

Minutes of the Cobble Hill Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held on Thursday, April 22nd 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Dining Room of the Arbutus Ridge Golf & Country Club.

PRESENT: John Krug – Chair, Bill Turner, Gord Dickenson, Lynn Wilson and Director Gerry Giles.

REGRETS: Alan Seal, Richard Shaw.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Krug at 7:00 p.m.

Moved/seconded

that the agenda be adopted with an amendment containing a new item of business regarding Linden Collette.

Carried

Moved/seconded

that the minutes of the March 25th, 2010 meeting be accepted as circulated.

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- The Shawnigan Lake Parks Commission has agreed to circulate their minutes to the other parks commissions. John will follow up with the other areas regarding this item.
- An update on the horse trailer parking area was provided and the preliminary map as drawn by Tanya/Ryan was reviewed. It was agreed that the following items would be sent to staff for inclusion/exclusion in the final plan:
 - No drainage ditch on the north side of the lot. The site has a natural grade to the east and south.
 - No soil berm all the way down Empress Avenue as it takes too much space away from the lot. Finish with split rail and boulders. Retain the existing drainage ditch east to the catch basin.
 - Reduce the entrance off Empress Avenue to a single roadway width located between the tree and the existing culvert.
 - Provide hitching posts at the front of the trailer parking stalls.
 - Limit the area to four or five horse trailer stalls with no car parking in this area.
 - Large rock fill may be required in the existing wet areas.
 - The first priority for this area is horse trailer parking and the second is a small dog park, if possible. Therefore, we suggest the area be filled and reevaluated with these priorities in mind
- An update on the bike park expansion and repairs planned for Friday and Saturday of this week was provided. Director Giles indicated that significant donations toward these improvements are being received: Rino Bobcat has donated a day's bobcat work, Corex has donated 2 – 6.1 m x 12" blue seal solid drains and Island Irrigation is donating machine time to dig in the culverts and repair the bank adjacent to the tracks.
- It was agreed that the pathway in front of the split rail fence and gardens at the train station would be left until the work on the horse trailer parking lot is undertaken.

- An update was provided by John on the Parks Chairs meeting held on March 30th 2010 at the CVRD office.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The May 16th 2010 Cobble Hill Classic XC Race to be staged on Cobble Hill Mountain has been approved by the Commission.
- The bus shelter at the train station has been put on hold until we know the outcome of the washroom discussions.
- The resignation of Linden Collette from the Parks Commission was accepted with regret. John Krug will send a letter of appreciation from the commission to Linden.
- Gord Dickenson reported that the latch on the black gates at the Cenotaph needs adjusting. John and Gord will check into this.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Disc Golf - It was agreed the disc golf proposal would not be pursued as upon reflection it is doubtful that any of the parks in Cobble Hill are suitable for this activity and parks funding for the foreseeable future has already been committed.
- Historic Church, Mill Bay - There was no further information available on the historic church and hall located in Mill Bay.
- Horse Field Expansion - The Farmers Institute request regarding expansion of horse field into the area called the Wetlands Park will be pursued by John, Gerry and Jamie Clark of the Farmers Institute.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Director's Report – Director Giles provided the Commission with information on the dog park water fountain tampering, the difficulty in keeping the park supplied with dog disposal bags, the conversation held with Woody Hayes and the issue of South Cowichan governance. She informed the Commission that Cobble Hill's Town Hall meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 20th at 7 p.m. in the Cobble Hill Hall.
- It was agreed that we would ask Staff to ensure the bag dispensers in the dog park are filled on Friday's as heavy use is reported in the dog park on the weekends.

THE NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Commission will be **May 27th 2010** at a location **TBA**

ADJOURNMENT:

9:30 p.m.

John Krug

submitted by John Krug, Chair