



Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 12:00 p.m.
Harrigan Centennial Hall
330 Harbor Drive

Members: Chair – James Poulson, Beth Smith, Barbara Morse,
Brandon Marx, Rich Krupa, Susan Compagno, Sarah Lawrie
Assembly Liaison: Kevin Knox

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Poulson called the meeting to order at approximately 12:01 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: James Poulson, Barbara Morse, Rich Krupa, Susan Compagno, Sarah Lawrie

Absent: Beth Smith (excused), Brandon Marx (excused)

Assembly Liaison: Kevin Knox

Staff Present: Deputy Clerk Melissa Henshaw, Buildings, Grounds and Parks Supervisor Michael Colliver, Grounds Maintenance Specialist Chad Mulligan

Others: Randy Hitchcock, Annemarie LaPalme, Lynne Brandon, Andrew Thoms

III. AGENDA CHANGES

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 14, 2020

M – Morse / S – Lawrie moved to approve the January 14, 2019 minutes. Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

V. REPORTS

Chair: None.

Members: None.

City Staff: Colliver gave updates of a loud sound reported around Moller but found no damage; he introduced Chad Mulligan as part of the crew; told that they have been working with the streets staff for snow and ice removal; took care of downed trees, graffiti, and pole; noted that the Crescent Harbor project was using green space as a staging area; mentioned that the mountain biking group was moving forward with the cross trail project; and that the cameras have not been installed at Moller yet.

Assembly Liaison: None.

Other(s): Lynne Brandon, Sitka Trail Works reported the cross trail began construction on December 3rd with a two-year timeframe that would add 2.6 miles. She stated there had been meetings for the master plan on the No Name area and that the topography was challenging. Annemarie LaPalme reported there were repairs taking place with Starrigavan roofs, there was a public meeting regarding the Starrigavan watershed and slide area, and that Harbor Mountain was being checked for snow and the gates would open or close accordingly.

VI. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (For items OFF the agenda - Not to Exceed 3 Minutes)

Andrew Thoms with the Sitka Conservation Society told of an idea to honor Richard Nelson with a bench on Thimbleberry trail. This item would be placed on the next agenda.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. Upper Moller Field Use

Krupa stated that Marx would make the changes when he returned. Randy Hitchcock told of a subcommittee meeting he attended stating that all agreed with Brian Hanson's recommendations and the policy would come back for approval at the next meeting.

C. Funding

Knox told that the budget was in process and he would be happy to bring ideas forward for funding parks and recreation.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

D. Lower Moller Field

Colliver stated he needed to reach out to R&M for a cost estimate on an update of the last study. Morse reminded that Marx suggested a subcommittee be formed with herself and Marx on it along with other members of the community. This item would be on the agenda next month with the intent to form a subcommittee.

IX. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (For items on or off the agenda - Not to Exceed 3 Minutes)

Lynne Brandon, Sitka Trail Works publicly thanked Hugh Bevan, Interim Municipal Administrator for his work moving the cross trail project forward.

X. ADJOURNMENT

M – Compagno / S - Morse moved to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

Attest:
Melissa Henshaw, Deputy Clerk