

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

MARCH 11, 2015

Members present: Larry Dennis, Bette Lang, Charles Maynard, Tiffany Quilter and Char Rios
 Members absent: Connor Lange and David Enquist
 Staff present: Spencer Grigg, Lori Moholt-Phillips and Kerri Smoot
 Guests present: Howard Skaug

2015 MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD

Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Dennis, L	C	X	X									
Quilter, T	C	X	X									
Lang, B	C	X	X									
Maynard, C	C	X	X									
Rios, C	C	X	X									
Enquist, D	C	X	E									
Lange, C	C	E	E									

C=Meeting Cancelled X=Present O=Absent E=Excused R=Resigned

Call Meeting to Order

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Larry Dennis at 7:03 p.m.

Introduction of Guests/Visitors

Howard Skaug present.

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

Ms. Rios moved the draft minutes of February 11, 2015, be approved as submitted, seconded by Mr. Maynard. Unanimously approved and passed.

Communication/Correspondence

Letter from Howard Skaug re: adoption of landscaping at Broadway and 3rd Street.

Howard Skaug shared his ideas about landscaping the land known as “Quickie Corner” at the intersection of Broadway and 3rd Street. He showed a diagram of his proposed project. Significant discussion held regarding the possibilities of the proposed project, budget issues, grant possibilities, and the different regulatory guidelines and agency approvals that would need to be complied with before the project could begin. Commission members agree that the project would be a great asset to the community and should proceed in the future when funding has been established outside of the City’s budget. Ms. Quilter made a motion that Mr. Skaug’s proposal be presented to the City Council for their consideration. Ms. Lang seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Plat Reviews/Dedication, or Fee in Lieu of Land - Monthly Update

None. There is a proposed new 180-unit apartment complex on Grape Drive and Valley Road which should generate significant fee in lieu revenue.

Director’s Report

Council/Staff Retreat –

There is not a lot to report from this year’s retreat. There were a number of outside agencies that showed up and presented various projects that they would like City support on.

Deane Family Project –

Our crews have begun to install a stamped concrete path around the perimeter of the park located outside the Japanese Garden. The fence around the area is just temporary and will be removed once the work is completed. The project will include a hard surface path, some interpretive signage and some historical signage. The Deane

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family will have a plaque recognizing their family's experience in the community, and other families in the community will be able to purchase a plaque to display their family's story. The plaques will be displayed in a kiosk near the center of the park.

Concessions Operations –

Due to budget restrictions, we will not be providing concession services at the Larson ballfields or the Lauzier Athletic Complex ballfields this year. We have two Pepsi wagons that have both been retrofitted with propane hot water systems to meet Grant County Health District requirements. We are working on a packet which will be sent out to the nonprofit youth groups in the community in the near future letting them know we will be entertaining proposals from nonprofit groups interested in providing concessions this year. Due to the budget, we do not have the capability to manage these concession operations because we had to lay off our full-time concessions manager. We will simply provide the Pepsi wagons and the nonprofit groups will operate them.

Ms. Moholt-Phillips' Report

The Museum and Art Center's "On the Wild Side" opening will be held on March 13th at 5pm. The presentation includes very impressive papier maché wild animal heads. The ribbon cutting for the new Heron Bluff Trail will be held on Saturday, June 13th. The time is still to be determined, but it will be a part of the Family Triathlon. We are still trying to figure out a date for the Lower Peninsula Park ribbon cutting ceremony. We are in the process of starting to interview for all of our temporary seasonal positions. Ms. Moholt-Phillips gave highlights of the different programs and events that are getting underway now that we're entering into the spring season. The new spring brochure just came out last week.

Commission Questions/Comments

Ms. Lang asked if the parents or coaches of the Moses Lake High School baseball and softball programs could have access to the batting cages so the kids can practice. Mr Grigg responded that the Larson Recreation Center has been completely shut down due to the budget situation, which includes the batting cages. The utilities, heat, etc. has been shut off to the building and won't be turned back on until the Larson Recreation Center reopens.

Adjournment

Ms. Rios moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Lang. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.