



Park Board Minutes  
April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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City Hall Council Chambers  
**The meeting began at 6:04 PM**

**Park Board Members Present**

Darren Proctor-Chairperson  
Fred Jacobsen-Vice Chairperson  
Carol Ujick  
Valerie Zifka  
Brian Cebe  
Richards Rawlings  
Karen Allen Witters

**City Representatives Present**

Gary Leaf  
David Wells  
Winona Jacobsen

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Unanimously approved minutes of the March 9th meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** None

## **STAFF REPORTS:**

David Wells, Bonney Lake Event Coordinator, was asked to share and discuss local events and updates to the 2009 Event Calendar.

David stated that the first adult Easter Egg Hunt that was held Friday April 10th was a huge success with almost 500 adults participating.

David discussed advertising, event location, event preparation, and the false start issue and how it will be rectified at the next event. Due to the success of this adult event Becky Giles, Sumner Recreation Director, and David met to talk about having an adult and teenage flashlight egg hunt in costume on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup> Easter egg hunt for kids was another huge success bringing in over 1000 children ages 1-11; over 17000 eggs were placed in the field, and over 200 prizes were given out. David realizes that this event will need to be in shifts to allow more kids to get involved.

The Park Board members discussed having a special needs area set up, more signage directing attendees to alternative parking i.e. the Moriarty property, creating a trail from the Moriarty property to Allan Yorke Park, and possibly coordinating next year with the Bonney Lake Police Department (BLPD) for traffic control.

David concluded his event update by reminding that Parks Appreciation Day and Arbor Day is Saturday April 18th, and the Robert Ceola Memorial Arbor Day Award will be presented at that time.

Gary Leaf, Community Services Director, was asked to share a research study on the YMCA. He stated that the study shows that the customer base is on the plateau and the donor base is in Sumner. Gary mentioned possibly having a park bond in the future, a possible split campus, the suggested researched location for the YMCA would be in the valley; and that the function of the future Bonney Lake Civic Center was not thought to be created for a YMCA but for City Hall, Senior/Youth Center, and Administration etc.

*Citizen Comment:* Winona Jacobsen clarified that the Downtown area is concept only; she mentioned sitting on the committee that studied the Downtown area and that the original vision was mixed use, residences above retail perhaps and also incorporating City offices. Winona concluded by stating that the Civic Center area might not be the best place for a YMCA.

## **STAFF REPORTS: continued**

The Park Board would like to keep the money on the Plateau and agree that there is a need for a YMCA more and more as the City continues to grow; they would also like to request that Bonney Lake Mayor Neil Johnson join the next Park Board meeting for a detailed update on the YMCA and also clarification on who paid for this YMCA study.

Gary will invite Mayor Johnson to the May 2009 Park Board meeting. Darren Proctor would like the Park Board to look at the YMCA study; look at other ways to fund a project of this size, and get on the phone and talk to the other elected officials for answers.

## **OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

Fred Jacobsen, Vice-Chairperson, asked that Youth Forum Notes be discussed first under old continuing business due to the current discussion of the YMCA tying into what the Bonney Lake High School students want to see in our City. Fred stated that almost every discussion group at Bonney Lake High School communicated that they needed a YMCA, Community Center etc., and they also gave many suggestions where possible location could be.

The Park Board agreed that the youth have a lack of constructive activity at night, will discuss further the park hours and how it would impact the BLPD (Bonney Lake Police Dept.), add flood lights for the basketball courts etc., add more cameras in the parks for safety, and possibly create a small youth group to work with the Park Board on the YMCA project. Gary Leaf, Community Services Director, mentioned that he didn't think that our insurer wanted the parks open late for liability reasons.

Darren Proctor, Chairperson, recapped the plaque standards discussion in April 2009 and stated that our discussion this meeting will start with bench plaques. The Park Board discussed having the bench plaques more inset and visible, have consistency in the City parks, not having a size in our sign standard, having the Tree Logo and material being our standard. Darren is requesting examples for bench plaques, plaque material, would like City staff to research the local vendor's availability to add a logo to the existing replacement bench plaques, request City staff to provide three recommendations to set a plaque standard, and will continue plaque standards on the May 2009 agenda.

