

Meeting Minutes March 14th, 2022

Orcas Island Park and Recreation District Commission
Public Meeting, March 14th, 2022
Online via Zoom Meeting

4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER – 4:05 p.m.

Bob Eagan, Chairman

Roll call:

Seat 1: Dennis Dahl – present

Seat 2: Bob Eagan – present

Seat 3: Barry Madan – present

Seat 4: Justin Paulsen – present

Seat 5: Deborah Jones – present

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Connell

Bob is in favor of adding pickleball lines to the tennis courts. Bob forwarded a lengthy letter to Terri concerning adding the lines and the implication of use of mixed courts. Bob feels that the tennis court is underused and states he rarely sees a tennis player on the court. The Board has reviewed the letter with no questions or comments on the letter at this time.

Patricia Miller

Patricia Miller wanted to thank the Board members for their public service commitment. In a previous meeting, there were additional courts throughout the island that could be available to tennis players. Patricia is curious if this might be an option for pickleball players. There has also been discussion about the indoor gym facility being available, however, Patricia feels they are difficult courts to play on. Patty reiterated that she is not asking the district to paint pickleball lines on the tennis court and suggested possibly compromising on throw-down lines for temporary use. After hearing several derogatory comments towards pickleball players from tennis players, Patricia asks that everyone keeps community in mind and not create a divide of pickleball vs. tennis.

Dana Thompson Carver

Dana thanked everyone for the work at the park. Dana and her child enjoy playing tennis, and she feels that it is important to keep the tennis courts available for that. Dana suggested turning the adjacent parking into additional pickleball courts.

David (last name not provided)

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David inquired about funding sources in addition to property tax, including reservation by the public school for physical education classes, community funding, etc.

John Fleisher

John supports tennis and feels that if pickleball players take over the tennis courts, tennis players won't want to ask them to move off the court. John stated that the current pickleball court as well as the adjacent parking area were originally graded and intended to be developed as additional tennis courts.

Lila Richardson

Thanked the district for holding the meeting. It's a great problem to have so many active individuals on the island. Lila doesn't feel it's a great option to add pickleball lines to the tennis court. Buck Park is a great place to play as families often have children that are engaged in activities at the same time. Lila is interested in receiving more information from the district about court projects. She also shared that even within the tennis community, court sharing has been an uncomfortable at times due to differing etiquette.

Jill Toney Dann

Jill thanked the Commissioners and Terri for the work and park. Jill feels if lines were painted on the tennis courts would provide a distraction and take away from the enjoyment of the tennis players. Due to the design of the tennis ball, wet-weather play is not as feasible as pickleball. Jill would like the adjacent court to be multi-use. Jill also spoke to the history of tennis, stating that tennis is willing to compromise, as the current pickleball court was slated to become a third tennis court. She also spoke to the lack of public tennis courts per capita in our area.

Jan Ehrlichman

Jan is a tennis player and does not want to have to ask pickleball players to leave the court, stating when this has been done before it was met with hostility. Jan is in support of an additional pickleball court being built and stated she would even donate to the cause.

Bob Phalan

Bob is a pickleball player and is in-favor of adding pickleball lines to the tennis court.

Paul Andersson

Paul uses the park for several things. Paul believes that there is a way to make accommodations for all and would also like to see more community discussion about park facilities as well as a 5-year vision.

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The Board shared funding possibilities, other potential court opportunities, future facility goals, as well as historical use of the courts, including information about priority use defaulting to the school district during school hours as outlined in the transfer agreement between the school district and the park district. The Board also recognizes regardless of the options available at this time and in the near future, they may not meet the full capacity of all players year-round. The Board will continue to

move forward on the investigatory process, including community discussion representative of all parties.

MONTHLY AGENDA

1. Previous Minutes

MOTION to approve meeting minutes from February 10th by Justin, seconded by Deb. With no discussion the minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Employees Pay Slip

As a reminder, the Board will be approving payroll from the previous month. Payroll for the current month will be approved and signed by the Board Chair prior to submittal to the County.

MOTION to approve February employee pay slip in the amount of \$5,792.00 by Deb, seconded by Dennis. With no further discussion the motion was approved unanimously.

3. Payment of Claims

<see attached Claims>

MOTION to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$240.00, by Deb, seconded by Dennis. With no further

MOTION to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$32,718.00 by Justin, seconded by Dennis. Discussion included Deb inquiring if the baseball field is completed for now and inquired if the school was pleased. Terri stated the district is still working on putting turf down, so there's still some work to be done. Justin noted that for the first time in the history of Buck Park the baseball elevations are fairly accurate. With no further discussion the motion was approved unanimously.

MOTION to approve the DOR payment of claims in the amount of \$3,169.70 by Deb, seconded by Justin. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

MONTHLY BUSINESS

1. Financials

- See financial report.

2. Director's Report

- Terri shared information about upcoming spring programs, field and park maintenance, including the baseball and softball fields.
- The District is currently working on a plan for the summer maintenance on the baseball and softball outfields
- Terri shares the program assistant position has applicants and will be conducting interviews with Barry.

3. Committee Reports

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- Deb and Justin spoke about the racquet court project committee and shared they had a meeting last week. Racquet courts have a capacity issue and will not currently be able to meet the surge of players with enough space and are exploring other court opportunities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **COVID-19 Business Operations, Programs and Staffing**
 - Covered in other agenda items.
2. **2022 Project Update**
 - Covered in Public Comment and Director's Report.
3. **Racquet Sports Discussion**
 - Covered in Public Comment and Committee Reports.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **SAO – 2019/2020 Audit Completed and Report Published**
 - The 2019 and 2020 Audits have been completed. Terri states the reports are complimentary with guidance for improving tracking of accrued compensation time with San Juan County to include on the balance sheet.
 - The reports are published on the State Auditor's Office website and available for public use.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn by Justin, seconded by Dennis, with no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Addenda:

Financial Reports
Claims Payments

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Approved by motion on this 14th day of April 2022

Signed and attested this 14th day of April 2022

Justin Paulsen Commissioner #4,
Secretary

Bob Eagan, Commissioner #2,
Chair