



Clackamas County Parks Advisory Board  
Tuesday July 19, 2022  
Stone Creek Golf Club at 6:00pm

PAB Members Present: Vice-Chair Mike Ferrell, Don Morgan, Rob Smoot, Dana Hindman-Allen, Walter Hull, Louise Lopes, Mark Elliot

Guests Present: Mike Turley of Stone Creek Golf Club

Staff Present: Tom Riggs, Sandy Weijland

I. Call to Order

Mike F called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm

II. Citizen Input

- 1) Tom R said that Parks has received several complaints regarding the Springwater Trail and the overgrowth encroaching the trail. Rob S confirmed that he has seen areas where there is only 3 feet of pavement visible. Though the City of Portland owns the trail, Clackamas County Parks has maintained the 2.3-mile stretch between Dee St and Rugg Rd. Parks is in the process of contracting a landscaper; work could begin as early as next week.

III. Meeting Minutes

Don Morgan made the motion to approve the June 2022 minutes; seconded by Louise L. Approval was unanimous.

IV. Business

1. Stone Creek Golf Club – Mike Turley

Mike T gave a report on the golf course. There are new nets and the staging is busy. Golfing started picking up in June. The 2.75-mile trail is used year-round, rain or shine. Walter H suggested more signage on Hwy 213, i.e. "One mile to ..." Mike F has noticed that the golf course lies in a migratory corridor for birds. He was wondering if the mission statement can be revised to include wildlife protection. Mike F also asked if SCGC is suitable for PGA tournaments. Mike T said that SCGC is about 800 yds short of a pro course. (Pro courses are about 7700 yds, whereas SCGC is 6900 yds)

2. Budget – Tom R

- a. We are now in the new Fiscal Year. There were some projects in FY 21/22 that did not get completed and there were some projects completed early.
- b. The Board of County Commissioners have given the go ahead for the new county courthouse. A private company will build the courthouse and the county will pay \$4M/year. Mark E mentioned that it will be about 30 years before the county owns the courthouse.
- c. Mike F asked what the amount of general fund that county Parks receive. Tom R said it is \$215K, which is about 6% of our budget. Mark E asked if that amount is a decision made by the BCC or the County Administrator, Gary Schmidt. Tom R said

he did not know that answer. Rob pointed out that the revenue from park fees should stay in the parks. Though the county can “take back” what they give in from the general fund, they shouldn’t touch the park fee revenue.

3. Staffing – Tom R

- a. The FT Park Ranger position has been posted. This will fill a spot that has been vacant since 2011. The plan (once two Parks Maintenance Coordinators Ben & Victor retire at the end of the year) is to divide the parks into two areas: north and south. There will be a Park Maintenance Coordinator and a Park Ranger in each area. The revenue from the new Non-Resident Camping fee will pay for the 4<sup>th</sup> FT position; as we will be increasing from three FT field employees to four.
- b. We currently have 20 out of the ideal crew of 35 seasonals. Walter H pointed out that he was pleased to see more females working in the parks. There has been an increase in the number of females working in the park over the years.

4. Park Update – Tom R

- a. Lately, the weather has been warmer mid-week and cooler on the weekends, which is favorable for staff in the parks. Sandy W compiled a comparison of June 2021 to June 2022. June 2022 is about \$80K lower in revenue than last June. Attendance has started to increase. Parks have implemented reduced services, such as less frequent mowing, closing the ticket booth, and replacing multiple garbage bins with one large dumpster.

VIII Adjournment

- a. Mike F adjourned the meeting at 7:08 pm; approval was unanimous.

After the adjournment, Tom R led PAB members on a golf cart tour around the golf course.

Next meeting: August 16, 2022 at Feyrer Park, dinner provided