

CROOK COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION DISTRICT
296 S MAIN STREET
PRINEVILLE, OREGON 97754

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of Crook County Parks & Recreation District, Crook County Oregon held at 296 S. Main Street Prineville, Oregon on Wednesday February 10th, 2016 was called to order by Mr. Carbaugh at 5:15pm.

Board Members: Forest Carbaugh, Linda Smith, Cindy Hurt, Barbara Pennington

Staff Present: Joey Williams, Arlyce Perkins, Kristen Masten, Duane Garner

Guests: Zac Ackley and Susan Crawford

PRIOR MINUTES: Mrs. Hurt made a motion to approve the January 27th, 2016 board meeting minutes, seconded by Mrs. Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Mrs. Williams said she will give a quarterly update at the next meeting. She said the auditor has asked for a second extension. She spoke with the State of Oregon Audit Division and was told that as long as an extension has been submitted the district is in compliance. Mrs. Williams is researching auditors and it is a timely process.

DIRECTOR'S OVERVIEW: Mr. Garner said that bid requests for the asphalt job at the RV Park have been published. He said the fairgrounds have acquired a new electronic reader board sign and they asked Mr. Garner if they can put it in Pioneer Park on the corner of 3rd street where the current district signage is located. He said the plan is that it will match the look of the pavilion.

Mr. Garner said he is moving forward with the local government grant to expand the skate park. He said there is 30,000 in SDC fees that can be used for match. Mr. Garner showed some pictures of expansion ideas and said he will keep the board informed.

PARKS: Mr. Garner said basic maintenance is going on at this time.

RECREATION: Mrs. Masten said the Daddy Daughter Dance is this Friday. She said the Pool manager application deadline is Friday, February 12. The skate rink numbers are up; this last weekend there were 70 to 99 skaters each night. She gave out 123 free skate and pool passes at the Middle School Health Fair. She said there were about 1200 kids at the event. Mrs. Masten said there was a Parks and Rec youth basketball tournament on February 6th in John Day. She said Parks and Rec will be hosting another Tournament Feb 27th at High School.

RV PARK: None

BOARD INPUT: Mr. Carbaugh said he and Wayne Looney would like to have a meeting with Mr. Garner to discuss funding for a project.

