

MINUTES OF ELECTORAL AREA “G” (SALTAIR/GULF ISLANDS)
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: June 11th, 2012

TIME: 7:02 pm

MINUTES of the electoral Area “G” Parks Commission Meeting held on the above noted date and time at the CVRD Building, 10705 Chemainus Rd, Saltair, BC.

PRESENT:

Chairman: Harry Brunt

Secretary: Jackie Rieck

Members: Hans Nelles, Christine Nelles, Tim Godau, Paul Bottomley, Dave Key, Kelly Schellenberg and Glen Hammond (Glen arrived at 7:12)

NO ABSENTEES

ALSO PRESENT:

Director: Mel Dorey

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve agenda as submitted

MOTION CARRIED

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of Area “G” Parks Commission Meeting of May 07, 2012 be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

STANDING REPORTS:

CVRD:

-A Stocking Creek Walk-thru is scheduled for Monday, June 18, 2012 at 9:00 am, at Thicke Road entrance with CVRD staffers: Ryan Dias, Dan Brown and Michael Miller. Attending Commission Members will be: Paul Bottomley, Jackie Rieck, Mel Dorey, Tim Godau, Hans and Christine Nelles, and Glen Hammond.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

-A community meeting was held regarding the Manufactured Home Development across from North Watts Rd. Several important issues were raised by neighbours, thus requiring the entire project to be re-evaluated and brought before Electoral Services. Development is on hold until disputes/discrepancies are resolved.

-Discussed email from Paul and Nadi Bottomley regarding it being necessary for Saltair to be paying into two budgets: "Saltair Recreation" and "Saltair Comm Parks". Mel will research the pros and cons of having one budget versus two. He will be ready to discuss his findings regarding their concerns at our July 9th meeting.

CENTENNIAL PARK:

-A baseball tournament request has been received from Larry Craig to utilize the baseball diamonds, concession, and run a beer gardens from August 17th to August 19th, 2012. Members felt that we should obtain further personal background information from Mr. Craig as this is not a request from our regular Slo-Pitch league renters. Harry to investigate and will follow up with an email.

-Discussed Tennis Court maintenance.

-Trees that were planted last fall are thriving.

PRINCESS DIANA PARK:

-Two loads of bark mulch will be delivered sometime this week. Work party dates will be planned at our next meeting.

-Hazardous trees have been removed.

-No news on the estimated costs of two sign kiosks. Still awaiting a price from CVRD

STOCKING CREEK PARK:

-Walk thru planned for Monday, June 18th (see details on page 1 of Minutes)

-Gate area down on Thicke Road entrance has been vandalized again!! Wires have been cut.

-Discussed potential land acquisition to solve vandalism issues.

-Discussed hazardous unauthorized "rope swing" situation. CVRD has arranged for the swing to be removed by a tree specialist on Tuesday, June 12th, 2012.

-Finch Place strata has reviewed trail lease agreement and has made some changes which have been forwarded to the CVRD legal department. Hoping to get trail work going sometime in late summer.

BEACH ACCESSES:

-Reviewed trail issue at the end of Stuart Rd. Trail needs to be properly defined so public users know where to walk and not use the neighbouring private concrete driveway as an access to get to the trail. Suggestions were made to define the trail with gravel, about 20 meters to Stuart Rd and maybe move the Park marker post down closer to the road. Its needs to be very clear which area is the park trail.

-Members would like the staircase steps between Cliffcoe and Guilbride filled in with concrete rather than gravel. We have received positive feedback regarding the surface of compacted sand/gravel composite on the upper trail.

-Cliffcoe Beach Access- the very bottom set of stairs are starting to shift. They need to be straightened and somehow re-enforced (could soon be a safety issue) and they require to be topped up with gravel or ideally “concrete,” which would be a more permanent solution.

LADYSMITH PARKS & REC:

-World Mini-Cup Soccer Tournament hosted by Ladysmith was an outstanding success!

BASEBALL:

-See page 2 regarding Tournament request.

-Third weekend in July will be the end of the season for Saltair Slo-Pitch League.

NEXT MEETING:

Next Park's meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 09, 2012, 7:00 pm at the CVRD Building, 10705 Chemainus Rd, Saltair, BC.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.