

CITY OF MONROE
PARK BOARD MINUTES
April 16, 2015

Call To Order

Chairperson Steve Whalen called the Park Board meeting to order at 7:01pm in the Parks/Public Works Conference Room.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Steve Whalen, Lara Ramey, Shawna Chamberlain, Tami Kinney, Ralph Yingling

Board Members Absent: Karin Coppernoll, Dian Duerksen

Agenda Revisions – None

Approval of Minutes - Motion was made by Ralph Yingling and seconded by Lara Ramey to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2015 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Audience Participation – None

Unfinished Business – Director Farrell briefed the Board that the draft Park Plan and Element are in comment review for the next two months and any comments received will be forwarded for consideration. The entire Comprehensive Plan is expected to be adopted by the end of June, so a recommendation from the Park Board of the Park Plan and Element is expected in May. Discussion ensued and the following edit/comments were submitted:

- EDIT/CORRECTION: Park Meadows neighborhood park has been misnamed as ‘Cascade Meadows’ park. In the Park Element in table 7.01 on pg. 7.3; In the Park Plan in table 1-1-8 on pg. 23; and in table 3-3-1 on pg. 54
- COMMENT: Liked in the old plan Appendix C the 1 page snapshots of each park that included an aerial photo, park address, size, zoning, classification, existing facilities, proposed improvements(w/design & const. cost total), maint. Level.
- COMMENT: Mission statement in Park Plan Introduction (pg xi) should be highlighted more to be more easily found.
- EDIT/CORRECTION: ‘Monroe Middle School’ reference should be changed to ‘Sky Valley Education Center’ – table 1-12 on pg. 27 and any associated maps.
- EDIT/CORRECTION: ‘Freemont ‘ should be spelled “Fremont’ in table 1-12 on pg. 27.

The Board agreed to mark their draft copies with any additional comments and submit at the May meeting.

New Business – *Draft Agenda* –May 21, 2015 to include Park Plan Update review (ongoing) and election of officers.

Staff Reports/Updates –Director Farrell distributed a written department update that included news on events, programs and projects.

Board Discussion – Board member Lara Ramey inquired when to schedule park tours for 2015. Discussion ensued and it was agreed to schedule the first tour for June.

Agency Reports- Planning Commission –Director Farrell read a note from Board member Dian Duerksen that the Planning Commission has been adding special meetings to review and comment on the Comprehensive Plan and that they have scheduled a first public hearing on the plan for the latter half of April.

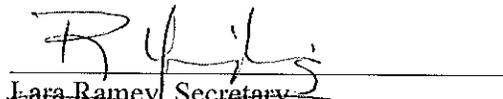
School District – Board member Ralph Yingling briefed the Board on the WWII memorial currently at the school field along N. Kelsey street, the plan that teachers and students have for finishing the memorial, possibly relocating it, and the separate plan that the American Legion has for establishing a veterans memorial in Monroe at a site to be determined. Representatives from the School District, City of Monroe, Monroe Historical Society and American Legion have met to discuss these preliminary plans and options.

He also updated the Board on the all-weather field project at the High School. Design is at 90%, they are working through SEPA comments, they had a meeting with coaches, school officials and City Parks & Rec Director regarding plans and uses for the field. They also held a separate meeting and invited residents of the adjoining neighborhood to attend. Construction is expected to begin this summer. If the school bond passes, then the project rolls into completing the remaining two fields immediately after the first.

Adjournment

Motion by Tami Kinney and seconded by Shawna Chamberlain to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.


Steve Whalen, Chairperson
vice-Chairperson


Lara Ramey, Secretary
Board member