

PENDER ISLANDS PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION (PIPRC)
Minutes of a Regular Meeting
Friday, June 11, 2021 (9:30 am)
Electronic By Zoom

Present: Ben McConchie, Hans Tammemagi, Susan Parr, Tim Frick, Arnie Alksne, Rob Fawcett, Derek Wolff, Ben Symons (Maintenance Contractor), Shannon Brayford (recorder)

Regrets: Barry Mathias, David Howe (SGI CRD Director), Paul Brent (Alternate Director CRD SGI),

Guests: Brenda Sledzinski (Delegation), nine members of the community

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McConchie called the meeting to order at 9:30 am and introduced the Commission.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was recommended that the following amendments be made to the agenda:

- Delete Item 8b, Clear Cutting and defer the matter to a future meeting

By general consensus the agenda was approved as amended.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Minutes May 14, 2021, Regular Business Meeting

It was recommended that the minutes be clarified to note that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure only graded the driveway to Mortimer Spit and not the entire spit.

By general consensus the minutes of May 14, 2021 were adopted as amended.

4. DELEGATIONS

a) Brenda Sledzinski, Event Request

Chair McConchie invited Brenda Sledzinski to describe the event, which will be a family wedding.

The Commissioners requested and received information on the following points:

- Plans for outhouses
- Plans for noise

Several neighbours in attendance to the meeting spoke in favour of supporting the event.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Shingle Bay Swing Set:** It was noted that several members of the community wrote to the Commission with a request that the swing sets be returned to Shingle Bay Park. Chair

McConchie provided an overview of the rationale for removing the swings due to safety concerns.

Members of the public, David Kirsop and Brenda Sledzinski, encouraged the Commission to make the playground a priority. They spoke to how well-used and important the playground is to the community, and to how much the neighbourhood enjoys seeing children enjoy the park.

6. REPORTS

- a) **Maintenance Plan:** It was noted that the report was circulated electronically.

Ben Symons reported that the swing set at Thieves Bay requires additional substrate for safety. He reported that the project would require repair of the boards and laying of additional pea gravel.

Ben Symons noted a community request for a dog bag stand at Boat Nook.

Ben Symons reported that an informal trail that has been established in the Enchanted Forest which leads to a Fairy Door that does not appear to be part of the original school installation. A discussion was held and it was noted that the Enchanted Forest is under the authority of the Islands Trust Conservancy.

MOTION: It was moved that Ben Symons shall be directed to remove the new fairy in the Enchanted Forest.

FAILED

There was general consensus that Chair McConchie shall discuss the matter with Liis Graham, the teacher responsible for the original fairy door project and see the door removed.

Ben Symons noted that the applications for work at Thieves Bay (Picnic table pads), Found Road stair repair, and Fawn Creek stair repair have been submitted. He reported that archeological surveys will be required for the stair repairs and the cost is yet to be determined.

Chair McConchie reported that, following the Commission's decision to delay grading of Mortimer Spit the previously secured contracted appears to have completed the grading without being asked to do so.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded that, following consultation with the Capital Regional District, the Commission directs Shannon Brayford to draft a letter from the Commission to Aaron Grimmer indicating disappointment at his not following direction to not perform the grading and confirming that the Commission will not pay any associated invoices.

CARRIED

A discussion was held regarding communicating with the public about the role of the Commission and the matters controlled by the CRD.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded, that the Commission direct Chair McConchie to write to the CRD requesting that they release a public statement regarding the changes in governance due to archeological requirements and consultation with the WASANEC Leadership Council.

CARRIED

Chair McConchie noted that the trail proposed by Karl Hamson was visited by himself and Ben Symons and that the matter will be discussed later in the meeting.

A discussion of the dismantling of the former dog park site was held. There was general consensus that the signs and gates shall be removed.

b) Chair's Report

Chair McConchie had no further items to report.

c) Treasurer's Report

Susan Parr noted that the Treasurer's report was circulated electronically.

The report was received for information.

Susan Parr noted that she has resigned from the Commission and will be preparing a document supporting the transition for a new Treasurer.

It was noted that a new Treasurer will need to volunteer.

d) Recreation Report

It was noted that the applications are due at the end of this month and recommendations for distributing the funds will be sent

e) Volunteer Committee

Ilse Phillips reported that the program is working well and volunteers are sending information to Ben Symons to facilitate trail maintenance.

Ilse Phillips recommended that the Commission have a table at the market to encourage volunteers. There was general consensus in support of this recommendation.

f) Communications

Note: This matter was discussed under Maintenance Report

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. Ainsley Point Trail:

A discussion of the trail and the progress moving forward was held. There was general consensus that the project shall move forward.

b. Dog Park, New Site:

Tim Frick provided an overview of the potential sites that have been recommended to date and the challenges being faced by each. He recommended that the area near Karl Hamson's land and the Community Hall be reconsidered. There was general support of moving forward.

c. Thieves Bay and Shingle Bay Planning

A discussion was held regarding Ben Symon's recommendations for maintenance of the swing set at Thieves Bay, including replacement of pea gravel and repair of the wood boards.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded, that the Pender Islands Parks and Recreation Commission approve up to \$2500 for maintenance on the swing set at Thieves Bay

CARRIED

A discussion was held regarding the installation of a dog waste station at Boat Nook and at Gowlland point. It was noted that the installation would need to be contingent on the waste pick up contract being amended to include the service.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded, that the Pender Islands Parks and Recreation Commission approve up to \$1500 for installation of dog waste stations at both Boat Nook and Gowlland Point.

CARRIED

A discussion of improvements to Shingle Bay was held. The Commissioners expressed general support for improving the park and the playgrounds, and discussed the challenges for the site including the outhouse repairs/reinstallation, drainage, and improving the playground. It was noted that an overall project plan should be considered as part of the master plan.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded, that the Pender Islands Parks and Recreation Commission approve up to \$5000 for the installation of wood chips under the swing set at Shingle Bay Park.

CARRIED

There was general consensus that the Commission shall request that Ben Symons investigate the process and projected cost for replacing/repairing the outhouse and grading Shingle Bay Park.

d. Memorial Benches

Tim Frick provided an overview of the community request for allowing memorial tributes in the parks. He noted the challenges faced by other communities and that many with memorial programs are phasing them out due to unsustainable administration and cost.

Tim Frick recommended that the Commission consider the planting of a native species garden with a memorial feature at Thieves Bay.

It was noted that the Commission should discuss the matter further at a future meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Shingle Bay Event Application

MOTION: It was moved and seconded, that the Pender Islands Parks and Recreation Commission approve the event application of the Sledzinki Family.

CARRIED

It was noted that the Commission's approval is being given with the assumption that the event will follow all public health orders, as well as all applicable laws and bylaws.

b. Dog Park Disassembly at Danny Martin Park Site

MOTION: It was moved and seconded, that the Pender Islands Parks and Recreation Commission direct Ben Symons to remove the gates and signs from the former dog park at the Danny Martin site

CARRIED

c. Mt Menzies Trail Proposal

It was noted that this matter was discussed under the Maintenance Report. There was general consensus that the Commission shall meet to walk the trail on June 18, 2021.

9. IN CAMERA

None

10. NEXT MEETING

Regular Business Meeting Friday, July 9, 2021 at 9:30 am via zoom

11. ADJOURNMENT

By general consensus, the meeting was closed at 12:01 pm.