



Parks & Recreation Commission

4:00 P.M.

June 26, 2013

*Minutes to be approved on 08/28/13*

CALL TO ORDER: Brent Erickson

Present: Eunice Abrahamsen, Juli Bradley, Randy Curtis, David Gast,  
Tim Hazen and Cassi Marshall

Excused: Steve Lorenz

Staff Present: Jerry Acheson, Susan Newlove and Denis Ryan

A motion was made by Curtis, seconded by Bradley, and carried that minutes of the general meeting of April 24, 2013, be approved as written.

#### **LACAMAS LAKE LODGE UPDATE**

Jerry Acheson stated that City Council has accepted a bid for the Lacamas Lake Lodge project from JWC Construction and a pre-construction meeting will be held on Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. Construction for this project is expected to last approximately 210 days and a ground-breaking ceremony will be held on Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at the site.

Acheson distributed copies of the current rules and regulations for the Camas Community Center and requested that the board members review them prior to the next meeting. Acheson stated that the only substantial change made should be within the rate structure. In response to Curtis, Acheson stated that the new rate structure will apply only to Lacamas Lake Lodge.

#### **OTHER ITEMS**

**Louis Bloch Field** – Erickson stated that Babe Ruth League and Camas Little League cannot come to an agreement on the usage of Louis Bloch field. Representatives from both organizations approached the Parks board in February 2010 and were asked to work out a schedule between the two leagues.

Erickson stated that a representative from each organization will attend the Parks board meeting in August. In response to Bradley, Erickson stated that the park was deeded to the City of Camas by Louis Bloch in 1941 and the deed states that it should only be used as a recreational usage facility but does not specify usage by Babe Ruth only. In response to Curtis, Erickson stated that the two organizations should be working together on field scheduling and usage. Acheson stated that the Parks Board specified usage times for Goot Park field and Hazen recommended letting the organizations know that we have

the authority to do so but would prefer not to. In response to Bradley, Ryan stated that Camas Little League has made several improvements at Forest Home Park.

**Memorial Day event at the Camas Cemetery** – Abrahamsen stated that the Friends of the Camas Cemetery purchased bark dust and paid for cookies and flowers too. They received several donations and had 26 volunteers help out for the Memorial Day weekend event.

**Fallen Leaf Lake Park** – Hazen's been asked why the second gate is locked during daylight hours at Fallen Leaf Park. Erickson stated that it remains locked to prevent vandalism and unlocked only when the park is reserved. Hazen stated that someone's response was that this is a city-owned park and it seems unfair for disabled pedestrians. Bradley stated that the locked gate is for resource protection but wonders if it's offensive to pedestrians. Hazen added that this park is an asset and pedestrians feel they are being denied access. Erickson stated that this is the first he's heard about the gate issue and Curtis stated that he understands people questioning it but suggests taking things slowly since the vandalism issue is so critical to our parks. He added that we can revisit the policy if we continue to get criticism on this issue. Acheson stated that once the rental season is over, the gate and restrooms remain locked and the power is shut off for winterizing.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m.