

**CITY OF MONROE**  
**PARK BOARD MINUTES**  
**April 17, 2014**

**Call To Order**

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, Karin Coppernoll, Tami Beaumont, Dian Duerksen, Ralph Yingling

Board Members Absent: Lara Ramey, Shawna Chamberlain

**Agenda Revisions** – None

**Approval of Minutes** - Motion was made by Ralph Yingling and seconded by Dian Duerksen to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2014 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Audience Participation** –None

**Unfinished Business** – None

**New Business** – *Draft Agenda* –May 15, 2014 to include Park Plan Update (ongoing), parks and recreation update from Director Mike Farrell, and training for all Park Board Members on the subject of Public Records & Record Retention to be in compliance with the new State law effective July 1, 2014.

*Report on refurbishing WWII monument at Memorial Field/ Totem Poles* -Park Board Member Tami Beaumont reported on the history of a WWII monument at Memorial Field that was originally planned to include the names of all local residents of Monroe who served in World War II. The Historical Society and students from the Monroe School District have taken up the challenge to find records of names of the veterans who should be listed. The goal of the group is to find all of the names and have them listed at the memorial by next Veterans Day, in November. Several Park Board Members expressed interest in assisting in the endeavor.

Ms. Beaumont also distributed copies of a newspaper clipping from a couple of decades ago that included a picture of two small totem poles and the original intention of the carvers to have them placed in the Centennial Garden at Sky River Park. She shared that the Monroe Historical Society has concerns with the appropriateness and fit of the totem poles at the park and were looking for other options as to where they can be placed for display. The Park Board expressed a general consensus, agreeing that the totem poles have no significance to Monroe or Pacific Northwest pioneers, as they were carved to represent the Apache Indian Chief Geronimo. Ideas of suitable locations for them to be housed for public display include the Evergreen State Fairgrounds and the Western Heritage Museum. Ms. Beaumont appreciated the feedback from the Park Board and stated that she would relay it to the Monroe Historical Society.

**Staff Reports/Updates** –*Director's Report*- Director Mike Farrell reported that the City is advertising for bids for architectural design for construction documents for the skate park improvement concept and expect to have a contract with a firm in place by June. Simultaneously, Director Farrell is applying for a State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office grant to help significantly fund the project. The grant application is due May 1, with award notifications to occur later this year.

Mr. Farrell also reported that the volunteer group for the disc golf course project at Al Borlin Park has raised money to purchase 9 baskets and will install them later this spring through the work of volunteers. The 9-hole course will be monitored by staff on an annual basis for its impact on the park.

**Board Discussion** – Director Farrell invited the Board Members to attend the next scheduled workshop on the topic of Parks, to be held at Park Place Middle School on May 1 at 6:30pm.

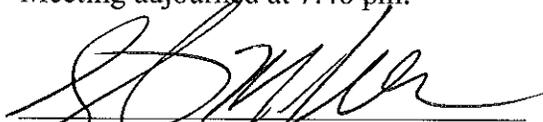
**Agency Reports**

**Planning Commission** –Dian Duerksen reported that the Planning Commission has been working on a review of the Sign Ordinance and will prepare a recommendation to the City Council. She also reported they the Planning Commission members received training in public records and record retention at their last meeting.

**Monroe School District** – No report

**Adjournment**

Motion by Karin Coppernoll and seconded by Ralph Yingling to adjourn. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

  
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Steve Whalen, Chairperson

  
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Karin Coppernoll, Secretary  
LARA RAMEY  
