

City of Lake Forest Park
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Regular Meeting Summary
17425 Ballinger Way NE – Lake/Forest Room
August 29, 2019

Regular Meeting: Call to Order – 7:00 PM

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members Present:

Derek de Bakker, Paula Karlberg, Max Beauter, Tony Auriemma

Others Present:

Residents: Mike Dee, Ned Lawson

Staff Present:

Cory Roche - Community Volunteer Coordinator

Welcome and Introductions

Public Comment:

Derek invited Ned Lawson to speak to start the meeting. Mr. Lawson stated he sent a letter to the City regarding an upcoming hearing opposing the construction of a picnic shelter at Pfingst Animal Acres Park. He mentioned the property may have been purchased with bond funds and a picnic shelter does not abide with the bond funds. He mentioned the City applied for funding of three properties, Wurdemann Mansion, Blue Heron Park, and Pfingst Animal Acres park. Fall of 1989, Wurdemann property was bought by developer. Open space bond funds were granted to purchase the Pfingst Animal Acres property. Ned stated that he believes this goes against the funding because it does not keep it as intended when the City first purchased the park. He suggested two other practical location in his letter he sent to the City and would like the board to hear some of the back background knowledge he remembers to pass along.

Review/Approve July Meeting Minutes:

Paula motioned to approve July meeting minutes, Derrek second motion, approved unanimously.

Park Naming Process for Property along 37th Ave NE & NE 178th St:

Discussion of potential name suggestions from the online survey were deliberated. Paula likes Animal Acres Annex, and Brookside as potential names. Max likes Animal Acres and incorporating it as one large big park. Tony likes Animal Acres park and Brookside Park, but also likes the idea of Ole Hansen and naming it after a person. Derek likes Animal Acres Park, Big Tree, Brookside, and Ole Hansen.

The Board agreed to bring four options to vote on at Picnic in the Park: Pfingst Animal Acres Park, Brookside Park, Big Tree, and Ole Hansen.

Picnic in the Park – September 7th:

Cory will send out a reminder, participation is appreciated to help run the voting of the park name.

The Board also discussed Sunday's farmers market involvement with the Tree Board and agreed that it was a bit too late to make this happen over Labor Day weekend.

PRAB Event Involvement Discussion:

Derek mentioned the board could do some sort of City scavenger hunt.

Tony would like to bring up the fun runs and working with Planet Fitness, stated that Rotary also seemed interested. This could help raise funds for exercise equipment in LFP Parks, giving credit to the run and sponsored organization.

Cory will look into how raising funds for park projects work and will add discussed items to the Work Plan.

2019-2020 PRAB Work Plan:

Paula motioned to approve the work plan with adding language to include a scavenger hunt and community walk/fun run to raise funds for Park Projects, Derek second the motion, all in favor.

Other Business:

Paula stated that Linda Holman, a former Parks Task Force and Community Service Commission member reached out to her and mentioned she would be willing to come to a meeting to discuss history if the Board would like. Paula will let Cory know if timing works out, she will invite her to an upcoming Board meeting.

Max, mentioned the lake front property across the street is now down to 5 million.

Public Comments:

Mike stated the two fun runs names and organizations that happen in LFP. Thanks the Council for re-appointing the Parks Board members terms. Mentioned this is a special meeting and it needs special agendas. Stated Pfingst Animal Acres Park is in PROST plan with Sims property. Brought handouts of the property for sale. Stated the King County levy was passed and that there was mentioning of funds for north end projects.

Adjourn: 7:55 PM