



Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes

Tuesday, August 11, 2020 12:00 p.m.
Harrigan Centennial Hall / Teleconference

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Poulson called the meeting to order at approximately 12:15 p.m. (due to technical difficulties)

II. ROLL CALL

Present: James Poulson, Barbara Morse (teleconference), Brandon Marx (teleconference), Rich Krupa

Absent: Sarah Lawrie (excused); Susan Compagno (excused)

Assembly Liaison: Kevin Knox (teleconference)

Staff Present: Deputy Clerk Melissa Henshaw

Others: Sitka Trail Works Executive Director Lynne Brandon

III. AGENDA CHANGES

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 14, 2020

M – Krupa / S - Marx – moved to approve the July 14, 2020 minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

V. REPORTS

Chair: None.

Members: None.

City Staff: Henshaw reminded of the vacant seat.

Assembly Liaison: Knox relayed the CARES Act Working Group was looking for interest as an RFI to expand on an employment program. He told of money set aside to fund recreation and other outdoor activities.

Other(s): Lynne Brandon with Sitka Trail Works reported on the work with the statewide trail group. She stated the Forest Service was interested in contracting with Sitka Trails and she was working with a group for the transitional employment program funding. She told of the federal Great Outdoors Act which could be used toward Lower Moller Field.

VI. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (For items OFF the agenda - Not to Exceed 3 Minutes)
None.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. Upper Moller Field Use

Poulson relayed there was a subcommittee meeting tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. Krupa stated that there were concerns from the city and conflicts that would be taken up at the subcommittee meeting tomorrow night. Marx said they would try to sort through the issues at the meeting. Krupa talked to staff about moving the mound that would also be addressed as well as scheduling and payment.

C. Funding

The Great American Outdoor Act (HR 1957) which provides \$900 million a year in guaranteed funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund was discussed. Brandon stated that time had run out to receive money this year from it. She stated she was working with a group with the governor's office to troubleshoot the grant. She would send Knox an update.

D. Lower Moller Field

Poulson reminded the PDC Engineers fee proposal for an update to the 2011 study that could be done. Marx suggested forming a working group for it.

M – Krupa / S - Marx – moved to form a subcommittee for Lower Moller Field. Motion passed unanimously.

Poulson thought to have community members along with two members of the Parks and Recreation Committee on the subcommittee. Morse expressed interested in serving on the subcommittee. Marx stated he would serve if no other members were willing. Poulson agreed to be an alternate.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

IX. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (For items on or off the agenda - Not to Exceed 3 Minutes)
None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Agenda items for September meeting: Mountain bike trail from Harbor Mt. to the new Cross Trail and CARES Act funding as it related to Parks and Recreation.

Hearing no objection, the Chair Poulson called the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Attest:
Melissa Henshaw, Deputy Clerk