement with DTD.

This partnership will be a great saving on our capital budget. I am working on some kind of shifting of these dollars to other priority expenditures. Also working on financing some new field

ranger positions. However, we are still looking at implementing some of the basic service reductions we talked about at the last meeting. Like reducing mowing where we can, reducing porta potties rentals and some other baseline services.

Other priorities to address from the capital savings from the well project is replacing our 10 year old diesel dump truck due to its age, which we can no longer license. Also our loader backhoe needs notable repairs, so we are considering converting over to a package of basically one tons and mini excavators instead of the 10 yard dump truck/loader backhoe.

We are 6 weeks from the end of the fiscal year and so it's a question of what can we get through procurement in time to spend the money this fiscal year. The county is talking about sweeping any remaining general fund balances, so we need to focus on spending what we have now.

## **VI. Park Updates – Mark Shaw**

- Seasonal Hiring: Hiring is going well, much improved over last year. Currently we have about 50% spots hired. The pay increase seems to have helped with recruitment but our wages are still under what Metro parks pay. We are working with HR to speed up the hiring process so we can get new hires into the parks ASAP.
- Spring Projects:
  - At Barton, we are working on replacing old and busted curbing.
  - Completed a little trail for river access at Barton. Ran 2000+ feet of water line for a new waterline that did not have to go under the road saving time and costs.
  - NW College of Construction has been working out at Metzler on repairs to limit the water damage to the Metzler office.
  - Mapping out the old stumps on our properties and working on removing them. Will need grinders to take care of the stumps.
  - Fixing the overflow drain at Barton for our retention ponds.
  - Resurfacing the floors in the Barton restrooms.
  - The ramps to the docks at Hebb will not be installed for the next month due to the high water at the park and the need to remove debris at the ramp and under one of the docks.
  - Septic system upgrades at Meltzer will be completed in the fall, after the season ends.

## **VII. Summer Tours**

- Our first tour is scheduled to at Boones Ferry Marina on June 21.
- July we will visit Stone Creek Golf Course.
- August we will visit Feyrer Park

So after discussing the process of getting folks out, we have learned that we can take folks out in a van as long as you wear your masks in the vehicle. We will meet up at the park's office on Beaver creek Rd at 4:50 pm and depart at 5:00. For those who wish to travel in their own cars- just arrive at the location by 5:30- van will be there at that time as well. We will have dinner then, and at 6:00 pm the meeting and tour will begin. Louise suggested that we add a fourth tour for September.

## **VIII. Good of the Order**

PAB members discussed the need for volunteers at the Parks, and suggested we get the County Commissioners to come out and see what happens on a busy weekend. Some members offered to volunteer. There are some limitations as to what a volunteer can do, like work in the financial system, run equipment, etc.

## **IX. Adjournment**

Justin called for adjournment at 7:25 pm—Walter so motioned, Louise second.