

**CITY OF MONROE
PARK BOARD MINUTES
September 15, 2011**

Call To Order

Chairperson Karin Coppernoll called the Park Board meeting to order at 7:03pm in the Parks/Public Works Conference Room.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Karin Coppernoll, Steve Whalen, Collette Reams, Ralph Yingling, Steve Whalen, Jeff Rasmussen

Board Members Absent: Bill Kristiansen, Shawna Chamberlain

Agenda Revisions – None

Approval of Minutes - Motion was made by Ralph Yingling and seconded by Collette Reams to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2011 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Audience Participation – None

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – The draft agenda for the October 20, 2011 regular meeting was discussed. Items to be added to the agenda include a general discussion on a park from the inventory list – *Lewis Street Park*, enterprise recreation facility and budget updates from the Director and *Board Discussion item B. Review Park Plan Elements – Section 4.3 - 4.5.*

Staff Reports/Updates –*Director's Report*- Director Farrell gave accounts of the Department's planning and operational support for the Finish Strong Triathlon, the Fair Days Parade, the Swift Night Out and DREAM's first Flea Market event downtown.

Enterprise Recreation Facility Update - Director Farrell stated that a Request for Proposals (RFP) is currently being advertised and distributed copies of the RFP to the Board. He stated that proposals are due on October 3 and that any proposals received would be initially reviewed by a team consisting of City staff and Park Board Members for initial comment to the City Council. He asked the Board if any would be willing and able to participate on the review team. Jeff Rasmussen and Steve Whalen volunteered to serve on the review team. He then explained that next steps would include presenting comments to the City Council, Council and public comment on the matter and direction to staff. If direction is given to proceed, it would then move into a negotiations phase for a development and operation agreement, during which more opportunity for public comment could occur. Board Members expressed that they would like to see opportunity for public comment to occur as soon as possible. Collette Reams inquired whether the Cadman pond site could be considered for a cable wake park. Director Farrell replied that the site is currently being looked at by Cadman and City staff for revisions to its required site restoration plan, including opportunities that the restoration work may support future recreation development at the site and issues include flooding, zoning for land use, current

condition of the site including size, characteristics of the pond and the soil stability of the mined areas. He mentioned that one idea for the site is for development of a seasonal RV recreation facility. Ralph Yingling noted that the site, being a private mining site that is scheduled to be transferred to the City in 2012, does not have a history of being public land.

Board Discussion -

Lake Tye Park –Director Farrell presented an overview of Lake Tye Park located along Fryelands Blvd on the west edge of the City. The park, classified as a Community Park, is 64.5 acres and includes a 40 acre man-made lake, play area, picnic areas, 2 ballfields 1 soccer field, tennis & basketball courts, skatepark, beach area loop walking trail, concession stand, boat launch and restrooms. The Park Plan’s proposed improvements for the park include more parking, drainage, beach improvements, skatepark improvements and/or relocation to extreme park site, physical fitness stations, improved play equipment, signature pergola/trellis, electronic park signboard, enterprise recreation facility, splash court and aeration fountain with lights. Improvements made to the park within the last three years include 50+ tree plantings, aeration fountain and new shelter. Karin Coppernoll commented that the park has become more attractive and frequented by a variety of park users through the years as improvements have been made, new events and programs have grown, all while the department staff have worked hard to maintain it with declining available resources.

Review Park Plan Elements – Section 4.1, 4.2 – The Board reviewed 4.1 Parks & Trails Development Objectives and 4.2 Organization & Recreation Management. Karin Coppernoll commented on the challenges of adding new trails and connectivity of the system and with regional trails. Jeff Rasmussen noted that neighboring Cities (Snohomish, Sultan, Gold Bar) have partnered to promote the region as a destination for economic development and as a place to work, live and play in. The group is working in partnership to gain designation from the State as a Recreation Innovative Partnership Zone (IPZ) and that the partnering appears to fit with the Park Plan’s objectives.

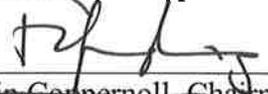
Agency Reports

Planning Commission – None.

Monroe School District – Ralph Yingling reported that the High School applied for a private foundation grant to develop one field as an all-weather softball field (\$1 million). The Monroe Arts Council and the School district are developing an inter-agency agreement. Events are being planned at the Frank Wagner Auditorium to fundraise for facility improvements.

Adjournment

Motion by Steve Whalen and seconded by Ralph Yingling to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.



Karin Coppernoll, Chairperson



Collette Reams, Secretary

RALPH Yingling Vice Chair