POOL COMMITTEE UPDATE: Mr. Ackley said the core committee has formed four sub-committees; Fact Finding, Public Relations, Partnerships and Fund/Stake Holders. He said each sub-committee has a core member. Mr. Ackley said there are new people joining the effort and a lot of people that initially signed up have not followed through. He said they were moving a little slow due to some of the core members being absent. He said they have missed Mrs. Searcy as she has been a valuable member of the core. He asked the board what direction they would like the committee to focus their efforts. There was a discussion amongst the board, and Mr. Carbaugh responded, stay within the scope of the core committee without stifling the sub-committee's enthusiasm. Mr. Ackley asked if it is possible to do a new feasibility study because it could be difficult to get a lot of movement in the coming weeks without an updated study. Mr. Carbaugh and Mrs. Williams both said there was no money budgeted for a feasibility study this year. Mr. Carbaugh said he feels applying for a grant could take too long. He asked Mr. Garner if Crook County Foundation may have some funds available. Mr. Garner said he doesn't believe the foundation has the funds. Mrs. Williams said she thinks a new feasibility study may cost approximately 30,000. There was a discussion on the cost of updating the current feasibility. Mrs. Crawford she will call the company that did the last feasibility study to see how much they would charge to update it and she will also get a time frame. Mr. Ackley asked if they want to shoot for the November ballot. Mr. Garner said he feels if the district cannot get an operating levy with the bond the district will not be able to pay operating expenses for a pool. Mrs. Pennington said the only way the bond could be on the November ballot is if the committee could get the information back to the board by July 1st. There was a discussion regarding how much tax payers can be taxed. Mr. Garner said this would have to be a county wide bond as the district boundaries are small. Mrs. Crawford said she thinks maybe the quickest way to find out if the community wants a pool is to create a survey using Survey Monkey. She asked Mrs. Williams if she has an email distribution list. Mrs. Williams said doesn't have an email distribution list but she thinks Survey Monkey can be logged into anonymously. Mrs. Williams said they could put the survey on their Facebook page. There was a discussion about using Survey Monkey and how it works. Mr. Garner said there are other options such as fixing up the present pool rather than building a new pool and it could be done with a much smaller budget. Mr. Carbaugh said the district just wants to build a new pool. Mr. Ackley said the committee will lose supporters that want a therapy pool if that is not included. There was a discussion about the number and types of users for a pool. Mrs. Pennington said she feels the district needs to look into partnerships which could be the only way for success. Mr. Ackley said the committee members are talking with the hospital about a partnership. The board asked that the committee talk to other businesses and the school district to see if there is interest in a partnership with the district. Mr. Carbaugh asked if the subject of a location has been brought up. He asked Mr. Ackley if the committee has heard from the school district if they would agree to put a new pool in the six-acre piece of property behind the Middle School. Mr. Ackley said he doesn't know anything about that property. There was a discussion regarding the school property off of Combs Flat across from Cecil Sly behind the Middle School. Mrs. Smith said it is her favorite spot for a pool. Mr. Garner said he would like to communicate his connections with the pool committee as he believes they are in contact with the same people. Mrs. Crawford asked the board if they have any input on reaching out to others county wide. Mrs. Pennington said the committee members could go to morning work sessions with the county council at the court house. Mrs. Crawford asked about competing with the jail efforts. Mrs. Pennington said she is not sure if the jail will be ready for the November elections. Mrs. Crawford feels the committee should forge ahead and the board agreed. Mr. Carbaugh said the committee needs to see if the community wants a pool or there will be no pool bond on the November ballot. Mrs. Crawford asked if the parks tax ID number could be used to set up an account. Mrs. Williams said no, however they could use the foundation for grant writing and donations.

Mrs. Crawford asked if they raise money and it is deposited in the foundation can they take it out. Mrs. Williams said yes, the committee would just submit an invoice when they need funds. Mr. Carbaugh asked what the board can do for the committee. Mr. Ackley said please be available for questions. Mr. Garner asked Mr. Ackley if the office can give out his phone number when people call the office for information. Mr. Ackley said yes and you can tell the public they can send information and questions to prinevillepool@gmail.com.

FAIRVIEW PROPERTY UPDATE: There has been interest in renting the building by a local contractor. The district should know soon if that person is interested.

BIKE PARK: Mr. Garner said COTA's original contract is going forward and has asked the district to sign the contract.

Mrs. Smith made a motion to allow Mr. Garner to sign the COTA contract as submitted. Mrs. Pennington seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

OCHOCO LAKE BLM PROPERTY: Mr. Garner said he was contacted by BLM regarding a square mile of property across from Ochoco Lake campground. He feels it would make a good addition for outdoor hiking while staying at the campground. Mrs. Pennington asked how big is a square mile. Mr. Carbaugh said 640 acres. Mr. Garner showed the board some pictures of the property. The board wants to look into it further and have an ongoing conversation about the property. Mr. Carbaugh asked Mr. Garner if Barnes Butte is still in consideration. Mr. Garner said yes but there is a delay. Mrs. Pennington asked Mr. Garner where the district is on the contract with the County and Ochoco Lake campground. Mr. Garner said he is still waiting for the State to clean up deed so it can be deeded to the County. He said once the deed is cleaned up, and deeded to the County, the County will renew the contract with the district. Mr. Garner said he knows that the County is not interested in running a campground.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Mrs. Pennington made a motion to approve the bills as submitted, seconded by Mrs. Hurt. Motion passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Carbaugh adjourned the regular board meeting at 6:40 pm. The next board meeting will be Wednesday February 24, 2016 at 5:15pm at the District Office.