

City of Lake Forest Park
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Regular Meeting Summary
17425 Ballinger Way NE – Lake/Forest Room
October 22, 2019

Regular Meeting: Call to Order – 7:00 PM

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members Present:

Derek de Bakker, Paula Karlberg, Max Beuter, Tony Auriemma, Tyler Dittman, Ben Greif

Others Present:

Residents: Mike Dee, Doug Wacker, Natalie-Pascale Boisseau

Staff Present:

Cory Roche - Community Volunteer Coordinator

Welcome and Introductions

Presentation/Discussion with Doug on a Bird Recording Project in LFP Parks:

Doug is a professor at UW Bothell, lives here in Lake Forest Park and is a Board Member of the LFP Stewardship Foundation. Doug is presenting a project idea, for UW students to install a few remote audio recorders to record bird sounds to gather information of different species in our LFP Parks, with a special interest in Five Acre Woods to start out. He stated that bird species change throughout the year, so he would like to make this as a yearlong project to start with and go from there, but this could turn into a long term project. The project would collect the number of bird species in our PNW area. This would help students learn the scientific side of collecting data as well as learn more about our local LFP bird diversity. Students are now learning looks and sounds of the birds, this is a quarter long class based on scientific research, so each quarter a new group would continue the research.

The audio recorders are remote controlled, would be installed/mounted up in the trees out of the public's reach, hopefully off of main trails. The recorders would be set to go off at certain times, morning, middle day, evening on a set schedule (this would be given to the City). Batteries and SD cards would be changed once a week by the students. Parks that are most interested are Five Acre Woods, Pfingst Animal Acres, and Grace Cole Nature Park, most likely start at one park and add or rotate recorders because of the different habitat types. The recorders would have stickers with a notice that they are for UW Research with a number to call with questions on it, signs could also be made and posted. The recorders do capture human voices, students would go through and pick out bird sounds only, and they are happy to take suggestions on recorder placement. Similar sampling has been done at North Creek Wetlands in Bothell. The Parks Board and City will receive a report by students. The idea is to eventually do a 'Bird in LFP' educational pamphlet.

Review/Approve September Meeting Minutes:

Derek motioned to approve the September meeting minutes with edits, Tyler seconded the motion, and the meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Finalize Park Name Recommendation to Council for New Park Property at: 37th Ave NE & NE 178th St:

The City Council and Mayor pushed back a bit on naming the new park to adjoin with Pfingst Animal Acres Park into one large park. The Mayor liked the other name options (Brookside Park, Ole Hanson Park, Big Tree Park), other council members tended to lean towards Brookside Park. All agreed it's a separate park and parcel, Brookside Park seems to come naturally and fits in well with the area, which the Board agrees with.

Derek motioned to formally approve the recommendation of Brookside Park to the Mayor and City Council, the Board approved unanimously.

PRAB Event Community Event/Activity Discussion:

The Board discussed ideas of how the scavenger hunt would be ran, what sort of a scavenger hunt, and how many items should be on the list.

A suggestion for a contest of the first certain number of completed scavenger hunt gets a prize, maybe some recognition as well.

Using stamps seem like a higher price and larger task, seeming like more things could go wrong with the hunt.

Pictures with a hashtag seem like a larger outreach and easier to put together.

The Board agreed a rotation or quarterly hunt would be great, one item to find per park. The Board discussed idea options, Derek will send Cory the final list.

Waterfront Access Discussion:

Ben read the emails regarding the 155th piece of land that has a grass area out to the water along the Burke Gillman Trail, with properties on each side boardwalk's leaning toward each. The Board discussed that a title report should not be an issue to gather.

Cory will look into ordering one with approval. Then possibly invite someone from the Planning Department to a meeting to discuss next steps or opportunities.

Other Business:

The Board discussed November's meeting date should not be an issue and they will decide at the next meeting if a December meeting would be necessary.

Public Comments:

Natalie – Let the Board know that the Five Acre Woods crew is continuing to work and an Eagle Scout Group created a new walking loop. The working group cleared out a larger flat area of ivy where all paths connect in the park and logs have been added for a seating area. Natalie said someone suggested an idea of Lights in the Woods, wanted to bring it to the board as a future project. Finding Dog poop in Five Acre Woods, wondering if the City could add dog station.

Mike Dee – Stated there are Tree Walks prepped by David Hepp, thanked for the water way access work and bringing Doug in to talk about the project. Stated that Lake Haven is still at 5 mil.

Adjourn: 8:00 PM