



# Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

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## MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**PRESENT:**

**Board Members**

Kurt Grimmer  
Steve Nixon  
Todd Iverson (arrived at 6:25 p.m.)  
Maryellen (Missy) Hill  
Amanda Babich

**ABSENT:**

None

**Staff**

Eric Guenther  
Terry Lee  
Elaine Sorensen  
Gretchen Hayes

**Visitors**

None

**PLACE:**

PenMet Parks  
Sehmel Homestead Park Volunteer Vern Pavilion  
10123 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW  
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**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting of the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District was called to order by Commissioner Grimmer at 6:15 p.m.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### ITEM 1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Nixon made a motion to approve the agenda, and Commissioner Hill seconded the motion. Commissioner Grimmer called for the vote and the motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Iverson arrived at 6:25 p.m.

### ITEM 2 CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

### ITEM 3 PRESENTATIONS

#### **3.A Presentations**

None

#### **3.B Staff Report**

Gretchen Hayes gave an update on the Recreation Department and the Spring Recreation Guide. She then reviewed the camps and classes for the upcoming season and noted that the recreation program is looking into a track program and some opportunities with the Boys and Girls Club. Gretchen then reviewed marketing strategies, special events coming up such as the Egg Hunt and Food Truck Feast, and reviewed social media stats for their programs.

Terry Lee noted that recreation has become the brand of PenMet Parks along with Sehmel Homestead Park. He noted that the board needs to make a decision if they want to continue to make an investment into the recreation program and at what level.

Commissioner Iverson congratulated Gretchen and the Recreation Department. He suggested potentially moving the marketing position to the General Fund. He would also like to see a way to lower the price on some activities if possible, potentially through a block grant.

Commissioner Babich also noted concern about the price of activities.

Terry Lee reviewed the infield project and noted that the completion of the project has been delayed due to rain. He also noted that a preconstruction meeting occurred last week to discuss the development of the maintenance building and new restroom facility.

Commissioner Iverson suggested that staff drag the school fields for PenMet Parks' youth league baseball.

**3.C President's Report**  
None

**ITEM 4 CONSENT AGENDA**

**4.A Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**4.B Approval of Voucher List(s)**

- Summary: \$75,945.97
  - District reference numbers: 2017061-2017073
- Summary: \$309,351.36
  - District reference numbers: 2017074-2017086

**4.C Approval of Consent Agenda**

Motion By: Commissioner Nixon Second: Commissioner Babich  
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstaining: 0

**ITEM 5 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**5.A** None

**ITEM 6 NEW BUSINESS**

**6.A Discussion – Board Retreat**

Commissioner Babich met with a representative of the Falconer Group as a potential facilitator of the board retreat.

Commissioner Hill noted that she liked Ascent Partners as well as Falconer Group as potential facilitators and noted the price point difference between the two contractors.

Commissioner Nixon liked both facilitators but liked the Falconer Group's cost point better.

Terry Lee indicated that he will contact the Falconer Group and find dates when they would be available on an upcoming Friday, potentially April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**6.B Resolution R2017-001 Approval of Commissioner Social Media Policy**

A motion was made by Commissioner Nixon to approve resolution R2017-001. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

Commissioner Babich said that she has reviewed the document and does not see the necessity of it. She also believes that social media is always changing, and that a policy like this would need to continuously be updated.

Commissioner Iverson noted that there have been three policies for board commissioners that he has found, and does not believe that one is necessary.

Commissioner Nixon would like to offer an amendment to table this policy until the next meeting, but there was no second.

Commissioner Grimmer called for a vote. Commissioner Iverson and Commissioner Babich voted no, and the motion failed 3-2.

**ITEM 7 COMMENTS BY BOARD**

Commissioner Nixon went to Council Member Tim Paine's meeting. He noted that it was not a big parks' meeting.

Commissioner Grimmer passed out a proposal on the Cushman Trail that would tie into Harborview Drive. They are looking for support from PenMet Parks.

Commissioner Grimmer said that the Northwest Marine Association provided the Dragon Boat program with a \$1,500 grant.

Terry Lee indicated that he will be attending a meeting with U.S. Bank to discuss loan options and rates.

**ITEM 8 TENTATIVE DATE(S) FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING(S)**

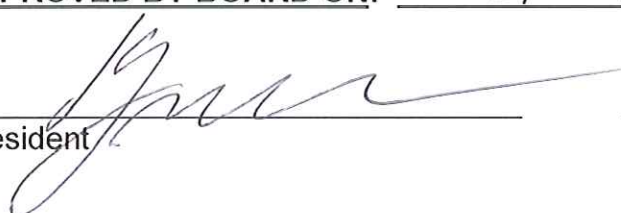
The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017.


**ITEM 9 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**ITEM 10 ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Nixon made a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
Commissioner Iverson seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45  
p.m.

**APPROVED BY BOARD ON:** 3/27/17  
  
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President

  
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Clerk

Submitted by: *Jase Newton*