



Thursday, June 20, 2024

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES - Regular Meeting at 6:00 pm

Topic

1. **Attendance:** Paul Fidrych (online), Scottie Meinke (online), JJ Duehren, Ian Holzworth, Nathan Haner, Councilor Marisa Jacobs, Charlotte Baker, Rob Paish from Outdoor-Fit, Taylor Theel from Scappoose Bay Watershed Council
Absent: Michael Sykes, Dave Sukau
2. **Call to order** 6:00 pm
 - JJ called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM
 - Meeting Minutes approved
 - Public Comment: no comments
3. **Presentation from Rob Paish from Outdoor-Fit**
 - Rob Paish began his presentation discussing the history of Outdoor-Fit. He said that the company started 20 years ago, and the equipment is used around the world. Their primary clientele is prisons. Their equipment is appropriate for use in all temperatures and built to withstand everything. The equipment is made of heavy-duty steel which is coated with polyester which makes it durable. The same material is used on commercial playground equipment. Their equipment requires very little maintenance and can withstand heavy use. Their Outdoor-Fit equipment is suitable for users of varying abilities and body sizes and is easy to use. The company offers 5 strength units, 1 cardio unit and 1 stretching unit. They are currently offering a discount for cities to install their workout stations.
4. **Old Business**
 - Scappoose Summer Outdoor Festival Retrospective – JJ
 - JJ stated that the Festival was a great success. Nathan agreed that it was a success and indicated that many people showed up. JJ said that she thinks Scappoose could be a “gateway to the outdoors,” as Highway 30 is a route to the Oregon coast. JJ said that focusing on outdoor activities like birding, horseback riding, camping and hiking is unique. She also stated that usage of parks went up during the pandemic, and now there are a large group of people who want to continue to do outdoor activities. Scappoose and the Festival can be an opportunity to introduce people to these activities, and teach them about safety (fire safety, water safety, etc.). JJ thanked those involved, including Jeff Weiss, the Native American dancers. She stated that the crafts, music and campfire story activity went particularly well. The Community Club sold out of sauerkraut sandwiches, which was a good fundraiser for them. She thanked those who came, and reminded people about Movies in the Park coming up. They occur every Friday in the summertime.
 - Disc Golf Course – Ian, Paul

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- Ian stated that he and Paul visited the site of the proposed disc golf course with the prior disc golf plan. He explained that the new exhibit reflects their realization that more than the expected number of holes can fit on the site. The new exhibit shows that nine holes can fit on the site, ranging from 100-300 feet apart. The orange box reflects where the sports field would approximately be, and the disc golf course can be adjusted at that time. The white marks on the map are objects intentionally placed on the course to play around. On the area South of the playground, Ian and Paul have marked out a practice area.
- Paul added that they heard the feedback about keeping the course entirely on Grabhorn. He explained that the objects to play around are called “mandatories.” He stated that the holes are generally pretty far away from homes, and disc golf is quiet enough to not bother neighbors if a silencer is placed on the basket. He stated that a recreation quality hole is about \$400. A cheaper, lower quality one is about \$85 on Amazon. Paul stated that he has 9 holes on his property, and he suggested that he and Ian could place his holes on the property to get feedback from the community.
- Scottie affirmed Paul and Ian’s idea of having a day for people to come play around on the proposed course.
- Ian stated that Council, EDC, and other organizations could be invited to test the course.
- Councilor Jacobs asked how soon this could be set up.
- JJ asked what the timeline could be to complete this.
- Ian said he wasn’t sure, but he was thinking some time in August.
- JJ suggested that a mini disc golf set up could be showcased at Movies in the Park.
- Joe Backus stated that disc golf could be showcased at one of the high school football games.
- Paul stated that the community has given feedback on the amenity already in the Parks Master Plan

5. New Business

- Pickleball Mockup -- Paul
 - Paul stated that this is the same mockup as last time. A few months ago, Paul went out and laid out where a pickleball court could go. The suggested spot was south of the baseball field. Pickleball is the most popular growing sport in the US, and the state sport of WA. The question at issue is whether or not the Committee wants to pursue it. The court is over 300 feet from any other house in the area.
 - Mayor Backus stated that the area gets wet at times, and the soccer field there is going to be taken away.
 - Nathan wondered what the timeline for something like this would be, and if the tennis courts at the middle school could be painted.
 - Paul said that he has reached out to the middle school, and in the past they have not been interested.
 - Mayor Backus suggested that lines and a net could be set up at Miller on the basketball court.

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- Initial CIP Prioritization Discussion
 - JJ stated that one of her priorities is a nonmotorized boat dock at Chapman Landing. The Scappoose Bay area can be used to launch kayaks, but there is no place to put in the water in town.
 - Ian Holzworth pointed to Appendix C of the PMP, which includes the amenities list and associated costs. He stated that game tables and facilities at Heritage Park would be his #1 priority, a pickleball court, and a disc golf course and ADA compliant playground at Veterans' Park. He stated cornhole, horseshoes at Concomly, more basketball courts, and interpretive signage at the CZ trail are also priorities. He agreed with JJ that a nonmotorized boat launch was a good amenity for Chapman Landing.
 - Councilor Jacobs asked what Ian thought of the exercise equipment showcased at the beginning of the meeting. Ian said he thought that's exactly what should be available.
 - JJ said that she believes McCormick Park in St. Helen's has exercise equipment.
 - Ian said that the placement of the exercise equipment is important to make sure people use it.

6. Announcements and General Discussion

- Grant Opportunities
 - JJ stated that there are a number of grants for people to volunteer and apply for these grants to work at libraries. This could also apply to parks. This would allow the city to have more help during the summer.
- Parks Updates
 - Ian asked about the work being done along the creek. Charlotte responded that was part of the Scappoose Bay Watershed Council's creek restoration project.
- Next Meetings
 - July 18, 2024
 - August 15, 2024
 - September 19, 2024

7. Adjourn

7:05 pm