

**Skagit County  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board  
DRAFT Minutes**

Thursday, September 19, 2002  
Jack Davis Parks Maintenance Shop  
690 County Shop Lane  
Burlington WA 98233  
6:30 p.m.

**6:30 – 6:40 p.m. Roll Call of General Meeting**

**Attended:**

John Semrau  
Lloyd Brown Liz  
Colleen Fisher  
Carroll Dillon  
Jeri Krampetz

**Absent:**

Keith Magee  
Liz McNett Crowl  
Curtis Metz  
Peter Swanson

**Staff:**

Bob Vaux  
Dennis Lind  
Mike Elde  
Mary Ann Dodge

**6:30 – 6:40 p.m. A motion was made by Jeri Krampetz and seconded by Lloyd Brown to approve the August Minutes.**

There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

**6:40 – 6:45 p.m. Public Comment Period** – This section of the agenda is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board on an issue that is not on the agenda. Comments on issues that are planned for future meeting agendas should be held for that meeting. There were no public visitors at this meeting.

**6:45 – 7:15 Staff Reports**

Dennis gave an oral recreation recap:

- 1) Baseball Camps had over 200 kids this past summer which was the most ever. We also had two successful new camps. The golf camp was filled and the other new event All-comers Track held on four dates had over 430 participants plus spectators.
- 2) Concerts in the parks were also successful with over 600 attendants.
- 3) The Clear Lake Triathlon had the most ever with over 300 participants. Trips were also popular, and we had two state championship tourneys.
- 4) Clear Lake beach broke all previous records for revenue. Despite high attendance at Clear Lake, water quality remained good, so there were no closures all summer. Indian Summer leagues are currently at an all-time high.
- 5) High School Basketball leagues started last Sunday with more than any other year.
- 6) Open gyms have been funded for this year by a Juvenile Justice Grant for Concrete, Conway, Sedro Woolley, Burlington and La Conner.
- 7) The new quarterly guide will be out on 10/3/02.
- 8) The Walley Sigmar field dedication (Dream Field) was Sunday.

Mike gave a parks report

- 1) We have received funding for Skagit Playfields parking lot improvements. The lot will be chip sealed and the first layer was finished last week.

- 2) At the Swinomish Boat Launch bathrooms are operable, the launch was widened with rocks, old toilets have been removed and remaining projects are being finished..
- 3) HMSP staff has helped cover the void in staff for the summer. Mike complimented our maintenance staff for keeping revenue up and campers served. Revenue is up at Grandy, HMSP and Swinomish for the year.
- 4) Skagit Playfields Trails are now marked at every quarter mile. Sharpe is marked by "you are here".

Bob – gives Mike credit for leading the maintenance crew as he does.

- 1) Patrik held interviews today for NSRA. This includes permitting and basic engineering.
- 2) The Parks Foundation meeting has occurred, and they have adopted bylaws. Lou is working on the 501-C3 status.
- 3) Our Department Budget Hearing is Tuesday 9/24 – Bob will address several key points at a 3% increase for 2003.
- 4) We need to move Best SELF staff over to our building as soon as possible.
- 5) Personnel: the new HMSP manager has been selected pending the psychology test. The Administrative Manager selection is in progress. Selection will be made by Monday.
- 6) Interurban news: after the last meeting the Parks Advisory Board Resolution was taken to the County Commissioners. They wanted to have a public hearing, but there wasn't time for that. Jeri is working with Roger DeSpain on how to proceed.

#### **7:15 – 8:15 p.m. Current Business**

- Comp Plan Review – John, Dennis, Bob and Keith did some work on this with the idea that subcommittees should work on Section #5, Section #7 and Section #9). Other sections will be good for the consultant to work on, or work on with staff. The process includes a phase of subcommittees working with staff, use of the consultant for the technical writing, develop RFP, draft plan, submittal to SEPA and the check list, followed by one public hearing...maybe more. Then it goes to the County Commissioners for adoption. The Parks Advisory Board will be the source of input and Bob will keep the Commissioners included in the process. The Public will be encouraged to participate. Bob will get information out and will work on times, dates, people and places.
- Sare's Bluff Proposal  
North and west of Sharpe Park. Resolutions were reviewed which show how the Ann Wolford money can be spent. This property, if acquired would remain a park, adding acres to Sharpe Park. Price is too high. Is there a better use for the Ann Wolford money? The property does meet all the conditions of the resolution.

#### **8:15 – 8:30 PRAB Discussion Period**

- Carroll – e-mail difficulty...will discuss with Meghan for future mailings.
- No tour, but specific sites could be set up for visits...let Bob know.

**8:30 Adjourn at 8:05.**