

**TOWN OF YARROW POINT  
PARK BOARD MINUTES**

**January 26, 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:**

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| <b>Chairman:</b> | John McGlenn – Chairman  |
| <b>Members:</b>  | Kelly Almeleh<br>Mary Elmore<br>Doug Waddell (excused)<br>Carolyn Whittlesey |
| <b>Staff:</b>    | Sara McMillon – Town Clerk-Treasurer   |
| <b>Guests:</b>   | None.  |

**APPEARANCES:**

None.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

Town Clerk McMillon reported that planning commissioners would like the park board to meet with them concerning the tree ordinance. At this point, the planning commission is unsure if the ordinance should be scaled back or kept as it is. Legal advice is that the ordinance be scaled back, and the planning commission seems to concur with this recommendation. However, the planning commission is open to further input.

Concerning the sport court project, Ms. McMillon stated that Mayor David Cooper and Town Engineer Stacia Schroeder are working on redesigning plans in an attempt to reduce the cost of the project. The Council put a limit on the amount of funds available. The project is not as simple as it may seem, because the Town is required to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). ADA compliance has increased the cost of the project far beyond the original estimate. The Council's concern about the Town's finances has grown due to economic conditions.

Ms. McMillon reported that the Town may have to remove some tall Sweetgum trees at Road End Beach due to the stipulations of a lawsuit. The Town hired Tree Solutions to perform an assessment. If the trees are cut to 15 feet as the lawsuit requires, they will be topped. This type of tree cannot be topped, and Tree Solutions is recommending that they be removed. A more suitable tree can be planted in their place. Mr. McGlenn stated that the Park Board should be notified when something like this is taking place.

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

*PB AB 10-001 – Planning for Clean-Up Day and Arbor Day*

Park Board members commented that Councilmember Lisa Mushel has not attended a meeting for some time. Ms. McMillon said she would ask Mayor Cooper about the Park Board liaison. One of the newly elected Councilmembers may be interested in attending the meetings.

Ms. McMillon said the town has to spend \$2 per capita on trees or on an Arbor Day celebration in order to qualify as a Tree City. This money is currently in the budget. The funds cannot be used for anything other than tree related expenses. She suggested that the Town could offer free seedlings at the Clean-Up Day this year.

Park Board members said they would rather not give out free seedlings. Perhaps a tree could be planted instead. Ms. McMillon said seedlings are a part of the Arbor Day tradition. She suggested that the Town could purchase lilac bush seedlings as she did in organizing the Arbor Day celebration in Driggs, Idaho. Park Board members agreed that lilac seedlings would be better than evergreens.

Park Board members said the date for the Clean-Up Day should be either Saturday, April 24 or Sunday, April 25. This nearly coincides with national Earth Day and Arbor Day festivities. They said this year they would like to focus their efforts on Road End Beach. Mr. McGlenn said he thinks there is \$1,300 in the Town budget for plantings at Road End Beach. He suggested that a resident with landscaping expertise could be hired to facilitate the clean-up at the beach.

Park Board member Mary Elmore asked why this year there were no Christmas lights on the sign at the entrance to Town. This year at the November Park Board meeting, volunteers should put up the Christmas lights. Ms. McMillon suggested that Town Hall could also be decorated that night.

The board members discussed the flyer that is usually distributed. They agreed that Kelly Almeleh would create the flyer and Ms. McMillon could make copies and be sure that Istvan Lovas post them on the Town's pagodas. She also maintains an e-mail list and can distribute the flyer electronically.

Board members agreed that pizza would be served as in previous years. They discussed other possible areas of town to clean up, but agreed to focus on Road End this year. Ms. McMillon said she would obtain educational brochures about trees and Arbor Day.

*PB AB 10-002 – Next Month’s Agenda*

Mrs. Elmore said she thought the park board had agreed that a biological inventory for Morningside Park is needed. The plan for Morningside should be updated. A qualified forester could provide the park board with a presentation and cost estimate, Mr. McGlenn said. Ms. McMillon said the previous Council was not open to the idea of an update to the Morningside Plan due to the nationwide economic recession. Mr. McGlenn said the Park Board should proceed with preparing a proposal for the Council.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business, the Park Board meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

APPROVED:

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John McGlenn, Board Chairman

ATTEST:

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Sara McMillon, Town Clerk-Treasurer