



Petersburg Borough

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Meeting Minutes Parks & Rec Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, January 06, 2022

4:00 PM

via Zoom

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

4:04 p.m. Stephanie Hayes called meeting to order.

Present at meeting was:

Malena Marvin

Sara Fine-Walsh

Stephanie Payne

Julie Anderson

Theresa Craig

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Meeting minutes from October 14, 2021.

Minutes from 10.14.21 meeting were approved by all.

2. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

Agenda was approved by all with no amendments.

3. Visitor's Views Related to Agenda

There were no visitor's views related to the agenda.

4. Visitor's Views Unrelated to Agenda

There were no visitor's views unrelated to the agenda.

6. Director's Report

A. Director Stephanie Payne report.

Stephanie Hayes gave a huge thank you for the Winter Wonderland event, she has received a lot of positive feedback from the community. Also, the update on the boiler project was a question to be asked but the director's report answered.

Contracted out snow removal for facility roof to Steelhead Construction. We have closed off the areas where snow comes down to protect public.

The purchase of two snow blowers has been completed, one will be for Parks & Rec facility.

5. Unfinished Business

There is no unfinished business to review.

8. New Business

- A. Board Member Marvin would like to discuss signage at Sandy Beach.

Board member Marvin says the process is ongoing for the grant to put new signage up at Sandy Beach Park. There will be a public meeting held in February or later. The question is to receive input of what the public would like to see in future plans. RAC grant will be enough for about four signs. Thoughts of a walk through “story walk” has been considered but would consist of 10-20 points of interest. The existing signs need maintenance and decision of fixing or replacing needs to be decided. Director Payne would like to see existing signs repaired, then work on larger goals, to wait and do the larger plan would delay replacing the existing.

Board Member Fine-Walsh mentioned the pictographs, and Tlingit & Haida artifacts is a strong reason to make sure Petersburg Indian Association (PIA) is included in the meetings regarding these points of interest. Board Member Marvin stated that PIA has been involved in conversations and would be notified of meetings.

Conversation spurred Petersburg High School regarding their sign making machine. Thoughts of using for trails map, made from wood, on the back of existing kiosk.

Board Member Marvin would like to hold a work session regarding the future goals and long-term plans of Sandy Beach Park.

- B. Director Payne would like to discuss lighting at skate park project.

The lighting project will be delayed until next year, with cold temperatures and snow it will just need to be put on back burner for a while.

Other issues are ATV's and snow machines where they do not belong. Looking at different ideas to keep them out yet allow animal passage.

Board Member Marvin suggested future building of barricades, assess the costs.

Board Member Fine-Walsh suggested signage to divert from the pond.

Director Payne stated the goal is to make small improvements to clean area up and make a more welcoming area.

The purchase of lights has been cut down from original count due to pricing. The 10k that was donated is already used with the purchase of lights and the contracting of an electrician. The goal is to have three lights per pole, these would cover the pond and the parking lot to divert any negative behavior.

Board Member Hayes asked how the Advisory board can help.

Director Payne stated there are still many pieces to complete this project and funding is huge. Reaching out to the community would be helpful.

Board member Hayes asked for a list of what is needed to finish this project for the Board to reach out to the community. Director Payne agreed and will provide a list.

Board member Fine-Walsh made a motion for the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board supply fund raising for skate pond special donation.

Board member Marvin seconded the motion, and all agreed.

More discussion of having plans drawn up for community review, hockey team and Rock N Road construction creating their own ice rink that would be gone after the winter season.

The decision to work on Sandy Beach project be priority to get things going as spring approaches, then move on to the skate pond.

9. Communication

Board member Hayes would like it mentioned again the success of Winter Wonderland and to keep up the good work.

10. Discussion Items

Board members discussed the need to vote on positions. This will be in next meeting's agenda.

11. Adjourn

Next meeting will be held on April 21, 2022.

Work Session will be held on April 7, 2022.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m. by Board member Stephanie Hayes.