

**Philomath Park Advisory Board  
MINUTES**

June 2, 2015

At City Park Shelter, 299 S. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Philomath

The Park Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm by Chair Ben Folgate.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Dale Collins, Ben Folgate, Justice Heern, Patrick McDonald and Lindy Young

Staff Present: City Manager Chris Workman

Others Present: Al Shay, Horticulture Department, Oregon State University

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2.1 Dale Collins moved/ Patrick McDonald second, to approve the minutes of May 5th, 2015, as presented. Vote: 5-0.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

3.1 City Park – Al Shay Vegetative Status Update

Mr Shay talked briefly about Tree Risk Assessment Certification. He is working with Public Works personnel to continue a pro-active approach to tree management in Philomath Parks. It was discussed how public safety is paramount to the process.

3.2 Pee-Wee Field Update

Mr Workman provided additional information on the possibility of moving the ball field to the east side of Newton Creek. The PWYAC Director has indicated that the ball field will stay in its current location for the foreseeable future. In part, there was considerable funds allocated to construct the field in its current location and the active season is relatively short which would limit interference with Park Shelter events. Also, City Staff are cross checking the PYAC schedules with that of the City Park Shelter Reservation so that any concurrent event can be notified.

3.3 Other City Park Projects –

No additional City Park projects were discussed.

3.4 City Wide Trail Planning

The Corvallis-to-Sea Trail was the first item that was discussed. Mr. Collins indicated he would like to see if the Parks Board could help with areas of the trail that are 'bottlenecks'. Mr.

Workman indicated he would see what he could do to get the Parks Board members a map of the trail. Mr. Workman talked about the Streets Master Plan and there is the possibility of a light going in at 26<sup>th</sup> Street. The Parks Master Plan (p. 53) has the potential of a trail heading north along 26<sup>th</sup> and then running parallel to the railroad tracks. This brought up the idea of getting Bill Mayer to come talk to the Parks Board at a future meeting.

Mr. Workman brought up that there is the possibility of the City trails to tie in with Fitton Green. Also discussed was a possible trail north of Westbrook Park that could connect to a possible trail along 12 street (as outlined in the Parks Master Plan; p. 53).

The Parks Board briefly discussed the Lowther property and what a trail system might look like if that property gets incorporated into the City limits. The current Parks Master Plan has a potential trail along East Newton Creek and then along a potential extension of SW Plymouth Drive.

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR:** The July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting was canceled and the next meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at 5:00 p.m.

#### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Folgate moved to close, Mr. Collins second, meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Patrick McDonald, Secretary