

PARK ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes

July 23, 2020

Chair Dale Collins called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2020 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 980 Applegate Street, Philomath. The meeting was also available to the public via Zoom video conferencing.

1. ROLL CALL

Committee Chair: Dale Collins

Committee Secretary: Izzie Elliott

Committee Members: Lindy Young, Sandy Heath (via Zoom), and Carol Leach

City Staff: Chris Workman

Guests: Levi Miller, Brad Fuqua (Philomath Express), Mayor Eric Niemann (via Zoom)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of July 9, 2020 - Mayor Niemann corrected the section 3.3 to read demolition is not complete.

3. BUSINESS

3.1 Millpond Crossing Park Planning - Discussion was held with the Board, the Mayor, City Manager and the developer of Millpond Crossing in Philomath, Levi Miller. Phase I and II of the development are being completed. The next step is to address the park and pond that is to be developed before Phase III begins. Chris gave background about this particular development and construction of the park. This will be a city park, open from 6 am to 6 pm, maintained by the city and available to all residents. As such, recreational immunity keeps the city from being sued over accidents, including in the pond area. The existing pond, which is a detention pond left over from a lumber mill, will be drained, excavated, refilled, and possibly stocked with fish. Carol suggested that Fish and Wildlife professionals could advise us. A discussion was held on whether a rubber liner will be used and the slope of the edge of the pond with regard to safety. Levi suggested reaching out to Bend to ask about their Pioneer Street Pond, which is an irrigation pond.

Landscaping will include up to 80 trees, lawn and a pathway around the pond. Space will be provided for playground equipment for different age groups. The Board will explore different ideas of playground equipment and also the residents in the area will be asked for input. Dale suggested asking the potential buyers what they would like to see. Further discussion was held for lighting, drinking fountains, benches and picnic tables. Pipes have been installed under the road to take care of storm water runoff. It was strongly suggested that a fence be erected on the Chapel Drive side of the park, to prevent children from running into the road.

Mayor Nieman asked about a timeline for the park and Levi said hopefully this Fall. A couple of ideas were suggested including the following: <https://www.playlsi.com/en/commercial-playground-equipment/playgrounds/central-park-of-maple-grove/#playgroundstory>

Submit all suggestions to Chris Workman by August 10, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes collected by Izzie Elliott and summary created by Lindy Young