*Citizen Comment:* Winona Jacobsen commented that there will only be one historical marker in the park areas

**OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS: continued**

Gary Leaf, Community Services Director, delegated David Wells, Bonney Lake Event Coordinator, to research the types of signs and materials that could be recommended to the Park Board.

*Citizen Comment:* Winona Jacobsen stated that the Historical Society has done extensive research regarding types of signs and materials and would be more than happy to share that information with David. David will come back to the Park Board on June 8th to share this information.

**Ordinance 1232 updated 4/13/09:**

Darren Proctor opened up the discussion for Ordinance 1232. The following are the Park Board member suggested changes:

**12.12.010 Rule making authority.**

The mayor, or his or her designee, may make and promulgate reasonable rules and regulations for safety and sanitation and periods of public use of public parks of the city, which shall be posted in conspicuous places in or adjacent to any park of the city. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 250 § 4, 1967).

**12.12.020 Unauthorized motor vehicles.**

Unless authorized in advance for a special event specifically designated by the City Council, ~~M~~motor vehicles are prohibited in all areas of any city park, except that motor vehicles licensed by the Washington State Department of Licensing or similar licensing department from another state are permitted in areas designated for parking only. For purposes of this section, “motor vehicles” are defined as any device with two or more wheels powered by an internal combustion engine or electric motor that is capable of propelling the device with or without human propulsion. Examples of “motor vehicles” include, but are not limited to, motorized foot scooters, mini-motorcycles, and ~~motorized toys~~ all-terrain vehicles, ~~commonly referred to as power wheels~~. This section shall not apply to any disabled person using a wheelchair conveyance as defined in RCW 46.04.710, or city-owned or approved park maintenance vehicles. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 1150 § 1, 2005; Ord. 454 § 6(1), 1977).

**12.12.030 Alcoholic beverages.**

No person shall possess or consume an alcoholic beverage in any city park unless designated by the City Council according to BLMC 12.12.035. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(2), 1977).

### **12.12.035 City-designated beer gardens and/or wine tasting areas.**

Notwithstanding the provisions of BLMC 12.12.030, it shall not be unlawful for any person over 21 years of age to possess or consume alcoholic beverages within any city-designated beer garden and/or wine tasting area at Allan Yorke Park during the annual Bonney Lake Days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday during the third weekend in August or other special events specifically designated by the City Council. The mayor or his or her designee is authorized to impose such regulations upon such operations as he or she deems appropriate; provided, that the city-designated beer garden and/or wine tasting area shall not open any sooner than 12:00 p.m. on each day of the annual event and shall be allowed to remain open until the day's planned event ends, or earlier, if circumstances so require. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 1015 § 1, 2004).

### **12.12.040 Hours of use.**

Unless authorized in advance for a special event specifically designated by the City Council, City parks shall be open from dawn until dusk each day. No person shall go upon any city park except during opening hours. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(3), 1977).

### **12.12.050 Group use.**

Groups of more than 50 people shall not be allowed to use any city park without first obtaining a permit from the city. The conditions for issuance of a permit shall be set by the city clerk, and shall be designed to mitigate problems caused by large groups, such as park overcrowding, noise, traffic, safety concerns, competition over park facilities, littering, crime, and damage to park facilities. Groups wishing to reserve park facilities such as ball fields and picnic shelters must make a reservation prior to such use by contacting the community services department. Reservation fees are listed in BLMC 12.12.055. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(4), 1977).

### **12.12.051 Boat launch facilities – Fees established.**

~~There is fixed and established~~ The following schedule of fees to shall be charged by the city for use of the boat launch facilities:

A. A resident boat launch admission card ("card") shall be available at Bonney Lake City Hall. The cost of the card shall be \$25.00 per ~~watercraft~~ residence per year. Residency will be verified through utility accounts information, current Washington State driver's license or other acceptable proof of residency. The card shall not be transferable to others ~~watercraft~~. Resident watercraft ownership must be verified by state license(s) ~~of the watercraft~~, if applicable, or some other acceptable proof of ownership. The card will expire on December 31st of each year.

