



## **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**

**Thursday, May 19, 2022**

**The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm with the following park board members in attendance:**

**Board Members present: Tim Manns, Jose Riefkohl, Greg Francioch, John Semrau, Elizabeth Detillion, Adriana Suarez, and Kevin Loy**

**Staff Members and Representatives: Brian Adams**

**Members from the Public: None**

**The April minutes were discussed and passed with a modification. John wanted to make sure parcel numbers were added to the acquisition properties. Tim made the recommendation to pass the minutes with the modification and Greg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **Board Discussion:**

**-E-Bikes Resolution for Hearing:** Brian shared the resolution and process to the Board. Before the resolution is complete, Brian will need to make changes to the codes to accompany the resolution. Brian will share the code changes with the board in June. There will be a hearing required and the notice for the hearing will need to be advertised in the newspaper of record. This will take time but in the interim, we have an informal policy in place.

### **Surplus Properties Park Value & Parcel Research:**

As part of the Property and Facility Coordinating Committee identification of 143 County properties currently unassigned to departments. Parks and Recreation Department identified 26 properties with potential value to the department. The PRAB took a vote as follows:

#### **A. Recommended to be added to Parks Department (13):**

1. **Parcel#12 (P67022):** Property is near Lake Cavanaugh shoreline and should be listed in the possession of Skagit County Parks and Rec.
2. **Parcel#115/#134 (P44959; P44847):** Property is in the HMSP trail system and was previously acquired by Skagit County Parks and Recreation from BNSF. It is an active trail corridor and should remain with SCPR.
3. **Parcel #121 (P45044):** Research with Rusty Regan and Greg Adams. It is currently managed by the natural resource division of PW but may have public value and be better suited for SCPR. Potential to expand the HSMP trail corridor along the southern side of Skagit River.
4. **Parcel#128 (P113533):** Potential to become a SCPR (boat Launch) or shore fishing access area.



5. **Parcel#139 (P44685):** Shore fishing access potential/SCPR Value.
6. **Parcels #154/171( P118791; P118790):** Both properties located at the end north and south of residential parcels. SCPR Value: Skagit River Property
7. **Parcel #217 (P43557):** SCPR Value—Boat Launch
8. **Parcel 227/259 (P39252; P100603):** This property is currently being managed by SCPR as a part of the Northern State Rec Area. It has an RCO Deed of Right protecting it for recreational use. Property located north of Port of Skagit and #259 east of Helmick Rd.
9. **Parcel #251 (P43532):** Property provides river access and potential shore fishing access.
10. **Parcel #175 (P44528):** SCPR old RR corridor west of Rockport. Leased to WDFW since Sept 2012. BNSF runs between property along the riverbank.
11. **Parcel #183 (P73804):** River access through Noelle Ave. Potential for Hamilton’s city Fly fishing Park. SCPR Value.
12. **Parcel #276 (P50690):** Parks/Natural Resources conservation value on Samish River w/ SLT property adjacent to it but no direct access due to surrounding Private Property.
13. **Parcel #83 (P113959):** Mike Demers Quit Claim Deed in 1998. Access through Gibraltar Rd utilities nearby, will need to conduct a field assessment.

**B. Recommended for other Skagit Co. Departments or Government Agencies (8):**

1. **Parcel #10 (P18706):** Property is better suited for ownership with the adjacent property owners. The DNR and one of the tribes share a boundary.
2. **Parcel #116 (P38338):** Property is adjacent to WDFW lands and would be better served by WDFW.
3. **Parcels #120/#319 (P38321; P38326):** Property would be a better fit with the natural resources division of public works.
4. **Parcels 149/#151 (P40268; P40300):** Properties should be in the ownership of USFS.
5. **Parcels #185/207 (P43808; P39108):** Suited for Natural Resource Division of Public Works
6. **Parcel #319 (P38326):** Natural Resource Division of Public Works Skagit River riparian
7. **Parcel #99 (P30821):** SCPR Sauk River Riparian and sandbar
8. **Parcel #277 (P50560):** Natural Resources Division of PW

**Staff Report:**

**Skagit Playfields:**

Soccer fields: All permits have been issued. We won’t be soliciting bids until we get our funding plan in place. Estimates are close to \$750,000 and we have begun discussions with financial/field partners.  
Softball fields: Permits for the paving and building projects are still under review but should be issued soon. We may have to postpone the asphalt project for a year to ensure we stay within our capital budget in 2022.

**Pressentin Park:** FEMA will be doing on-site inspections this week. Once inspections have been completed and projects are approved, we can move forward with a plan for repairs. We obtained an appraisal and are in discussions regarding acquisition of the Balise property. We have an opportunity to purchase the land and sell the two homes. By selling the homes and keeping the land we could recover



the expenditures. This would benefit Skagit County, the current landowner, and provide homes in the community. This will be discussed later.

**NSRA:** The bids have been opened and we have a low bidder that we have worked with on prior projects. The work will commence in late June and be completed by the end of September.

We continue to collaborate with The Skagit Trail Builders as we plan trail projects along Goat Creek. Work parties have been ongoing.

**Park and Rec Comp Plan Docket:** The process has been completed and the resolution signed. We are hoping to extend the expiration date of the plan with RCO.

**Adjourn.**