



**Clackamas County Parks Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes, Tuesday February 15, 2022
Via Zoom Webinar @ 6:00 pm**

Members Present: Justin Ostrander, Mike Ferrell, Mark Elliott, Dana Hindman-Allen, Walter Hull, Louise Lopes, Chad Parker, Eric Pfeiffer-Robinson, Rob Smoot

Members Absent: Tom Hester, Don Morgan, Morgan Parks

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

Guests Present: Mike Turley, Total Golf Management

I. Call To Order

Justin Ostrander called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm

II. Citizen Input & Correspondence

Mark Shaw has been working with park staff on taking over the Google process of review for our properties, which then drives these reviews on Google directly to parks so we are able to see what is going on out in the parks, see customer satisfaction or concerns, and can then maintain correct hours and addresses on those sites.

III. Meeting Minutes

Justin called for a motion to approve the minutes from January 18, 2022; Walter so motioned, Dana second the motion, minutes were approved by the PAB.

IV. Stone Creek Update – Mike Turley

- January was a great month for revenue and February is off to a great start as well. Weather has been favorable for playing golf.
- New nets are holding up very well, snow did not do any damage to them.
- Walk in Cooler is done and is much more efficient than the old cooler.
- The course is in great shape regardless of the weather challenges.
- We were voted number five in the state for 2022 golf courses by NBC.
- Question was asked about tracking where players are from. There is no formal structure for that, but they do keep addresses from those you supply them, most patrons just leave their phone numbers. Would be interesting to track out of state players.

V. Budget Updates – Tom Riggs

- Recommended fee increases discussed and approved at our last meeting will be submitted for consideration this month.
- I was asked about projecting out for future fee increases. Looking at a 5% fee increase every two years. Or if the PAB thinks it would be better to do incremental increases based on cost of living adjustments. Rob suggested that the increases should be every other year or every 5 years when considering printing flyers and website to reflect the fee changes. Tom was thinking every two years. PAB will revisit this topic on an annual basis.
- Capital projects list for the proposed budget;
- Carver caretaker house needs roofing and siding repairs.
- Barton Park bathroom building door repairs.

- Seeking design work for a new permanent Barton pavilion structure to replace the tent.
- New dock at Boones Ferry Marina.
- Feyrer paving project which would also expand the parking space.
- Barton East campground paving.
- Permanent gates at Barton for traffic control and security.
- Well work and water line upgrade at Barton.
- Crack sealing the Barton boat ramp.
- Work on fencing at the Feyrer caretaker's house.
- Eric suggested signing bonus to attract seasonal workers, however, the county cannot do that. We ended up with about 65% of our seasonal positions filled.

VI. Naming Request and Policy Update – Tom Riggs

Tom reviewed the policy which he had brought before PAB concerning how names for park facilities and park properties. We have learned that there are more steps to policy adoption, first submitted to a review committee at the county before final approval by the BCC. Naming authority rests with the BCC after recommendation from that committee. Carver Boat Ramp is one naming issue that has come up. The land the Boat Ramp sits on is actually owned by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, but managed by us. ODFW is willing to work with us on the renaming. We are working with the county for Parks to name park facilities and recreation areas, with naming of whole park property or land holdings would still reside with the BCC.

A question came up about naming criteria and how it might relate to a memorial donation.

For naming criteria, things like geography, natural features, and people who have made significant contributions to the county park. The policy implies that money is not one of the considerations for naming, but it doesn't specifically state you can't buy the name of a park. We are also working on a separate policy for named memorials in the parks, i.e., benches, etc.

VII. Park Updates – Mark Shaw

Mark reviewed the results of the 2021 customer survey for parks. A quick synopsis.

- Kept our parks clean and safe throughout all sorts of health and weather challenges
- Fully staffing parks in the summer months was a serious issue.
- Ice storm damage was extensive.
- We found efficiencies and implemented new procedures and will be used moving forward.
- Had very positive response to parks as a great place to hold an event.
- Staff reviews were very high.
- There were 20 questions and we received 635 responses.
- Over all, the parks did a great job for our customers.
- Roughly one third of the respondents are from outside of the region.
- There were no consistent criticisms about problems or deficiencies in the survey results

Eric had a few suggestions and concerns out at the parks.

- The hiking trail map for Eagle Fern Park needs to be improved with additional improvements to the trail.
- Knightsbridge need some serious grounds work.
- When visiting the Madrone Wall, a boulder fell off the cliff.
- Mark indicated that parks have purchased a new GPS unit and mapping software and will be addressing the trail map at Eagle Fern. Oregon Trail Keepers have been working out at the park.

Winter Projects:

- Water line at Barton Park in picnic/day use area.
- GPS mapping

- Reviewing tree situations, removing hazard issues
- Maintenance repair work on caretaker buildings
- Our partnership with the Northwest College of Construction continues; they now have a carpentry crew which will assist with the repairs to the Metzler office and upgrades to the Barton shop as well as some septic work at Eagle Fern.
- Hoodland Park District update; the potential ballot measure for Hoodland Park District to be formed, up near Welches, if they are successful in forming a park district, the Dorman Center property would become part of the park district.

VIII. Good of the Order

Eric welcomes our new PAB member, Chad Parker

IV. Adjournment

Justin called for adjournment at 7:21 pm—Rob so motioned, Dana second.