B. A fee of \$8.50, paid electronically, will be required, per launch or recovery, at the boat launch facilities for any ~~watercraft~~ person not issued a valid card for which a currently authorized card is not being used.

C. The administrative fee for replacement of a card is \$100.00. No refunds will be given for lost, stolen, or unused cards.

D. The city may temporarily close the boat launch facility without advance notice. No refunds will be given for the temporary or permanent closure of the boat launch facility.

E. The mayor is authorized to promulgate policies and procedures necessary for the implementation of this section and the administration of the boat launch program. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 1037 § 1, 2004; Ord. 826 § 8, 1999; Ord. 669 § 1, 1993).

**12.12.052 Disposition of boat launch fees.**

All costs of the program will be paid from the gross revenues collected. The balance of any moneys after the expenses are to be split evenly between the park department and the police department. The park department funds shall be used solely for park facilities operation, maintenance and improvements to park department facilities. Police department funds shall be used solely for the water safety and park enforcement programs. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 669 § 2, 1993).

**12.12.053 Administration of program.**

*Repealed by Ord. 1232. (Ord. 669 § 3, 1993).*

**12.12.055 Fees established.**

There is fixed and established the following schedule of fees to be charged for reserved use of the following designated facilities:

Soccer and baseball fields:

First two hours of rental \$7.00

Each additional two hours \$7.00

Picnic areas:

1 – 50 persons \$25.00

\*51 – 150 persons \$50.00

\*151+ persons \$75.00

\*In addition a permit from the City Clerk is required for groups of more than 50 people

(Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 826 § 9, 1999; Ord. 661 § 1, 1993).

### **12.12.057 Disposition of fee moneys.**

All such fees collected from the use of the concession stand, soccer fields, baseball fields and picnic areas, and revenues derived from cellular towers sited in city parks shall be paid into the parks department fund and shall be used solely for park facilities' operations and maintenance and/or park facilities' improvements. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 661 § 2, 1993).

### **12.12.060 City ordinances to remain in effect.**

The ordinances of the city and the laws of the state not in conflict with BLMC 12.12.020 through 12.12.050 shall remain in full force and effect as to city parks. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(5), 1977).

### **12.12.070 Structures and signs.**

No person, firm or corporation shall use, place or erect any placard, notice, sign or device or any kind of advertising in any park, or erect a structure of any kind in any park; provided, however, the community services director, or his or her designated representative, may permit the erection of temporary directional signs, decorations, advertising signs or temporary stands and buildings on occasions of group or public meetings, ~~or for purposes of organized athletic events, or special events specifically designated by the City Council.~~ (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(6), 1977).

### **12.12.080 Injuring plants.**

No person shall, without the written permission of the community services director or his or her designated representative, cut, injure, deface, remove or disturb any tree, shrub, plant, building, fence, bench or other structure, apparatus or property in a public park or a public place, or injure, misuse or remove any device placed to protect such tree, shrub, building, fence, bench, or other structure, apparatus or property. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(7), 1977).

### **12.12.090 Entering posted areas.**

No person shall enter upon any portion of lawn or ground within a public park or a public place when notified by a sign placed in such park or public place, or by a police officer, not to enter upon such lawn or ground. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(8), 1977).

### **12.12.100 Littering.**

No person shall throw or deposit any refuse, litter, garbage or other waste materials in any park or public place, except in designated receptacles. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(9), 1977).

### **12.12.110 Fires.**

No person shall make or kindle any fire in a public park or public place except at places designated for such purpose. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(10), 1977).

### **12.12.120 Remaining after closing hours.**

Unless authorized by the community services director, no person or motor vehicle shall remain in a public park or public place after the posted closing hours. Any motor vehicle found parked in violation shall be towed away at the owner's expense and/or cited. Signs shall be posted in parking areas in public places designating such places as tow-away zones. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(11), 1977).

