



Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes

Tuesday, August 10, 2021 12:00 p.m.
Harrigan Centennial Hall / Zoom Link

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair James Poulson called the meeting to order at approximately 12:15 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: James Poulson, Ben Hughey, Barbara Morse (teleconference), Rich Krupa (teleconference)

Absent: Brandon Marx, Susan Compagno, Sarah Lawrie

Staff Present: Building, Grounds, and Parks Supervisor Michael Colliver

Others: Sitka Trail Works Executive Director Lynne Brandon (teleconference)

III. AGENDA CHANGES

None

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes to approve from last meeting.

V. REPORTS

Chair: Poulson reported a possible suspect for the playground vandalism.

Members: Morse reported bears have continued to get into dumpsters in the Kimsham area, and Colliver responded that he was working on possible solutions to address that.

City Staff: Deputy Clerk Earnshaw introduced Administrative Coordinator Holley Dennison.

Colliver reported bear issues at Kimsham are complex and he looked at steel garbage containers, but pick-up logistics were complex. Four bear-proof containers were here to try. There was a youth confession to the playground fire of July 31st which resulted in \$10,000 repair cost. There was potential to extend the baseball season. Colliver said there were permits requests for using city sites, and he's working with legal to develop permits.

Assembly Liaison: None.

Other(s): Lynne Brandon with Sitka Trail Works reported on cross trail completion.

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

Chuck Miller, Sitka Softball Association, reported on the season delay due to Covid. Upper Kimsham dog feces were a health hazard due to negligent owners. He suggested closing the field temporarily during softball season through end of September.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. Sitka Cycling Club Pump Track

No updates, still moving forward.

C. Upper Moller Field Use

Krupa said the softball committee would have a meeting at the end of the month regarding upper Moller. Mudball tournament to run in September through the month.

D. Lower Moller Field

None.

E. Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan

Hughey said the National Park Service planner was in town visiting facilities and Moller. Current goals and themes for the Comprehensive Plan were developed by looking through old action plans. Hughey read a draft vision statement.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

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

Lynne Brandon spoke regarding the dog feces on Kimsham field and was in support of closing field temporarily during softball season.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting would be September 14, 2021 at noon in Harrigan Centennial Hall and via Zoom.

Hearing no objection, the Chair Poulson called the meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Attest:
Jess Earnshaw, Deputy Clerk