

City of Selah  
Parks & Recreation Board Minutes  
July 11, 2016

Regular Meeting  
Selah Council Chambers  
115 West Naches Avenue  
Selah, WA 98942

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Baranowski called the meeting to order at 5:04pm.

B. ROLL CALL

Members Present: John Baranowski; Tony Creach; Eric Neumeyer; Diane Underwood

Members Absent: Bill Callahan; Derick Moudy; Dan Smith

Staff Present: Ty Jones, Public Works Utility Supervisor; David Mullen, Recreation Manager; Monica Lake, Executive Assistant

Guests: Don Wayman, City Administrator

C. REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 2, 2016 MEETING

**Board Member Creach moved, and Board Member Neumeyer seconded, approval of the May 2, 2016 minutes as written. By voice vote, support was unanimous.**

D. COMMUNICATIONS                      None

E. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Fundraisers at City Parks

Recreation Manager Mullen requested the advice of the Board regarding whether to allow someone to rent a park and charge admission for people to use the parking lot. Discussion followed, with the consensus that parks can be rented for picnics and private get-togethers, but not for one hundred percent usage of a park. They agreed that non-profits could charge admission to the space they are renting for non-city sponsored events, but cannot restrict people from using the rest of the park during that time. Discussion regarding rental fee increases postponed to the next meeting.

**Board Member Callahan joined the meeting.**

2. Eagle Scout project

Chairman Baranowski talked about having an Eagle Scout do salmon interpretive signage for the serpentine creek by Playland Park, not to create a park but just provide an explanation.

Public Works Utility Supervisor Jones said that he discussed it with Public Works Director Henne and Ted Pooler from HLA, and they are supportive of the idea. He added that they would like to help with the language of the sign.

3. Tennis Courts Maintenance

Recreation Manager Mullen said that the newer tennis courts would be fixed at the end of August. He has had a hard time communicating with the company who resurfaced the courts to get them back for the repair work.

F. OLD BUSINESS

Add-on:

1. Palm Park and Booster Station

Public Works Utility Supervisor Jones handed out drawings showing the two choices for a layout, saying that they are leaning towards putting the booster station up above the tennis courts, which will not require moving the existing playground area.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Pickleball Courts

Recreation Manager Mullen informed the Board that they have painted the old tennis courts with pickleball lines and currently have a league with sixteen people. He said that they are looking at hosting a tournament in the near future, which can range from a hundred to six hundred people. He noted that this is the fastest growing sport in America. It is a good thing for Selah Parks and Recreation, and will bring people into Selah.

2. Wiffleball Field

Recreation Manager Mullen said that he and Board Member Neumeyer have talked about wiffleball, and are in the preliminary stages of looking at having a wiffleball field. He felt it would be a very nice addition.

3. Veterans Park/Legion Park Plans

Recreation Manager Mullen said that they are looking at preliminary ideas for honoring Captain Blanchard, a Selah high graduate, with a memorial at either Veterans Park or Legion Park. A brief discussion followed.

Add-ons:

4. Volunteer Park Update

Public Works Utility Supervisor Jones spoke briefly about meeting with Ted Pooler to discuss the estimates for cutting, filling and other costs, saying that it is still a work in progress.

5. Pool

Board Member Callahan inquired about the new pool process, giving several examples of things he has heard regarding the project.

Recreation Manager Mullen replied that there would be more information presented at tomorrow's Council Meeting, adding that the City has concerns with green space inside a pool area with regard to safety, chemicals in the grass and run-off into the pool, and mowing times. They also have concerns regarding having children in the pool while construction is happening behind it. A brief discussion on the topic followed.

#### 6. Skate Park

Recreation Manager Mullen spoke briefly about the improvements to the existing skate park, giving a summary of Recreation Coordinator Rocha's efforts to secure funding via a state grant and matching monies.

#### H. PARK BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Board Member Neumeyer asked which Facebook page is the official one.

Recreation Manager Mullen replied that it is [www.facebook.com/SelahParksandRecreation/](http://www.facebook.com/SelahParksandRecreation/).

Board Member Neumeyer inquired about water on the fields during the Little League season. A brief discussion followed.

Board Member Creach had no report.

Chairman Baranowski had no report.

Board Member Callahan remarked that folks have many questions regarding the pool.

Board Member Underwood encouraged her fellow Board Members to come to tomorrow's meeting.

Recreation Manager Mullen asked for feedback on the July 4th celebration.

Board Member Neumeyer felt it was more crowded this year but still went over well.

Recreation Manager Mullen stated that there were no alcohol related incidents, and that Cody Beebe was extremely happy with the turnout. He briefly spoke about the base race and fall festival, as well as Teen Wednesdays.

Public Works Utility Supervisor Jones had no report.

ADJOURNMENT:

**Board Member Neumeyer moved, and Board Member Creach seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. By voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 pm.