

Island Rec - San Juan Island Park & Recreation District
Minutes of the Board of Commissioners' Meeting
April 2, 2009

Commissioner Hahn called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm on Thursday, April 2, 2009 in the Island Rec Office. Commissioners Hahn, Schoultz, Zehner, and Ricks present. Commissioner Cumming arrived at 5:12 pm. Staff present, Director Thomsen and Admin. Assistant Curtiss.

1. Introduction of Visitors/Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None.
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings: Commissioner Zehner moved to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Ricks second. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Correspondence: None.
4. Approval of Payroll/Vouchers: Without objection, vouchers were approved as presented.
5. On-Going Business:
 - a. Lafarge – Commissioner Cumming described work the County will be doing in the area which will slightly re-align the roadbed and the existing berm and improve the parking area. .
 - b. Egg Lake Dock – Director Thomsen presented a photo of the newly installed benches on the dock. Commissioners suggested end caps be placed on the benches.
 - c. 2009 Trails Plan – Commissioner Zehner moved to approve the plan for 2009 as presented. Commissioner Schoultz second. Motion carried unanimously.
 - d. Levy Renewal – Director Thomsen explained only one regular levy may be put before the voters in a calendar year therefore requiring the levy for Island Rec and the School athletic program levy be combined or the School levy presented as an excess levy. An excess levy is only valid for one year. The Commission concluded an excess levy would not provide stable funding for the athletic program. The Commission concluded an advisory proposition asking the voters if a portion of the levy should be used for the school was too confusing. In the event the combined question failed, Island Rec could go back to the voters alone in 2010.
 - e. School Sports Funding – The Commission discussed what should be included in the contract to provide support for athletic and recreation programs in cooperation with the School district. The Commission concluded the school should reimburse Island Rec for attorney fees. The Commission concluded a small percentage of the amount paid to the District be retained for administrative expenses. The Commission concluded the contract should be reviewed annually, to include a termination clause, and to specify exactly what the funds may be used for, to set up a reserve for the declining revenue years of the levy, and to contain language protecting Island Rec from any liability.

The Commission agreed to request a letter from the School Board specifying the tax levy necessary to fund the athletic and recreational programs. Director Thomsen noted the contract should include the specific use of the School District's facilities expected by Island Rec. The Commission agreed to discuss and decide on a levy rate for Island Rec at the next meeting.

- f. Board Liaison Assignment – Commissioner Hahn agreed to accept the Trails Committee assignment for the remainder of his term.
6. New Business:
- a. Carter Street Playground – Director Thomsen reported a playground at the site can not open until all the conditions of the Town of Friday Harbor's Conditional Use Permit are met. This is not anticipated to occur until at least 2011, therefore Island Rec's playground construction will not occur until that time.
 - b. Budget Amendment Review – Director Thomsen presented a proposed budget amendment including an increase to the beginning cash balance. The Commission concurred to hold a Public Hearing on April 16th as required to amend the budget.
 - c. Summer Staff Update – Director Thomsen reported Erin Wolfanger has been hired as Camp Eagle Rock director, Kate Cendejas as the Arts and Crafts Program Director and Katie Clarke as the Sports and Games Program Director.
 - d. Equipment Replacement – Director Thomsen reported the office copier is dying and presented options for replacing it. The Commission recommended leasing the machine, direct connection to the computers, and consider a color copier to provide cheaper copies.
7. Commissioner Discussion Items. None.
8. Adjournment – Without objection, Commissioner Zehner adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Submitted by:

Patricia Curtiss
Administrative Assistant

Commissioner Ricks

Commissioner Cumming

Commissioner Hahn

Commissioner Schoultz

Commissioner Zehner