

**CITY OF MONROE
PARK BOARD MINUTES
April 19, 2018**

Call To Order

Vice Chairperson Devlin Piplic called the Park Board meeting to order at 7:07pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Devlin Piplic, Shawna Fischer, Steve Whalen, James Yap
Board Members Absent: Karin Coppennoll, Tami Kinney, Michael Stanger

Agenda Revisions – None

Approval of Minutes - Motion was made by Shawna Fischer and seconded by Steve Whalen to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2018 meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Audience Participation – None.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business – *May 2018 Agenda/Review Work Plan* – Items to be added per work plan if ready include Skykomish River Park Playground Project Update, State RCO Grant Update, Downtown Art Project, Park Review – Ramblewood Tot Lot.

Park Review – Park Meadows Park – The Board reviewed features of the park, with a few members taking recent visits of the park. It was pointed out by Shawna Fischer that a portion of the fencing along the west side of the park appeared damaged. Director Farrell stated that staff will check it out. James Yap mentioned that a zip line feature would be nice for future planning, whether at this park or another.

Downtown Art Sculpture Selection committee Representative – Motion made by Shawna Fischer to select Steve Whalen to serve as a Park Board representative on the Art Sculpture Selection Committee, seconded by Michael Stanger. Motion passed 5-0. Motion made by Steve Whalen to select Tami Kinney to serve as a Park Board alternate representative on the Art Sculpture Selection Committee, seconded by Devlin Piplic. Motion passed 5-0.

Staff Reports/Updates – Director Farrell distributed copies of the department update for activities and park events.

Sky River Park Playground Replacement Update – Director Mike Farrell gave an update that construction is underway and that a groundbreaking ceremony occurred on April 5. The project is on schedule to be completed by the end of May, weather-permitting.

State Grant Applications for Lake Tye Park Synthetic Turf Fields Project – Update – Director Farrell gave an update to the Board that he is applying for Staff are preparing two grant applications to the State Recreation Conservation Office (RCO).

- Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Local Parks Grant: \$500,000 (max)
- Youth Athletic Facilities Grant: \$350,000 (max)

Both grant applications require a minimum fifty percent/fifty percent match. Grant applications are due May 1, 2018.

Downtown Art Sculpture Selection Committee - The City received five proposals from three different artists, and the proposals were then reviewed by an Art Selection Committee that met on April 17, and will meet again on April 26. The Art Selection Committee was comprised of individuals representing the following organizations:

- *Monroe Arts Council (Robert Bogue).*
- *Monroe Chamber of Commerce (Yvonne Gallardo).*
- *Downtown Monroe Association (Dianne Forth).*
- *Monroe Planning Commission (Heather Rousey).*
- *Monroe Park Board (Steve Whalen).*
- *Monroe City Council (Jeff Rasmussen).*
- *Monroe City Staff (Mike Farrell, Brad Feilberg, Ben Swanson).*

The committee will forward their recommendation to the City Council next month.

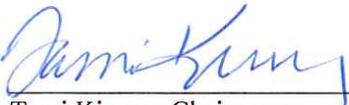
Board Discussion – *Heritage Tree Program* – Director Farrell continued the update and discussion on the progress that has been made to combine the announcement of the Heritage Tree program and living Christmas Tree donation program with an Earth Day/Arbor Day event, where students from Fryelands Elementary School will assist Mayor Geoffrey Thomas and other Monroe Officials in the ceremonial planting of an Arbor Day tree at Lake Tye Park on Friday, April 27. This Arbor Day tree planting event will become an annual event. In the lead-up to the Arbor Day event, a Proclamation was read at the start of the Monroe City Council meeting on Tuesday, April 17, with Park Board Member Tami Kinney in attendance, representatives from the school.

Agency Reports- *Planning Commission* –No Report

School District – Devlin Piplic shared that the District has been busy working on three large school projects that are on schedule for this summer. They are working through the design phase for Hidden River Elementary School, and plan to break ground on it this summer.

Adjournment

Motion by Steve Whalen and seconded by James Yap to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.



Tami Kinney, Chairperson



Shawna Chamberlain, Secretary

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