

Minutes of the Cobble Hill Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on Thursday, July 5th 2012 at 7 p.m. in the Youth Hall on Watson Avenue.

Those present: John Krug – Chair, Gord Dickenson, Annie Ingraham, Jennifer Symon, Al Garside, Bill Turner, Ruth Koehn, Lynn Wilson, Dennis Cage and Director Gerry Giles.

Apologies: Alan Seal

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

It was noted before the start of the meeting that John Giles is maintaining the newly planted trees at the Cobble Hill Common and Gord Dickenson had weed wacked the park boundary on Holland Avenue.

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that the agenda be adopted by adding an update on the Quarry Nature Park washroom to it. MOTION CARRIED

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that the minutes of May 22, 2012 be accepted as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

Old Business:

- 1) The lighting issue at Galliers Park seems to have been resolved. However, upon further discussion it was,

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that a timer be installed on the light at the Galliers Road Park with it timed to turn off at 2 a.m. MOTION CARRIED

- 2) An update on the Twin Cedars Trail was provided and it was agreed the culvert needs to be installed and this trail needs to be finished before the Cobble Hill Fair on August 25th. Parking for fair patrons will be encouraged in the Twin Cedars subdivision so a completed pathway will provide a convenient access through to the fairgrounds.
- 3) The requirements for installing the sign kiosk at the Cobble Hill Common were reviewed. It was agreed we would ask Dan Johnston – Central Power – to auger the post holes. These holes need to be 18 inches to accommodate the concrete.

It was previously agreed by the Commission to support the request by the Shawnigan Cobble Hill Farmers Institute and Agricultural Society to use the Common during the fair, but the Institute's request needs to include a list of what the intended uses for the Common would be so that the CVRD has a clear idea of the activities taking place at the park.

The first meeting of the Cobble Hill Common Age-Friendly Housing Project will take place on Friday, July 6th in the Youth Hall. Information from it will be reported back to the Parks Commission.

- 4) An update was provided on the ALC review of the Galliers property and it is now doubtful any decision will be made before September. Brian Farquhar has responded.

- 5) There was no update on the Telus building mural but John Krug will follow up with John Hodgins on this item.
- 6) John Krug visited the dog park with Ryan Lendrum where a discussion on how to improve the dust situation in the park was held. John obtained some product which he displayed to the Commission but it was agreed that 5mm would also be looked at. It was thought the 5mm product would be more expensive but less abrasive on dog paws. It was also agreed that more signage was needed on the front gate to warn of age restrictions in the dog park. The shelter is due for another coat of Sikkens and a work party will be arranged to wash the shelter then accommodate the staining. The commission agreed the water fountain needs to be improved and both Richard Shaw (John) and Randy Jones (Dennis) will be asked if they can assist in this regard.
- 7) Director Giles could not provide an update on whether or not the SIMBS agreement had been signed. There needs to be follow up with staff, SIMBS and the young people using the park as the users are becoming discouraged and a few minor injuries have occurred.
- 8) Questions were asked about the progress on the sewer system and when the washroom might be built at Quarry Nature Park. It was agreed that Director Giles would arrange a meeting with engineering, parks staff and John Krug to review the project. During that discussion water use in the parks was also brought forward and it was agreed that a master valve should be placed on all timer systems to ensure that leaks do not occur during times when the system is not in use.

New Business:

- 9) A discussion about recognition for those who contributed to Memorial Park was held and it was agreed the recognition for all donations on projects that have taken place in the Village should be accommodated in the Common either on the back of the sign or on the historical wall.
- 10) Commission members were asked to think about plans for the small park on Fairfield Road that visually forms a part of the front yard of the Service family. It was suggested what is eventually planned for this space should be low maintenance and plants should be drought resistant. This property is located at 1417 Fairfield Road and members were asked to view it before the next meeting.
- 11) Questions were asked about the current maintenance contract for Cobble Hill Parks. It was agreed that staff would be asked to confirm what parks in Cobble Hill come under the service contract with Easy Living also to confirm the date that the Easy Living contract expires.

There being no further items of business, the meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m. Next meeting to be at the call of the Chair.

John Krug, Chair