

City of Selah  
Parks & Recreation Board Minutes  
March 7, 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 5:00pm.

B. ROLL CALL

Members Present: John Baranowski; Eric Neumeyer; Tony Creach; Derick Moudy; Dan Smith;  
Diane Underwood

Members Absent: Bill Callahan

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

Guests:

C. REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM THE January 11, 2016 MEETING

**Board Member Moudy moved, and Board Member Neumeyer seconded, approval of the January 11, 2016 minutes as written. By voice vote, support was unanimous.**

D. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Introduction of David Mullen, Recreation Manager

Recreation Manager Mullen introduced himself to the Board.

Board Member Neumeyer wondered if the Parks Board was to be part of the selection process for a new Recreation Manager.

2. Introduction of Diane Underwood, Council Representative

Board Member Underwood introduced herself to the Board and inquired about the Board's role and responsibilities.

Chairman Baranowski responded that they are supposed to have a meeting every month, approve a preliminary budget to present to the Council, be part of interview process, and see items related to parks and leisure before they are presented to Council.

## E. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Volunteer Park
  - a. SEPA Completed
  - b. Lead and Arsenic Test
  - c. Play Equipment Arrived

Public Works Utility Supervisor Jones said that SEPA has been completed, and the testing done by the Department of Ecology indicates elevated levels of lead and arsenic. He noted that full details on the matter will be presented at the next Council Meeting. A brief discussion followed.

Recreation Manager Mullen noted that the playground equipment is being stored at the Public Works facility.

2. Bids Out for Consultant Selection- 60 days (pool)

Recreation Manager Mullen informed the Board that there is an RFP out for bids, with a sixty-day window to give people more time to submit.

## F. OLD BUSINESS

1. Sign at Wixson Park has been replaced

Public Works Utility Supervisor Jones stated that the sign has been replaced with a properly spelled sign.

## G. NEW BUSINESS

1. New Booster Pump Station Palm Park- toy relocation, toy upgrade?

Public Works Utility Supervisor Jones said that the City has been approved for a DWSRF loan to install a new booster pump station at Palm Park, with design this year and construction next year, which will result in relocation of the playground equipment. A brief discussion followed.

Chairman Baranowski requested that a review of the six-year plan be an agenda item at the next meeting.

## H. PARK BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Board Member Neumeyer said that basketball was great, and t-ball is going currently, with flag football to follow.

Board Member Creach expressed his thanks to Recreation Manager Mullen for helping out the lacrosse team with spreading topsoil.

Chairman Baranowski said that there was a nice article in the paper about lacrosse, which is also in the Parks Six Year plan.

Board Member Moudy indicated his excitement about the possibility of a Selah Fall Festival but wondered about allowing alcohol in parks, and where the Board has a role in that.

Chairman Baranowski responded that all things related to the parks should come to the Board prior to going to Council.

City Administrator Wayman joined the meeting, to address Board Member concerns about their role and the Ordinance regarding alcohol in parks that will be presented to Council the following night. Discussion followed regarding the role of the Parks Board as outlined in the City's Municipal Code, whether the City needs the Board, and an overview of various matters pertaining to parks and leisure activities within the City.

Board Member Underwood polled the members of the Board regarding the proposed Ordinance permitting alcohol in City parks, for specific City-sponsored events. A brief discussion followed.

Chairman Baranowski requested that staff review the section in the proposed Ordinance relating to dogs in parks, as he felt that it had been relaxed to allow dogs at some of the parks.

Board Member Moudy suggested adding that as an agenda item in the future.

Recreation Manager Mullen gave a brief update on current and upcoming sports activities.

Public Works Utility Supervisor Jones apologized for the agenda, saying that he will read the RCWs and get better communication between City staff and the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 pm.