

Area B (Shawnigan Lake) Parks and Recreation Commission

May 17, 2012 - 6:30 pm at SLCC

Attendees: Catherine Whittome, Margaret Symon, Kelly Musselwhite, Bill Savage, Lori Treloar

Guests: Sarah Malerby

Scribe: Lori Treloar

Minutes of April 2012 meeting approved

Triathlon presentation:

Sarah briefly described the past disconnect between the community and the Triathlon event. Her goal for the 2012 event was to build in visible benefits for the community. To that end, the Triathlon group and the SLBA worked together to establish a festival in the Village. Part of that was to promote action in the Shawnigan core rather than having all the events/activities take place at the West Provincial Park as in the past. For the first time, race packages were picked up in the Village, the children's run was held on the Elsie Miles grounds and vendors etc. lined the streets for most of Saturday. The result was a feeling of a vibrancy in downtown Shawnigan to welcome the triathletes and their families. Visitors appreciated the effort and enjoyed the bustle. A pancake breakfast, sponsored by the Rotary and open to the community, was held at the park on Sunday morning. Local photographer Paul Tedrick was on hand for official photos of the event. There will be a volunteer appreciation event for the many volunteers at Merridale Cidery. Sarah has committed to managing the Triathlon for the next two years and is working on ideas for building up the event in the future. One consideration is that there could be a fundraising component (i.e., at the Kids' Run, and also in conjunction with the overall event).

Road Ends

Brian Farquhar is still away so there is no update

The SRA rep for road ends requested a copy of the 2005 Road End Study (initiated in 2002) and was told by CVRD Parks Dept. that it doesn't exist, most likely because it is considered DRAFT stage. The parks commission feels that since the study was paid for from the Parks budget that it should be available.

MOTION by Catherine Whittome. Seconded by Bill Savage

As per our April Motion:

“The Shawnigan Lake Parks Commission requests that Bruce Fraser, Director for Area B, acquire a copy of the original 2005 Road End Study and have it available, on request, to the general public.”

Shawnigan Hills Park

The new washroom building is almost complete. The final inspections have been done but benches for the change rooms are needed before opening. Plans for the tot lot are progressing. The commission discussed options for a grand opening. It was suggested that it could be done in conjunction with a game, perhaps on a Saturday morning, to ensure that there was a crowd in

the park. There has been favourable public feedback about the design and landscaping. New gatekeeper (gate and washroom) takes over June 1, 2012. The gates are open from dawn till dusk.

Proposed rezoning Lot A – Gregory Road

Owner plans to create a 4 lot subdivision, with 3 new lots and 1 Remainder Lot. Property borders Silvermine Trail. CVRD Planning, Parks Dept. (Tanya Soroka), Bruce Fraser, property owner and P. Eng. Consultant, and Margaret Symon did a site visit May 9th. The property is outside the village containment boundary; the fire department recommends the property owner(s) petition the Shawnigan Improvement District for inclusion within the Fire Protection Area. The new S. Cowichan OCP provides for amenity planning. At re-zoning, commission can request more than 5% parkland dedication (or equivalent cash) in cash or amenities. As recommended by CVRD Parks and Area B Parks Commission, the owner will contribute 5% parkland (along northern boundary of property, with an additional dedication of a sliver of land paralleling E-W portion of trail). Silvermine Trail to be extended along NW portion of property; property owner will build to CVRD standards.

Worthington

The commission has not had any new information on the status of our park land on Worthington Road.

Memory Island

The status of the new “bathrooms” on Memory Island has not progressed. After considering the upgrades, BC Parks offered to buy supplies for screening and buildings. New holes will have to be dug and they need to be 15 m from the lake. BC Parks has indicated that “pit” toilets are the only option for this park. There is no deadline for this project and no date for the new privies projected.

Soil Dumping

According to Bill Savage, dumping, accidentally or not, has been happening on our 400 acre park off Stebbings Road. The CVRD is aware of it. A site visit is planned with Bruce Fraser and Barry Gates.

MOTION by Bill Savage. Seconded by Catherine Whittome

“The Shawnigan Lake Parks Commission requests that the CVRD Parks Department pursue the acquisition of the bottom of the lake and have it designated parkland.”

Kelly Musselwhite

Kelly Musselwhite advised that the first draft of the Area B zoning mapping is ready for review, and will be presented at the June Area Director’s Meeting. She and Bruce Fraser encourage as many people as possible to be familiarized with it before it passes.

Other

-It was suggested that another summer site visit (by water) is in order.

- Bill Savage advised that the new/upgraded docks at the Galley Marina is an infringement of the Galley zoning. The zoning allows owners to repair existing but not to extend or replace docks.

Meeting adjourned 830 pm.

Next meeting: June 21, 2012 at Shawnigan Lake Community Centre.