

## Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Oct. 3, 2013 Ocean Pines Community Center East Room

7pm

Board Liaison; Terri Mohr

Present; John Wetzelsberger, Marie Gilmore, Don Pellicano, Tim McMullen, Sonya Bounds

Chair; Roy Foreman

Secretary; Tres Denk

Guests; Bob Abele, Betty Thompson, of the Environmental Committee, Jerry Avetta, Facility Manager

Next Meeting; Dec.3, 2013 7pm Ocean Pines Community Center

### **I. Announcements**

Roy Introduced guests, Environmental Committee to share details on ponds. Jerry to explain Capital Improvement Plan

### **II. Old Business**

Roy let us know Kiwanis will look into adopt a park program for Somerset Park.

Sonya let us know the playing fields there are in the best condition. She explained the grass planting they have done. Need to improve the parking by removing trees in the parking lot. 109 soccer players this season

Tres Bike Trail Report

Bainbridge needs permission for 3<sup>rd</sup> phase. Second Phase is started Phase one nearly complete.

Goal is to be ready in April for a bike event.

No directional signs for Robinhood trail yet.

We need a plan for the Library Bike Trail.

Tres asked about Adopt a park reports. They are to be sent to Sonya and Roy directly monthly.

Terri let us know the letters of support for the gym floor and security concerns were received by the BOD.

The floor is a go, GM asked for additional bid on security cameras for community center.

### **III. New Business**

Terri proposed putting info in the newsletter about the trail project. We want to get more people involved and this would be a good way to get more attention. We will wait until trails are built and ready before promoting the trail. A meeting about biking in the community should be promoted with the news letter.

Don asked about late season use of Beach Club Bath House. Terri answered that the days have been extended after Labor Day and hours are until 5pm. This will be discussed before next summer.

**Jerry Aveta** Handed out the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) 2015-2024, for replacing old equipment, buildings etc. and for adding ideas for the Master Plan. Jerry is gathering info. The purpose is to link requirements with funding. This will explain the course of action to get "Community Needs" into the process. First requirement is a vision statement. The second hand out has more info on the Draft Document CIP Requirements.

Jerry asked for specific needs to be prioritized for budget. Priorities are the community's physical safety and well being and community security.

Terri brought up connecting the community with trails as an example.

John reminded us that cost estimates will always be needed.

May 1 projects that are funded start to get completed.

Small projects less than \$1000 can be approved without BOD approval by GM.

Our existing projects are, the mulch for all playground equipment, gym floor, and Ball Field lights at Manklin Creek Park. In addition we need lights/electric for the walking path in Whitehorse Park, Life Rings for the ponds, and a band shelter and bathrooms for veterans' memorial park.

**Betty Thompson** reported on Bainbridge Park. She has concerns about access for pedestrians. The gravel for the road is hard to use with a stroller. The road is too small and the connection promotes use as a short cut. She asked if the pond is part of the storm water management system. She mentioned the parks seclusion made her feel unsafe. We could clean the pond to make the park a nicer place. She contacted Roman from Coastal Bays and is looking for volunteers, local scouts etc. to help clean pond. How much can public works do?

### **IV. Actions**

Marie will follow up on ADA compliance for parks.

Tres should contact Ed Wells about phase 3 of Bainbridge Park. Also finishing stone dust trails close to pond. Ask about the concerns with pond quality.\

Tres will work on Robinhood Trail Directional signs.

Tres will accept the request to have our committee attend Environmental Committee meeting Oct.15, 2013 at 2pm.

Sonya will provide info. For our CIP

We postponed our next meeting until Dec.3<sup>nd</sup> 7 pm