



# **Yamhill County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021

**Time:** 5:30pm-7:00pm

**Location:** Microsoft Teams Online

**Members Present:** Sam Bremmer, Jim Culbert, Tim Duerfeldt, Steve Harloff, Neyssa Hays, Bill Pallotto, Martin “Marty” Peters, Marie Vicksta

**Members Absent:** David Hanson, Galen McBee, Andrew Mortenson

**Visitors:** Ossie Bladine, Editor, News Register; Rachel Flores Juarez, Board applicant

**Staff:** Ben Much, Parks Division Manager

## **5:36 Call Meeting to Order**

Introductions

5:47 Approve Agenda and approve September 2020 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

5:50 Meet New Membership Candidate Rachel Flores - She is fluent in Spanish and is interested in helping the Parks Department make improvements to outreach to the Spanish-speaking community.

## **5:55 Continued Business & Updates**

- **Lindsay Burschauer** is now our Parks liaison Commissioner
  - Ben asked to invite her to future meetings
- **Yamhelas Trail Update**
  - Commissioners decided to discontinue the project and also rescinded the Conditional Use Permit. There will be no County response to the recent OR Land Use Board of Appeals remand, and it appears the County will now be liable to repay some of the awarded grants.
  - Possible to move the Trail to address neighboring concerns.
  - There are some last-ditch efforts to keep the property from being sold.
- **Staff Updates on Ongoing Projects**
  - **Rogers Landing** – Commissioners approved OR State Marine Board grant increase for the boat dock tie up needed to reflect rising cost of steel since the project was approved. Deadline for grant is May 31, 2021.
    - Next step is finalize contract with bidder so work can commence.
  - **Ed Grenfell** – Floodplain permit received for flush toilet replacement project. \$40

thousand in SDC funds budgeted for phase 1 installation of septic tank and concrete pad before July and phase 2 installation next FY of prefab structure using \$80 thousand in SDC funds budgeted. Will be ADA compliant.

■ Next step is to prepare a project request for proposals for advertisement.

- **Deer Creek Nature Park** – Project is to complete the boardwalk in July or August using work crews.

■ Next step is to prepare bid for materials.

- **Dayton Landing** – Project on hiatus since Jarod Logsdon left. Now needs to be revised since the the City of Dayton will not approve the original project because they want flushable restroom located closer to the city rather than a pit toilet at the boatramp, and the OR State Marine Board cannot provide funding for that. Will now pursue just replacement of the boatramp..

■ Next step is to re-engage with the consultant Zion of Monmouth.

- **Charles Metsker Park** – We received an analysis of the beaver situation. The proposed solution from the consultant is the installation of a beaver deceiver to allow the pond to drain while accommodating the beavers.

■ Board to place this on March agenda for more discussion.

- **Lafayette Locks Boat Slide and Stairs**

■ The Marine Board is interested in helping us fund the project

- **Remainder of CIP** tabled until master plan is furthered

- **CIP 2021-2022 Update** – Board reviewed 2020 Update for inclusion in 2021-2022 County Budget. Only the following projects on the list were discussed and updated.

**Ed Grenfell Park** – Total project will now be \$120,000 in SDC funds. Project extended to 2022.

**Dayton Landing** – Total project will need to be revised after consultation with Zion and OSMB. Project extended to 2022.

**Deer Creek Nature Park** - \$10,000 budgeted this year for initial investigation for water well drilling. This will be useful for future restroom replacement. Project extended to 2023.

**Lafayette Locks Historic Park** - \$10,000 budgeted for initial investigation of the potential to install a boat slide to the Yamhill River. Project extended to 2023.

- **Tangleboxing**

- Board discussion of how to promote park visits this summer. Tangleboxing format is not advisable during pandemic. New ideas included:

■ Maybe fewer parks

■ QR codes, or specific trees

■ Photos of selves at the park signs.

■ Parks BINGO-style scavenger hunt

- Make it printable, and print some off that people could pick up from Community Center or other

■ Prizes

- Could we do prizes? If so, where did the money come from?

■ Discussion will continue via email and at Mar meeting on how to make it happen equitably

- A related issue is that Ben does not have access to the County Parks Facebook page where Tangleboxing was managed in the past.

- **New Park Master Plan Development**

- Bill and Dave were working on creating a framework for the new master plan
- Carrie Martin worked with us on an initial visioning
- Next step will be for Ben to engage with Carrie to see if visioning can be continued.

- **Board Minutes**

- Historically Parks Board meeting minutes have been made available on the County Parks website, but they have not been updated for several years.

- Next step is for Ben to find out from the County what needs to be done.

- **Rachel Flores** application – Board voted unanimously to recommend Rachel for appointment to the Board.

### **Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- Charles Metsker beaver reliever
- Promoting Park visits

**Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm**

**Next meeting March 15th, 5:30 pm, via Microsoft Teams online**