



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Thursday May 20, 2021

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

Board Members present: Elizabeth Detillion, Tim Manns, Jason Benson, Greg Francioch, and Chris Allen

Staff Members and Representatives: Brian Adams

Board Discussion

Trail Committee: the trail committee nominations are as follows: Jim Taylor, Terry Gifford, Greg Francioch, Tim Manns, and Jason Benson. Brian will reach out to those nominated to get started on the formal trails plan. The primary objective will be to determine specific uses for various trails throughout the Skagit County Trails system. After the plan is complete, electronic bikes will be provided opportunities to utilize a number of trails in the SCPR trail system.

Recovery Act Funds: SCPR staff has inventoried revenue losses and turned them in to our finance department. We won't know the extent of our recovery for a while but we have had a stream of revenue come in to the fairgrounds for a few months. Rental fees for use as a vaccination site has helped recover some of the losses generated over the past 18 months. We hope to be able to revive the Centennial Trail project with some of the stimulus or infrastructure funds. More will be known in the coming months.

Clear Lake: the lake will be opened on June 1. SCPR staff will be following current Covid-19 guidelines. The park has been closed to water activities for the past 15 months. Picnic shelters can be reserved starting on June 1 as well.

Park Board Recruitment:

We are still working on this. We may have a new recruit from District #2. Brian should have more information to report at the June meeting.

Staff Report: A report was provided and discussed.

Skagit Playfields:

Soccer fields: The DOE, MV and Corps have signed/approved our plans but we are still awaiting our final permit approval/signatures from Mount Vernon. They have said they are willing to support whatever requirements come from DOE and the CORPS. We expect approval soon. The agreement for the mitigation credits will be ready for signature the first week in June.

Softball fields: The project is 65% complete and on schedule for mid-June. Upon completion, the seasonal window for the fields use will increase and the youth softball/hardball leagues will be expanded. All the infield soil was repurposed for use at athletic fields throughout the county.

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Pressentin Park: Tiger Construction has been on site for a month now. The project is scheduled for completion in September. We will be posting signs showing the completed project.

NSRA: The design has been completed and the permits have been submitted. The park is extremely busy and the trails continue to grow in popularity. The Veterans Plaza signs have been placed in the SR20 right-of-way.

We continue to collaborate with The Skagit Trail Builders as we plan the next 18 months of trail projects along Goat Creek. In early May, we met with the Port of Skagit and the City of Sedro-Woolley as we strategize the trail / campus plans. An agreement with the Port and SW is currently under review.

Sharpe Park: A new trail connects the Shelly Trail to Machin View Point along the eastern boundary. We are in preliminary plans for a four mile/four-lake loop trail that would spur from the Tursi Trail.

Centennial: All permits have come in and the PUD project is underway. The bridges will not be constructed until at least April of 2022 and the entire project will continue into 2023. When completed this will be the first section of Centennial Trail in Skagit County.

Guemes Island Trail: We secured all the easements between the Ferry Landing and Schoolhouse Park. The Guemes Island Association will secure the permits.

Lake Erie/Campbell: We will be posting the new signs as soon as we get them from Image 360. We have created and placed brochures at Harold's Market and Lake Erie Store.

Cascade Trail: We have a new plan in place with WSDOT for three new fish bearing culverts.

Big Rock: We are still trying to find safe, reliable, and legal access to this park. An adjacent property will be going on the market and we are working with the land trust to purchase easements or land to build a trailhead and trail system.

Guemes Island: We will be resurfacing the tennis courts and painting pickle ball lines in the second week of July. An MOU between Skagit County and the Guemes Island Community Association is being drafted for your review.

Adjourn.

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