

**TOWN OF YARROW POINT
PARK BOARD MINUTES
April 27, 2010**

The following is a condensation of the proceedings and is not a verbatim transcript. The meeting is recorded, and this audio recording is available to the public.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman John McGlenn called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair: John McGlenn – Chairman

Members: Kelly Almeleh
Mary Elmore
Doug Waddell (excused)
Carolyn Whittlesey

Staff: Sara McMillon – Town Clerk-Treasurer

Guests: None.

APPEARANCES:

None.

CHAIRPERSON REPORT:

Park Board Chairperson John McGlenn reported that the proposed Tree Ordinance that will apply to trees located on public property will be reviewed at a public hearing next month before the Town's planning commission. The Town will hold its first Arbor Day Celebration during the annual Clean Up event. Park Board members discussed the qualifications for becoming a Tree City.

Mr. McGlenn said plans for a new sport court are moving forward. Mr. McGlenn reported that Mayor David Cooper said the bid solicitation will be advertised in April with prices coming in by the end of April. Currently the Mayor is working with Fiscal Coordinator John Joplin on a revised budget that will be presented next month to the Council. The sport court may be delayed due to budget concerns, Mr. McGlenn said, but there is still a chance the Council will approve awarding of the contract.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

PB AB 10-004 – Update on Sport Court Project

Town Clerk Sara McMillon reported that bids will be opened for the project the first week in May. The Town Council will then make a decision on the bid award at the May meeting. The bid solicitation package was sent to a number of potential contractors.

PB AB 10-005 – Discussion of Arbor Day and Clean Up Day

Park Board member Kelly Almeleh said her group worked in Sally's Alley. It became apparent that weeds were everywhere and attempting to remove them all would be fruitless. The weeds would come back immediately. The graveled path is eroding and weeds are starting to come up through it, she said. When the Town mows in Sally's Alley, the rocks are kicked up. A different cover for the path might improve it. Mrs. Almeleh said the group did the best it could and then moved up to the town entrance. Daffodils at the entrance were trimmed off. The pansies were doing well.

Mrs. Almeleh said some additional wheelbarrows would have been helpful. Public Works Coordinator Istvan Lovas was helpful in cleaning up some of the clippings. She said she thought spreading out into different areas worked well. Town Clerk McMillon suggested that next year a sign up sheet could be used so that notes of thanks could be sent out, or for other purposes. Getting the cell phone numbers of the crew leaders also worked well, Mrs. Almeleh said. The doughnuts and coffee were popular. A few more pizzas were ordered than were necessary. Garlic Jim's gave the Town a 20% discount. The weather was perfect this year.

Park Board member Mary Elmore said the Town should be sure to have Mr. Lovas water the new plants. Park Board members said Road End Beach now has an irrigation system. Mrs. Elmore said the Town could spray for weeds in Sally's Alley. Weed killer works well if new plants that come up are removed. Mrs. Almeleh said it would be nice if the path was more defined and had a plastic border to keep the rocks from eroding. Park Board Member Carolyn Whittlesey said weeds are hard to control. It could be possible for the Boy Scout volunteers to do a trail restoration project in Sally's Alley, Ms. McMillon said. They could dig out a trench for the pathway, put down fabric to keep weeds out and install a plastic border. A backhoe might not be necessary.

Mrs. Elmore said she attended an art exhibition of resident Ray Jensen's sculptures at the Nordic Museum. One of the sculptures was a small replica of Sally, the Jensen's former pet goat. Sally's Alley is named after that goat. Mrs. Elmore said Ray might be interested in designing a sign for the entrance to the park. He might be willing to attend the next Park Board meeting to discuss it. Preserving the unique history of the Point in this way is important, Mrs. Elmore said.

Mrs. Almeleh said another idea for next year's Clean Up Day is that each Park Board member contact five families to invite them. The turnout this year was good, but Mrs. Almeleh said she knows of some families with children that did not attend. Park Board member John McGlenn said the article in the newsletter worked well.

Mrs. Elmore said the pathway on 92nd Avenue needs a great deal of work. Mostly what her group did was trim back the quince. There are a number of plants that need to be replaced. The Park Board could do a plant inventory in September and assist Mr. Lovas in planting. Some dead plants need to be removed and new plants need to be trimmed back. A number of tasks need to be done on the pathway, she said. Mrs. Almeleh left the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Mr. McGlenn said the event this year was well organized. Tom Iversen was missed, and will be missed in Yarrow Point. Park Board members purchased a commemorative cribbage board that is engraved for Mr. Iversen. Resident Trevor Dash has volunteered to serve on the Park Board, he said.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, the Park Board meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

APPROVED:

John McGlenn, Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Sara McMillon, Town Clerk-Treasurer