

# **Shawnigan Lake Parks and Recreation Commission**

June 24, 2010 SLCC

Attendees: Margaret Symon, Betty Lord, Bill Savage, Ryan Dias, Lori Treloar

Scribe: Lori Treloar

Guest: Craig Partridge

Minutes from April and May 2010: Approved Betty Lord

## **Presentation:**

Craig Partridge attended the SLP&RC meeting to discuss the proposed subdivision of his property off Renfrew Road near Glen Eagles Road. The property consists of three large acreages that are adjacent to each other. One is 28 acres; one is 38 acres and one is 83 acres. The largest lot borders the Trans Canada Trail. Mr. Partridge is not required to donate land (or money in lieu) for parks/trails for the subdivision of the properties since the lot sizes will be large. However, he is willing to work with the parks commission to establish potential parks and/or trails on the property for the community. Island Timber Group previously owned these three parcels. The current zoning is F1 but the new owner is seeking special zoning. The 83-acre parcel will be the first project and will be subdivided into four lots. Rental houses will be built on the four lots to finance the development on the other two parcels. It was determined that a site visit would help the commission to identify what trails etc. would be suitable. The site visit is tentatively scheduled for 15Jul10 at 6:00. The street address is 2872 and 2868 Renfrew Road.

## **Shawnigan Lake Parks and Trails Master Plan:**

Ryan advised that the Master Plan is approved and will be presented to the board.

## **Shawnigan Hills Athletic Park – Ryan Dias**

There was a tender put out for Engineers to bid on designs based on the scope of work required for the next phase at Shawnigan Hills Athletic Park. Work will start late August/early September. The smaller infield will be removed and the North infield will be tweaked. The overall design will include the potential for a permanent backstop. A running trail/track will be developed around the outside of the park. The fencing will be an onsite decision at the time of development. Services, including water, power, sewer, for current and future development will be brought to the park by conduits (likely along the existing driveway). An Electrical consultant was necessary to help the Engineers design the electrical service plan. There has been talk about accessing the sewer system on Shawnigan School property but it might lead to issues in the future. It is sensible to plan for potential sewer hookup to the Beach Estates system. There is not enough money at this time to build the washroom facility but the power and water will be installed so that it is ready to go for next year. Our budget is approx. \$300000 and the engineers will be roughly \$25000 for design, specs and drawings. In the meantime, the commission can decide what we need/want in the washroom so that the engineer can draw up the design. It is recommended that we hook up to the neighbouring water service in case of problems or increased capacity. The well is not working correctly at this time and the grass is brown. Bill asked about the

possibility of a cistern. Ryan will check into that idea. Ryan confirmed that the portable toilet is in place.

### **Shawnigan Subaru Triathlon May 30**

Margaret thanked everyone for helping and advised that the event went well. The event seemed a little disorganized this year likely due to the sudden resignation of the main organizer. The CVRD staff advised that they did not need to be on hand all day and that, in the future, a few hours would suffice. The Parks Commission invested in the day due to the re-grading of the Trans Canada Trail from Sooke Road to Butler. Apparently, it did not take long for dirt bikers to damage the trail after it had been graded. Margaret asked for feedback positive or negative about the Triathlon event so that she could report to the organizers. Betty indicated that she had some comments that she would provide for Margaret.

### **Bill Savage bench – raffle – update**

Margaret thought that one of the commission members was following up on this but there has been no progress. Lori advised that she would re-send the email from Ron Austen on the subject.

### **Gatekeeper – Shawnigan Hills Athletic Park**

Ryan advised that there is a new gatekeeper starting today. Jeff Hurford on College Place will take on the job.

### **Youth Services**

There will be students at the Government Wharf between July 5-9 handing out information and talking to people.

### **Fuel Management**

The CVRD grants are approved and we are expecting firesmarting work to be done at Marble Bay Park, Cobble Hill Mountain Regional Recreation Area, Bright Angel Park, Cowichan Valley Trail section, Silvermine Trail, Sandy Pool Park, Quarry Nature Park, and Mill Bay Nature Park

### **Subdivision Proposal – Stebbings Road**

The 7.3h parcel will be subdivided into six lots and the developer will need to donate land or money for this subdivision. The commission had previously thought that there wasn't much potential for park/trail and indicated that money would be the likely option. Lori suggested that the property is in line with several other future developments and perhaps a trail corridor should be contemplated. Bill suggested that land would be more valuable in the long term. The commission needs to make a proposal so we will need to check out the site and make the motion at the next meeting. Margaret said that she would advise Tanya that we want land, not money.

### **Subdivision Proposal – Baden-Powell**

The commission has made a motion regarding the trail proposal on this property but the CVRD has not received the minutes. Margaret will follow up to track down the minutes. If necessary, the commission will make a new motion at the next meeting.

N.B. \*\*Feb. meeting minutes were not available (scribe for that meeting was unable to prepare minutes)

At the Feb. 2010 meeting, a motion was made (following a January site visit to the proposed subdivision at Bob-o-Link), that the commission would like to see a trail along the boundary of the proposed development that would connect to Baden-Powell. A reasonable corridor is requested with an appropriate ramp or stairway (at the western end, which has a steeper gradient).

The motion was repeated at the April P&R meeting.

### **Area Directors Report**

No report

### **South Cowichan Parks and Recreation Commission**

All of their budget for this year will be dedicated to an architect's study to determine what would be the minimum amount of work that can be done to strengthen the structure of the Mill Bay Historic Church. Margaret asked if someone would volunteer to attend the SCP & RC meetings.

### **Other:**

-Two fallen trees on the SLCC property need to be removed. They can be milled and used for local projects. Bill will have a look at them.

-There is still a chance that we could have some student hours from the CVRD for Boat Safety. Margaret will check with Tanya.

Adjourned: 9:00pm