### **12.12.130 Animals at large.**

No person shall allow or permit any animal to run at large in any public park. Animals are permitted if kept on a leash no longer than eight feet, or confined and under control at all times. Any person with an animal in his or her possession or control in any city park shall be responsible for the conduct of the animal and removing from the park grounds fecal matter deposited by such animal. Horses shall not be permitted in any city park except where specifically designated. This regulation may be temporarily waived by the community services director for special events. ~~No person may fish where a sign prohibiting such activity is posted. All laws, rules, and regulations of the state of Washington relating to season catch limits and methods of fishing shall apply to all city parks and public places. A violator of this section may be charged with an infraction for which the penalty is listed in BLMC 12.12.250.~~ (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(12), 1977).

### **12.12.140 Firearms.**

No person shall possess, use or discharge any firearm, air gun, BB gun, slingshot or any bow and arrow in a public park, or use or discharge any such weapon in a public place, unless otherwise authorized as a part of an organized recreation program of the park and recreation department of the city, or other public agency. A violator of this section may be ~~cited into an appropriate court of law and~~ charged with a misdemeanor. Conviction of such misdemeanor shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000, imprisonment for a term not to exceed 90 days, or both. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(13), 1977).

### **12.12.145 Fireworks prohibited.**

No person shall possess, nor allow any minor child under said person's immediate supervision to use, possess or explode any fireworks in any public park unless such possession or use is part of a duly authorized public display. The term "fireworks" shall include "common fireworks" as per the provisions of Chapter 70.77 RCW. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454B § 1, 1983).

### **12.12.150 Molesting animals.**

No person shall molest, catch, injure or kill, or throw any stone or missile of any kind at, or strike with any stick or weapon, any animal or bird in a public park or public place. A violator of this section may be ~~cited into an appropriate court of law and~~ charged with a misdemeanor. Conviction of such misdemeanor shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000, imprisonment for a term not to exceed 90 days, or both. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(14), 1977).

### **12.12.160 Soliciting.**

Unless authorized in advance for a special event specifically designated by the City Council, ~~No~~ person shall solicit or ask for the payment or gift of money for, ~~or sell, offer or solicit for sale,~~ any goods, services or merchandise in a public park or public place ~~without the prior written permit from the city clerk or his designated representative.~~ (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(15), 1977).

### **12.12.170 Amplified sound.**

No person shall operate or use any loudspeaker or mechanical means of amplifying sound in any public park or public place without the prior written consent of the ~~police chief~~ mayor, or his or her designated representative. Loud music, loud muffler noise, and loitering in vehicles in city parks shall be prohibited. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(16), 1977).

### **12.12.180 Exhibitions.**

No person shall conduct any circus, carnival or similar exhibition except as a part of an organized recreation program of the parks and recreation department, or as a special event authorized by the City Council. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(17), 1977).

### **12.12.190 Boats – Operation.**

No person shall have, keep or operate any boat or other watercraft within the limits of any park or land the same at any point on the shore bordering any park, except at places designated for such purpose or except in an emergency. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(18), 1977).

### **12.12.200 Boats – Compliance with Pierce County water regulations required.**

*Repealed by Ord. 1028. (Ord. 454A § 2, 1978).*

### **12.12.210 Bicycles.**

No person shall ride or drive any bicycle in any city park in a manner that is both negligent and endangers or is likely to endanger any person or property. For purposes of this section, "negligent" means the failure to exercise ordinary care, and is the doing of some act that a reasonably careful person would not do under the same or similar circumstances or the failure to do something that a reasonably careful person would do under the same or similar circumstances ~~or motor vehicle over or through any public park or public place except along and upon public roads, streets or other designated areas therein, or operate any vehicle at a speed in excess of the posted speed limit.~~ (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(20), 1977).

### **12.12.220 Games.**

No person shall practice or play golf, baseball or other games of like character in any public park or public place except at places designated for such purposes. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(21), 1977).

