

Columbia City Park Board Minutes

July 30, 2012

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

Park Board President Mark Ellis

Park Board Secretary Mauri Bordner

Park Board Member Dennis Warnick

Park Board Member Keith Nickolson

Members Absent:

Park Board Vice President Terry Baker

After reviewing the minutes of the June 25, 2012 meeting, Dennis Warnick made a motion, which is seconded by Mauri Bordner, to accept the minutes as submitted. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

Park Board President Mark Ellis stated he met with Mark Green, Park Superintendent, and Austin Drumman, Mayor Intern, about creating an iphone app for the City of Columbia City including the Parks Department. It will show a visual of each park area and the amenities. This app will show all bike and walking trails, the mileage of each, water locations, and bathrooms.

Park Superintendent, Mark Green, reported the North Street Garden property sold to Mr. Judd as the highest bidder for \$6,000.00. The Langeloh property has not received any bids. Dennis Warnick made a motion to accept the bid from Mr. Judd, which is seconded by Mauri Bordner. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

Mauri Bordner, Park Board Secretary made a motion that Superintendent Mark Green create an article summary about the Pool Assessment Study for newspaper publication. After approval of the article by the Park Board members, Mark Green and Mayor Daniel will meet and review the article before submitting to the Post and Mail. Superintendent Green is arranging a date for August and September to have a Public Forum on the Burnworth Pool which Mayor Daniel will be facilitating. Mauri Bordner made the motion, which is seconded by Dennis Warnick, to create a summary for the Burnworth Pool Assessment. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

Mark Green, Park Superintendent, presented an update on the Blue River Trail expansion project. The Park is in the process of acquiring the land and will be ready to award the Bids for the Construction Contract at the next Park Board Meeting on August 27th.

Keith Nickolson, Park Board Member, gave an update on the softball season. Keith states the regular softball season is over and it was a good season. Board Member Nickolson stated the All-Star season has started for 12u and 14u teams. The Columbia City Parks Department is hosting a one day All-Star Tournament on August 25th and will be called "City Slam". Mark Green, Superintendent, stated the baseball season was also a good year.

Mark Green, Park Superintendent, stated the 5k Run was successful with 65 runners and raised funds for the fireworks. Mark announced the Fall Festival will be on September 22nd with fireworks that night. The Pow Wow at the Park will be on August 10, 11, and 12 and employees will be busy preparing for the event.

Park Superintendent, Mark Green, presented an idea for starting a Sponsor Package for the City of Columbia City Parks Department. Mark suggested Gold Sponsorship would give internet advertisement, a sign at the park, and sponsorship of a team with Silver and Bronze having different packages.

The next meeting will be August 27, 2012.

All business was discussed, the Board adjourned.

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