

**COLUMBIA CITY PARKS BOARD MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 27, 2012**

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

Dennis Warnick  
Vice President Terry Baker  
Secretary Mauri Bordner  
Keith Nickolson  
President Mark Ellis

After reviewing the minutes of the January 23, 2012 meeting, Dennis Warnick made a motion, which is seconded by Keith Nickolson, **to approve the minutes** as presented. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

Park Superintendent Mark Green informed the Board he is waiting on property owned by Centrylink for a **possible dog park** at the end of N. Walnut Street, which is Patriotic Park.

Superintendent Mark Green presented proposals on the life expectancy of **the Burnworth Pool**, cost of repairs, and doing a survey on the existence thereof. Secretary Bordner informed the Board the pool is losing approximately \$30,000 annually. After some discussion, Mayor Ryan Daniel explained the Columbia City Council has oversight over the Parks budget, but the Park Board makes the decisions on where and what occurs for the parks system. The Board discussed in length different possibilities for the public pool. Mark Green stated the pool will be open this year and a liner is needed, as the current one leaks. Dennis Warnick made a motion, which is seconded by Vice President Terry Baker, to instruct the Park Superintendent to have the **contractors present when the pool is completely drained for them to inspect and make recommendations on the life expectancy of the pool.** On call of the vote, all voted aye.

Superintendent Green informed the Board the engineer for the **trail extension proposed advertising for bids** the first time the week of March 12<sup>th</sup>, the second time the week of March 26<sup>th</sup>, with a pre-bid hearing on March 26<sup>th</sup>, bid opening April 12<sup>th</sup> and award of bid April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Park Board is in agreement with the dates.

Mark Green informed the Board he would like to have a full time secretary for the park. Mark feels there is plenty of work to keep this individual busy 40 hours a week, 52 weeks a year. Mainly this person would be for customer service. Wages have been approved in the 2012 budget. On the motion of President Ellis, with a second from Secretary Bordner, to **approve the hiring of a full time secretary for the parks department**, all voted aye.

Mark informed the Board he has only one quote at this time for **Devol Field** in the amount of \$5000. There were two other companies interested, but no quotes. The Board feels we should move forward and not wait until the other companies find time to submit a quote. Vice President Baker made a motion, with a second from Secretary Bordner, to award the bid to

Wigent in the amount of \$500.00. After some discussion, Dennis Warnick made a motion, which is seconded by Keith Nickolson, **to authorize the Park Superintendent to secure the other two bids and award the work to the lowest bidder.** On call of the vote for Warnick's motion, all voted aye.

Park Superintendent Mark Green updated the Board on the security camera, the new mother/son event and the father/daughter dance.

Superintendent Mark Green informed the Board the **fireworks contract** is up this year and there is \$10,000 in budget for this display. He has made contact with a few companies and has received only two quotes. After some discussion, Warnick made a motion, which is seconded by Secretary Bordner, to **authorize the Park Superintendent to continue receiving quotes and choose the best quote for the 2012 fireworks display.** On call of the vote, all voted aye.

As all business was discussed, the Board adjourned.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Martha Acres, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor.