

Columbia City Park Board Minutes
April 23, 2012

The Columbia City Parks Board met in regular session with the following members present:

Park Board Secretary Mauri Bordner
Park Board Member Dennis Warnick
Park Board Member Keith Nickolson
Park Board Member Mark Ellis

Members Absent:

Park Board Vice President Terry Baker

After reviewing the minutes of March 26, 2012, Mauri Bordner made a motion, which is seconded by Keith Nickolson, to accept the minutes as submitted. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

Mark Green, Park Superintendent, introduce Jeff Walker who presented the history of the Leaf-Vac boxes and mulch pile program. He instructed the Board that partial funding for the program came from I.D.E.M. grants which no longer exist and were recycling grants to divert leaves from land fills. Leaves had to be on a hard surface and city owned property so the mulch pad was developed in the park. The water must run away from the river and the site must be registered each year with I.D.E.M. to confirm how much was diverted. Jeff stated the Street Department paid to blacktop the mulch area previously and Kelly Cearbaugh, Street Superintendent, has agreed to pay for overlay this year. Jeff stated that during discussions with Mayor Daniel, Mark Green, and Kelly Cearbaugh about using Baker Park for the mulch pile, all agreed the existing location is the best site. Jeff stated the goal of the Street Department is to divert 100% of leaf pick-up from the land fills.

Park Superintendent Mark Green presented the Burnworth pool update. He met with Kevin Snell, Redevelopment Commission Board Member who wants to organize a group to raise money and save the pool. Dennis Warnick stated he discussed the pool with Don Armstrong and suggested the Park Board work with the School Board on the future of the High School and the pool. Mark stated Mauri Bordner talked to Rex Dellinger, HWC Engineering, on a new agreement that covers all the pool issues. The additional cost of \$5,000 to \$15,000 can be covered under the Cum Fund. The Park Board needs an assessment of the whole facility and an understanding of one time expenses and ongoing expenses. Mauri made a motion, which is second by Keith Nickolson, to proceed after Mark's approval on the pressurizing of the pipes. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

Mark stated at the City Council Meeting, Walt Crowder discussed the pool hours and closing at 6:00 p.m. due to not enough swimmers. The swim parties from 6 to 8 p.m. and 8 to 10 p.m. have taken off but people have suggested the pool stay open until 8. Dennis Warnick made a motion to have open swim two days a week until 8:00 p.m. and continue with parties from 6 to 10 p.m. three days a week. Keith Nickolson second. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

The members present discussed the difference in pool prices per person (\$55) and for swim team members (\$45). Mark stated the swim team wants to use the pool an extra one-half hour. Dennis Warnick made a motion to raise the swim team members to \$50.00 per person for the extra one-half hour with Keith Nickolson second. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

Mark Green discussed the Bid Opening for the trail and bridge expansion. The original bid came in at \$320,000 and the second bid was \$241,000. The project is now going to only be the trail and bridge. Mark stated that by moving the bridge 700 feet, they must resubmit to the DNR and the Environmental Study Group for approval. This must be done before acquiring land and awarding bids.

Superintendent Green stated looking into changing the office hours to 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with the Maintenance department working 7a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Dennis Warnick made a motion, and Keith Nickolson second. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

Mark ask that the Mayors Park, Langloh Park, and North Street Garden Park be vacated from the Parks system and be put up for sale. Mayor Daniel informed Mark to draft a letter to City Council with input from the Park Board on reasons to vacate the parks.

The Park Board discussed the future of the pavilion and possible changes including bathrooms to be remodeled. Mauri stated something needs to be done with the pavilion and possibly an open air. Mark will check with architect about cost to draw up design for overall design including bathrooms.

Due to Memorial Day, the next meeting will be on May 21, 2012.

As all business was discussed, the Board adjourned.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Andrea Pequignot, Administrative Assistant Parks Department.