

City of Molalla
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

MINUTES
Meeting of March 29, 2010

6:00 PM Meeting Called to Order

Attendance: Scott Clarke, Vice Chairperson
Tony Stacy, Secretary
Aimee Stomps
Roger Peterson
Shane Potter, Planning Director

Absent: Jason Ritter, Chairperson
Dennis Wise

OLD BUSINESS

A quick overview of the January tour was held

NEW BUSINESS

1. Big Meadows Park - A potential land donation may be feasible from a property close to Big Meadows which will help to address the park needs in this area.
 - Maintenance and Operation
 - The group discussed if the land was donated how would they maintain and operate it. The board asked PD Potter to talk with the City Attorney about the feasibility of having the Homeowners Association pay for the maintenance. Staff will get back to the board on this matter.
 - Types of Potential Uses
 - The group briefly talked about the potential uses but did not get too involved since no exact location or size has been fully approved at this point.
2. Funding for Operations and Maintenance - The group has been charged with funding the parks. While there are many grants and opportunities to construct parks it is often more difficult to take care of the parks. For this reason the group has made mention of several ideas to raise money for parks. These include:
 - Charge for Park Use

- The group discussed the idea of charging a fee for organizations and groups to use the parks. This is consistent with many other communities and may be necessary to raise some funds to address the needs.

- Bohlander Parking Fee

- The group had a great deal of discussion relating to charging a fee for parking cars at Bohlander. The group felt that the two organizations (Parks Board and Rotary Group) could work together to maintain the revenue for the Rotary while at the same time raising some needed money for the Parks Maintenance Fund. The parks board suggested charging a per vehicle fee to be added on to the parking fee. The group did review the agreement with the Rotary with regards to whether the City could require this and were comfortable that the agreement between the City and the Rotary did not limit the ability for a fee to be placed on them for use of the property. The group did not want to continue with a recommendation until they were able to meet with the Rotary and discuss this matter.

A vote raised by Aimee Stomps, seconded by Tony Stacy and approved by all was made to invite the Rotary to enter into this discussion. Staff was directed to contact the Rotary and invite them.

- Fundraising Ideas

The group was tasked to brainstorm some fundraising ideas. Tony Stacy had a few ideas which he talked briefly about, but will present in more detail at a future meeting where the group can begin to look at implementing the ideas that they come up with.

3. Bohlander Park

- Army National Guard

- PD Potter informed the board that the Army National Guard called and asked if we wanted to be put back on the list to have work done at Bohlander. The group discussed briefly and decided that a lot more work and education needs to take place before this would happen. We would not be scheduled before summer of 2012 for this work if accepted so the board wanted to use the time to look deep into any potential of this site.

4. Parks Improvement Program

The group briefly discussed the project they discussed at a previous meeting where they would put together an improvement program to existing parks.

5. CIP (Capital Improvement Plan)

PD Potter briefly explained that he would be bringing the board a Capital Improvement Plan for recommendation to the City Council. The plan was created on the needs of the existing Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

6. Roundtable Discussion

- There was no additional items brought up during the roundtable.

Next Meeting Date - The group decided to meet on Monday April 12, 2010 from 5pm to 6pm and then the joint meeting with the Rotary would be on Monday April 19, 2010.

Meeting Adjourned at - 7:55pm

Tony Stacy, Secretary

