

**CITY OF BLAINE
PARK AND CEMETERY BOARD MINUTES**

Thursday, June 14, 2018

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Pickard - Chair

A. CALL TO ORDER: 4:00 PM

B. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Garth Baldwin, Joan Clark, Janet Pickard, Zach Shirk, Paul Freeman

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Planner II Alex Wenger, Ben Kuiken City Engineer

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

D. NEW BUSINESS:

The board welcomed new board member Paul Freeman.

Mr. Kuiken introduced the topic of Skallman Park Pond and summarized the City's plan to fill in the pond and sell the land to a developer. The history of the site was discussed.

Mr. Wenger updated the board on the Marine Park Shoreline Project. There was some discussion about the location of the trail next to the shoreline and picnic areas.

Mr. Baldwin updated the board on the status of the cemetery tool shed project.

Mr. Wenger provided an update on the Lincoln Park Disc Golf Course and the Battle at the Border Tournament held June 9th. The board suggested that staff update the website and include the course map in a printable version online. Staff stated they would work on updating the parks information on the website, but that it might take a few months due to staffing shortages.

The board discussed the skate park and the upcoming Insane in the Blaine Skate Jam tentatively scheduled for July 7, 2018.

MOTION BY CLARK, SECONDED BY FREEMAN, TO MAKE THE REPLACEMENT OF THE STREET SKATE ITEMS THE NUMBER ONE MAINTENANCE PRIORITY, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0).

The board discussed the parklets and signage project schedule for later in the year and the current operations of the Marine Park restrooms.

Mr. Wenger provided an update on the Park Special Use Permits issued so far in 2018 and the pending approvals for later in the year.

A brief update of the Blaine Strategic Economic Initiative was provided.

MOTION BY CLARK, SECONDED BY SHIRK, TO ACCEPT THE RELOCATION OF SKALLMAN POND AND THE NEW TRAIL AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0).

The board discussed the restrooms in Marine Park and asked staff to check into the potential to have them open year round, including the winter months. Staff will look into this and report back at an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Wenger presented a proposal to make the facilities in Marine Park no longer reservable. Staff and the board discussed the fact that the City does not collect enough in the reservation fee to offset the cost of staff time to make the reservation, meaning the City loses money each time a reservation is made. The board indicated they did not support the reservation system and indicated that the facilities in Marine Park should be available on a first come – first served basis.

MOTION BY PICKARD, SECONDED BY CLARK, TO RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL THAT THE PICNIC AND AMPHITHEATER IN MARINE PARK NO LONGER BE RESERVABLE AND THAT THEY BE AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME – FIRST SERVED BASIS, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0).

There was discussion of canceling the July Park Board meeting, including a motion and a second, but these were withdrawn. No action taken and the next meeting will be July 12th.

There was further discussion about the board meeting time and all board members agreed that an early meeting time worked better for everyone.

MOTION BY SHIRK, SECONDED BY BALDWIN, TO CHANGE THE PARK AND CEMETERY BOARD MEETING TIME TO 9AM, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0).

F. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

CDS staffing update.

G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION BY BOARD MEMBER PICKARD, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER CLARK, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 2018, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0).

ADJOURNMENT: 5:31 PM

Park and Cemetery Board minutes of June, 2018 will be approved at the July, 2018 Park and Cemetery Board meeting.