### **12.12.230 Trees.**

No person shall, without the written permission of the ~~city engineer~~ mayor, or his or her designated representative, after consulting with the City Arborist, place or hereafter maintain upon the ground in a public park or public place any stone, cement or other substance which shall impede the free entrance of water and air to the roots of any tree planted in such public park or public place, without leaving an open space of ground outside the trunk of the tree not less than four feet square. If tree removal is in an area identified as Critical under BLMC 16.20.090 then those guidelines take precedence. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(22), 1977).

### **12.12.240 Interference with employees.**

No person, firm or corporation shall prevent, delay or interfere with the employees of the city in the planting, pruning, spraying or removing of trees, plants or shrubs in a public park or a public place. As with BLMC 12.12.030, any removal of trees shall be under advice of the City Arborist. If tree removal is in an area identified as Critical under BLMC 12.20.090, then those guidelines take precedence. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 454 § 6(23), 1977).

### **12.12.250 Violations – Penalties.**

The acts or conditions enumerated in this chapter are proclaimed to be public nuisances. Those persons responsible for maintaining with knowledge such nuisance shall be subject to immediate ejection from the city park area and served with a no trespass order by the police department. Unless otherwise specifically set forth herein, a violator may also be charged with an infraction for which the penalty shall be as follows:

1st offense within one year	\$45.00
2nd offense within one year	\$150.00
3rd offense within one year	\$200.00

Persons charged with infractions shall be processed by the municipal court in the same manner as persons charged with traffic infractions. Persons failing to appear for hearings for violations of this chapter shall be subject to the penalties set forth in BLMC 1.16.030. (Ord. 1232 § 1, 2007; Ord. 656 § 3, 1992; Ord. 454 § 6(23), 1977).

### **Downtown Pocket Park/Veterans Memorial property parcels discussion:**

Brian Cebe started the Downtown pocket park discussion by mentioning that he saw a letter written by John Vodopich, Director of Planning and Community Development, to the property owners of parcels across from the Public Safety Bldg. for possible sites for a Veteran’s Memorial. Gary Leaf, Community Services Director, will follow up with these property owners regarding the Park Board and Greater Bonney Lake Veterans Memorial Committees (GBLVMC) desire to have open space for a City park and memorial.

Park Board members Fred Jacobsen and Brian Cebe (GBLVMC members) met with the Public Safety Committee to discussed the goal of having land (more than one parcel) donated by the end of 2010, a facility/memorial by the end of 2013, and that the GBLVMC now has its 501c3 and can accept donations. The Public Safety Committee is fully in support of a Downtown Park/Veterans Memorial.

The Downtown Park/Veterans Memorial vision is a passive park with benches, open space, a place to reflect, a place to have Veterans Day events etc. Darren Proctor brought up Garden Clubs and Blue Star memorials; he will get contact information for the GBLVMC.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Gary Leaf announced and discussed with the Park Board the Cities newly acquired 2.5 acres (Hyland property); these properties have wet land restriction to only allow trails.

**PROPOSED MAY AGENDA ITEMS:**

- A. Continued discussion~Plaque standards
- B. Final discussion~Ordinance 1232
- C. Skate Park use policy
- D. Downtown Pocket Park/Veterans Memorial property parcels
- E. Marketing the Park Board to the citizens

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Karen Allan Witters received comments from citizens regarding the Bonney Lake, Lake Tapps boat launch, and the Allan Yorke Park ball field maintenance. The boat launch complaints were that traffic had to be stopped while launching a boat due to pulling into the road, and that the docks were not long enough to comfortably hold the boat while another brings back vehicle. The Park Board discussed the citizen boat launch issues, and the proposed plan for the Condo marina.

*Citizen Comment:* Winona Jacobsen stated that anything that happens around that area will be subject to shoreline management and they have some pretty stringent rules.

The ball field complaint was about not having job boxes housing rakes etc. available to Little League and others using the fields. David Wells, Bonney lake Event Coordinator, reiterated that Little League has access to one of the garages that includes these requested tools.

David wells stated that Dock Dogs will not be joining Bonney Lake Days as they have prior commitments.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting ended at 8:33pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM.

*Jennie Sage*

Park Board Secretary