

**CITY OF MONROE  
PARK BOARD MINUTES  
February 19, 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, Karin Coppernoll, Lara Ramey, Tami Kinney, Ralph Yingling

Board Members Absent: Shawna Chamberlain, Dian Duerksen

**Agenda Revisions** – None

**Approval of Minutes** - Motion was made by Karin Coppernoll and seconded by Ralph Yingling to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2015 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Audience Participation** –Mayor Geoffrey Thomas spoke to the Board, thanking them for their service and encouraging the Board to participate in opportunities to interact with the public such as at community events. He shared his recent trip to Olympia where he met with state legislators including our State Senator Kirk Pearson who is submitting on our behalf state funding requests to help fund planned downtown improvements and upgrading athletic fields at Lake Tye Park to multi-purpose synthetic turf fields. He also described opportunities to request help to create ‘silent train tracks’ which creates safer train crossing through added barriers that would allow trains to pass through Monroe more quickly, benefitting both the state, railroads and the city. He gave an overview of the downtown street improvements planned for this year and efforts underway to bring back an effective Main Street revitalization organization.

**Unfinished Business** – None

**New Business** – *Draft Agenda* –March 19, 2015 to include Park Plan Update review (ongoing) and election of officers.

*Election of Officers* –Motion made by Karin Coppernoll and seconded by Lara Ramey to nominate Steve Whalen to serve as Chairperson. Motion carried unanimously. Motion made by Tami Kinney and seconded by Steve Whalen to nominate Karin Coppernoll to serve as Vice Chairperson. Motion carried unanimously. Motion made by Steve Whalen and seconded by Tami Kinney to nominate Lara Ramey to serve as Secretary. Motion passed unanimously.

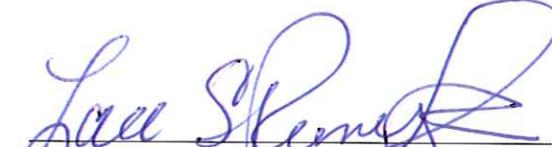
*Review of Draft Comprehensive Plan Goals & Objectives* – The Board reviewed and commented on all of the draft objectives proposed for the Comprehensive Plan update that covered Parks & Recreation-related issues. Director Mike Farrell compiled the Board comments and stated that he would submit them to the acting Planning Director for inclusion in the update review process.

Ralph Yingling made a motion to move the rest of the agenda items to the next regular meeting in March. Karin Coppernoll seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Karin Coppernoll and seconded by Lara Ramey to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

  
Steve Whalen, Chairperson

  
Lara Ramey, Secretary