

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

Thursday, April 12, 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

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Planner II Alex Wenger, Planner I Maddie Ottley, Public Works Director Ravyn Whitewolf

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

D. NEW BUSINESS:

Naming a trail/street in honor of Loretta Lynn

Mr. Wenger noted that the City is considering naming a street or trail in honor of Loretta Lynn. Mr. Wenger stated the City is considering renaming part of Bell Road, from Peace Portal Drive to Hughes Avenue, which would only affect a few properties.

Mr. Wenger noted the other option is to name a partially developed shoreline trail along Dakota creek, which loops through the Montfort park neighborhood and empties out over the railroad next to Peace Portal Drive.

The board held a discussion regarding the request.

MOTION BY BALDWIN, SECONDED BY CLARK, TO NOT RECOMMEND RENAMING A TRAIL OR STREET AFTER LORETTA LYNN, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0).

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Cemetery Tool Shed

Board Member Baldwin stated that he is working with Washington State to obtain more information on the grant application to potentially restore the Blaine Cemetery tool shed.

Mr. Wenger stated that Public Works Director Ravyn Whitewolf is requesting the Board form a small subcommittee to help apply for the grant.

Board Member Baldwin stated that he would be willing to pursue application of the grant.

MOTION BY SHIRK, SECONDED BY PICKARD, TO SUPPORT BOARD MEMBER BALDWIN'S EFFORTS TO PURUSE FUNDING FOR THE BLAINE CEMETERY TOOL SHED, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0).

Marine Park Playground Fall Surface Update

Mr. Wenger stated that he met with Bull Recreation staff members at Marine Park to discuss repair of the fall surface. Mr. Wenger highlighted Bull Recreation is recommending changing the materials around the pirate ship, which will require full replacement.

Board Member Baldwin asked if the City could paint shark accents on the planned tan material around the pirate ship.

The Board held a discussion, and asked staff to coordinate with Bull Recreation to see what accent features are available for the new fall surface.

Lincoln Park Disc Golf Course Update

Mr. Wenger provided the Board with a draft map of the disc golf layout within Lincoln Park. Mr. Wenger spoke about the plan and efforts to keep the course away from primary walking trails and the water tank. Mr. Wenger stated the City has a contract with Augusta Lawn Care to install the t-pads, and spoke about naming of holes.

Board Member Pickard asked about receiving grant money from Birch Bay Park and Recreation District, and using allocated money for other projects. Mr. Wenger stated he can look into it.

Mr. Wenger also stated the Whatcom County Disc Golf club has scheduled the grand opening and first tournament is scheduled for June 9th, 2018.

MOTION BY CLARK, SECONDED BY BALDWIN, TO NAME THE DISC GOLF FACILITY AS "BLAINE DISC GOLF COURSE", APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0).

Mr. Wenger then provided the Board with a draft Lincoln Park Disc Golf Maintenance Vegetation Plan/Survey created by Board Member Shirk. Board Member Shirk stated the plan will help the City record changes in vegetation and any tree damage. Mr. Wenger noted City Council is supportive of creating a maintenance plan.

Mr. Wenger also showed the Board the City preferred bollard product that is planned for installation within Lincoln Park.

Mr. Wenger then addressed maintenance of the pet waste stations within Lincoln Park and potential installation of two garbage cans.

F. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Park Plan Public Involvement

Mr. Wenger shared results from the public participation survey from both the Port of Bellingham and Whatcom County.

Cain Creek Work Party

Mr. Wenger stated there is a planned work party, organized by Nature's Path, to clean up Cain Creek on April 28, 2018 from 9am to 1pm.

Beachwalker Villas

Mr. Wenger spoke about the four options to install a trail in front of the Beachwalker Villas. Mr. Wenger noted staff is going to work with the City Attorney to negotiate with Beachwalker Villas to discuss possible options.

Skate Park Bench

Mr. Wenger spoke about installation of a bench and event at the Skate Park.

Board Member Pickard noted she will not be able to attend the May meeting.

G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Board Member Baldwin noted tool shed was misspelled.

MOTION BY BOARD MEMBER PICKARD, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER SHIRK, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 2018 AS AMENDED, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:08 PM

Park and Cemetery Board minutes of April, 2018 will be approved at the May, 2018 Park and Cemetery Board meeting.