

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MAY 22, 2008
STRAWBERRY HILL CENTER**

CALL TO ORDER A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Chair DeWitt.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lee Cross, Ken DeWitt, and Tom Swolgaard.

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA: Delete from Unfinished Business: Community Tennis Court Proposal; AT&T Request for Additional Cell Phone Antennas on Battle Point Park Water Tower

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Island resident, Christa Little, asked the District to develop a handicapped accessible off-leash dog park area, saying the current off leash site does not meet federal requirements for equal access to public facilities, and that she'd be willing to participate in the process to remedy this.

BOARD CONSENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon hearing there were no corrections to the minutes of the May 8, 2008 regular board meeting, Chair DeWitt stated the minutes stand approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS: MSC: Cross/Swolgaard: Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing that has been made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board, by a unanimous vote, does approve for payment those vouchers included in the above list and summarized as follows:

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Fund No.</u>	<u>Batch No.</u>	<u>Batch Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Pre-Approv by Exec.</u>
General Fund	94952	336721	5/12/08	62,870.12	5/2/08
General Fund	94952	337824	6/2/08	60,622.44	
General Fund	94952	Payroll		221,732.62	
Capital Imprv Fund	94955	337755	6/2/08	8,917.82	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

YEOMALT CABIN RENOVATION: Lee Cross said the Finance Committee met recently to review the fundraising status of the Yeomalt cabin renovation, and was prepared to make a motion that would permit the project to be done in two phases. After discussion, the following motion was approved. **MSC: Cross/Swolgaard: To approve renovating the Camp Yeomalt log cabin in two phases as defined on pages 4 & 5 of the May 21, 2008 project cost breakdown, and in accordance with the following stipulations: 1) Phase I construction can begin as soon as cash of approximately \$201,000 is in the hands of the Park District. This is sufficient for completing Phase I and includes the Park District contribution of \$50,000. If during Phase I, sufficient cash becomes available to complete windows and doors (listed in Phase II of the cost breakdown), the Executive Director may authorize the completion of windows and doors (as a part of Phase I); 2) Phase II to begin only after 100% of the funds needed for completion of all aspects of construction to reach occupancy are in the hands of Park District; 3) No additional monetary contributions from the Park District will be available to complete the project.**

SUMMER BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE & LOCATION: After assessing vacation dates, the Board decided to hold summer board meetings as usual on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, but in a different location due to summer camps using Strawberry Hill Center.

GENERAL BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2008-11: HONORING CLARENCE MORIWAKI: Chair DeWitt read aloud to Clarence Moriwaki Resolution 2008-11 which honors him for his vision and diligence in creating the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Memorial, Nidoto Nai Yoni. Clarence Moriwaki said he was humbled and that his work was done on behalf of the generations who came before him that endured the hardships of the internment period. He thanked the Park District for being the first public agency to give official recognition of the project so many years ago, saying it could never have become a national park site without the support of the local community. He encouraged everyone to attend a gathering on August 19 to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, signed by President Ronald Reagan and acknowledging the injustices suffered by the Japanese American people during World War II.

MSC: Swolgaard/Cross: That Resolution 2008-11, honoring Clarence Moriwaki for his commitment to public dialogue, support of human rights, and the contribution he has made to the community and the nation through the creation of Nidoto Nai Yoni Memorial, be adopted.

RESOLUTION 2008-12: RCO ALEA GRANT APPLICATION: WILLIAMS PROPERTY: Senior Planner Perry Barrett said these three resolutions authorize the District to pursue grant funds that if awarded will be used to offset acquisition costs for the purchase of the Williams property and Meigs Farm II by the City of Bainbridge Island, as well as related District administrative costs. **MSC: Cross/Swolgaard: That Resolution 2008-12, authorizing the Park District to apply for a WA State Recreation and Conservation Office "Aquatics Lands Enhancement Account" grant for the Williams property, be adopted.**

RESOLUTION 2008-13: RCO WWRP GRANT APPLICATION: WILLIAMS PROPERTY: MSC: Cross/Swolgaard: That Resolution 2008-13, authorizing the Park District to apply for a WA State Recreation and Conservation Office "Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program" grant for the Williams property, be adopted.

RESOLUTION 2008-14: RCO WWRP GRANT APPLICATION: MEIGS FARM: MSC: Cross/Swolgaard: That Resolution 2008-14, authorizing the Park District to apply for a WA State Recreation and Conservation Office "Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program" grant for Meigs Farm II, be adopted.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Senior Planner: Perry Barrett updated the Board on the progress of the Comprehensive Plan saying the recently held internet survey and two public workshops have generated input utilized in part to compile the upcoming phone survey to be done next week. He said consultant Tom Beckwith was there this evening to review the content of the phone survey with the Board prior to it being mailed out. Tom Beckwith said the phone survey is a random survey for 100 registered island voters, which once mailed will be followed up with phone calls. He said the purpose is to help develop a broader strategy that can be utilized later to assess a more specific focus the District may opt to pursue in areas such as future levies. Perry Barrett passed out the draft phone survey, which Tom Beckwith reviewed page by page with the Board for their input.

Recreation Services Director: John DeMeyer said Sports Manager, Jean Welch, will be retiring from the District on May 30 after 27 years of working for the District; the Senior Center recently received a "best new program" award for its bike club; the Concerts in the Park series will begin at Waterfront Park on July 9; the Bluegrass Festival will be held on July 26.

Park Services Director: Arlan Elms said tree expert Olaf Ribeiro is preparing a report on the Battle Point Park poplar trees.

Executive Director: Terry Lande said Jay Kinney of Little League has requested permission from the Board to begin selling bricks as a fundraiser for Strawberry Hill Field 3. He said the bricks will not be used for a patio as originally thought, but will be used instead on the backside of the dugout. Little League will do the installation. **MSC:**

Cross/Swolgaard: That Little League be given permission to immediately begin selling bricks as a fundraiser, with the understanding that a presentation on the design will be made at the next Board meeting, and that installation of the bricks in the Strawberry Hill Field 3 dugout will not begin until the Board has approved the design and a timeline has been agreed upon.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS: May 30: Retirement party for Jean Welch; June 12 or 26: Possible dates for a Joint Park Board/City Council meeting prior to the regularly scheduled board meeting.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

- Commissioner Cross said a recent phone survey of 400 island households was done by the City, which indicated more than an 80% favorable response for parks.
- Commissioner DeWitt said he'd like a resolution honoring Jean Welch to be prepared prior to her retirement party so that it can be presented to her there. **MSC: Cross/Swolgaard: That a resolution be drafted to honor Jean Welch at her retirement party on May 30, with the understanding it will be adopted by the Board at the June 12 board meeting.**

BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS

CAPITAL FACILITIES: Commissioner Swolgaard said the Capital Facilities Committee met recently regarding the Battle Point Park soccer field project. He said the specifications have been reviewed, the drawings are almost done, and the permit is believed to be ready. He said beginning the project is 3-8 weeks out, since a 3 week initial comment period is required with an additional 5 week period added to this if an appeal is filed. Executive Director Lande commended Commissioner Swolgaard for his work reviewing the project's specifications and drawings.

GOVERNANCE: Commissioner Cross said an IGWG meeting was held recently, and that the School District is considering going out for a \$60 million levy in 2009 for the Blakely and Wilkes elementary schools.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:12 pm.

Elizabeth R. Shepherd
Terry M. Lande
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND METROPOLITAN
PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

BY: _____
Kenneth R. DeWitt

BY: _____
John Thomas Swolgaard

BY: _____
Kirk B. Robinson

BY: _____
Lee Cross

ATTEST: _____
David L. Shorett - Secretary