07-26-2021 Park Board Minutes

7:00 PM
July 26, 2021

Hillside Park & Virtual Meeting

# DRAFT MINUTES

**BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT**

*Boardmembers:*
Bradley Book
Ruben Nieto
Jonathan Richardson
Linda Whitworth (excused)
Chris Kovac (excused)
Jeremy Noble (excused)
Danielle Wolfrom Githens (excused)
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 May 24, 2021
IT WAS MOVED BY BOOK TO:
Approve the minutes of May 24, 2021.

Approved 5-0

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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| Mary: | Local resident, ask for clarification about mitigation and costs associated. |
| Paul W: | Question regarding the IMC and wetland determination. Is there an option to continue non-conforming use? |
| Inaudible name: | Wetland status barely qualifies. Shared details to back up this belief. Wants to understand why the field is not draining. |
| Inaudible name: | Disappointed about the designation, hopeful for solution. |
| Martin M.: | Agrees with Paul's statement and would like to see temporary maintained of the filed. There is no parking – if it's going to be a walk-in park would like to see parking enforcement. |
| Inaudible name: | Thanked the Park Board. Shared families use. Would like to see the field mowed. Shared that snow is an element of play and would like to see non-plastic play structure. |
| John: | Agreed with previous statements. Daughter asked to please not move the rock. |

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| Teresa: | Appreciated being heard about the trails through the cemetery. Her children love the field and would like less mud. Trial maintenance. |
| David B.: | Regular user of the park, walking dogs. Agrees that maintenance as is at a minimum. Shared history of neighbors who build original homes and the creek that used to run through the land. Is the wetland area a real wetland or fill? |
| Connie M.: | Shared her thoughts about water and how it flows, etc. How much will mitigation cost? Where will the water go? Are there options to keep the water onsite in a different location? Respect the wetland. |
| Cory C.: | Echo's Connie's comments. Question: How much does it cost to fix the problem and what does it entail? Mitigate the wetland onsite. Asked why the Cemetery Board is disconnected with the Park Board. Thinks there should be a joint meeting. Cemetery Board has its own budget and are concerned. |
| Inaudible Name: | Inaudible comments |
| Katelyn: | Keep as playfield and proceed with onsite mitigation of the wetland. Maintain the filed into a useful state. |
| Inaudible Name: | Don't let the blackberries take over |
| Theresa: | Would love to see a simple wooden play structure. |
| Inaudible Name: | Children grew up here and grandchildren now play there. See's the park heavily used and loves to see it that way. Feels badly that they have used the park for so many years without issues. She would like to keep the park useful for all families. |
| Jessica J.: | They use the park all the time. Is concerned the park is not being mowed? Increase of ticks since it's not being mowed. Her family moved there for Hillside Park. Family is excited about a playground. They support the playground and maintenance. |

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

a) **Hillside Park Update, (I, D)**
*Presented by:*
*Jeff Watling, Parks and Community Services Director, and Jennifer Fink, Park Planner and Project Administrator*

Watling and Fink provided a presentation on Hillside Park which included:
- What we've heard & learned from the community engagement meetings
- Themes including natural character, access, the field and additional play amenities
- Options for the field including, keeping as-is status and relocation and/or mitigation
- The Park Board participated in a discussion regarding the field/wetland
- Watling shared that staff are not the regulators
- Fink shared drainage will take additional research and process involving other agencies
- Fink shared community feedback on additional play amenities
- Updates and next steps
- Issaquahwa.gov/hillsidepark

b) **Project Updates, (I)**
*Presented by: Jeff Watling, Parks and Community Services Director and Jennifer Fink, Park Planner and Project Administrator*

Watling and Fink gave updates on:
- Central Park Pad 3 synthetic turf replacement
- Fit and Fun Fitness Equipment
- Additional Pickleball Courts throughout town
- Blackberry Park
- Harvey Manning Park and Trails
- East Sunset Trailhead
- Master Planning Efforts (Anchor Parks)

**REPORTS**

a) Chairperson's Report
- Community Convening on Climate – Virtual Meeting
- FLSSP Event starting in August featuring Artists
- Snoqualmie Tribe – Ancestral Lands Movement

b) Director's Report
- Summer programs in full swing
- Camp running smoothly
- Concerts on the Green – average 800+ attendance
- Farmers Market busy on Saturdays

c) Youth Report
- No summer meetings, June was focused on review of previous year
- Students enjoyed engagement with Park Board
- Seniors send off for graduates
- Interviews to fill vacancies

**MAYOR/COUNCIL UPDATES**

None

**OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT – 8:48 PM**