

05-24-2021 Park Board Minutes

7:00 PM

May 24, 2021

Virtual Meeting

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT**

*Boardmembers:*

Bradley Book  
Ruben Nieto  
Jonathan Richardson  
Linda Whitworth  
Chris Kovac  
Jeremy Noble  
Danielle Wolfrom Githens  
Ryan Reamy  
Zack Szablewski  
Brenda Spears  
Marlene Waxe

*Administration/Staff:*

Jeff Watling  
Jennifer Fink  
Milissa Ching

**CALL TO ORDER**

- a) Membership

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) Minutes of April 26, 2021  
IT WAS MOVED BY BOOK TO:  
Approve the minutes of April 26, 2021.

Approved 6-0

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

- a) **Welcome new Board members and Introductions, (I)**  
*Presented by: Jeff Watling, Parks and Community Services Director*

Watling welcomed the new board members Zack Szablewski and Brenda Spears to the Park Board and the members of the board introduced themselves as well.

- b) **Board Elections, (D)(A)**  
*Presented by: Jeff Watling, Parks and Community Services Director*

Watling provided an overview of the process and responsibilities of the Chair and co-Chair roles.

**CHAIR**

Book volunteered. No others volunteered or nominated.  
All in favor for Brad to continue – unanimous.

COCHAIR

Szablewski volunteered. No others volunteered or nominated.  
All in favor for Zach – unanimous.

c) **Project Updates – Hillside Park and Blackberry Park, (I)**

*Presented by: Jeff Watling, Parks and Community Services Director and Jennifer Fink, Park Planner and Project Administrator*

Watling introduced the two parks and their community priorities. First phase of public feedback has helped inform both projects to date.

Fink reviewed themes learned from the phase 1 public engagement conducted. The results of this engagement can be found on the City website.

[Issaquahwa.gov/hillsideplayarea](http://Issaquahwa.gov/hillsideplayarea)

Hillside Park Themes:

- Natural Environment
- Access
- Field quality
- Additional play amenities

Next virtual public meeting is June 10<sup>th</sup>

[Issaquahwa.gov/blackberrypark](http://Issaquahwa.gov/blackberrypark)

Blackberry Park Design Themes:

- Castors Castle – Beaver theme
- Little Red Fish – Kokanee Salmon Theme

Community feedback from the meeting and online:

- Court considerations
- Area to watch kids
- Add a shelter
- Trellis
- Lawn considerations
- Walkway loop
- Larger play area
- Blackberries – no value
- Favorite play store: Castor's Castle
- Park Board discussion on both parks.

d) **6-year Capital Improvement Plan – Update, (I)**

*Presented by: Jeff Watling, Parks and Community Services Director*

Watling thanked the Board for listening in on the City Council meeting regarding the 6-year CIP. Council is on track to adopt the 6-year CIP at the June 7<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

**REPORTS**

a) Chairperson's Report –

- Rules and Regulations

- Culverts – fish passages
- Upcoming event: Issaquah Alps Trails Club. June 4<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Educational hike to begin at E. Sunset trailhead.

b) Director's Report –

- Central Park Pad 3 update
- Park Operations Manager, Kirstin Chapman
- Park Ranger, Peter Walters

c) Youth Report –

- Food and Book drive success.
- Collaborative projects

**MAYOR/COUNCIL UPDATES**

None

**OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Githens shared that the skate park is always packed with all ages. Kudos to the parks success and everyone's efforts to make that project happen.

**ADJOURNMENT – 8:54 PM**