

**January 10, 2012
Omak Park Board
Meeting Minutes**

Board Members and Staff Present

Billie Holden, Chair
Nattalie Cariker
Joe Lagrou – absent
Orlando Gonzales – absent
Sarah Grooms
Theresa Best, Encampment - absent

Connie Thomas, Deputy Clerk
Cindy Gagné, Mayor
Todd McDaniel, Public Works Director
Ken Mears, Asst. Public Works Director
Mike Foth, Council Member

Call to Order

Chairwoman Holden called the meeting to order at 7:10 with a quorum of the Board present.

Approval of Minutes

Member Grooms moved, seconded by Member Cariker, to approve the December 13, 2011 minutes as written. Motion carried.

Civic League Park Bandshell

The Commissioners asked that this be tabled until the February 21, 2012 meeting.

Recommended Park Improvements

Commissioner Cariker reminded the board that the City has funds available in the Park Gift Fund. There was discussion about purchasing durable light covers for Civic League Park that would protect the bulbs from vandalism. In addition the board would like to see more lighting in the Civic League Park. Public Works Director, Todd McDaniel will come up with an idea to increase the lighting in that park. He said the Library has the same concerns.

They discussed purchasing additional pet waste receptacles to install at Civic League Park but felt the bags in the receptacles may be stolen. Commissioner Cariker would like to have the Public Works Department consider using infant buckets for the swings. She said they are durable so they will last longer. Mr. McDaniel said they may have some at the shop. Commissioner Cariker would still like to see some type of barrier to prevent vehicles from pulling into the Civic League Park near the swings. The City acquired a piece of property on Ironwood with the stipulation it was to be a memorial for fallen officers. The City still needs to install a bench and some type of memorial plaque.

Mr. McDaniel advised the board that City Council has determined Julia Maley Park on Fourth Street and Oak Street Park will be sites for the two new wells.

Dalton Klessig Park

Mr. McDaniel shared information on the proposed lighting in the Dalton Klessig Park. He said the Tree Board was also asked to research lighting. He had an estimate from Butch's Electric and the light fixtures selected by the Tree Board. Mr. McDaniel said because of the cost, the City will have to put this project out for bid. There was discussion about the style of lighting, LED versus high intensity discharge lamps and the amount of area the pole lights will illuminate. They also discussed bollard lights.

Assistant Public Works Director, Ken Mears told the Commissioners that the upfront cost will be more for the LED lighting. But, the bulbs are a whiter light and last three times longer. They use forty percent less energy so in the long run, the City will save. Mr. McDaniel will prepare a couple of cost estimates taking into consideration the carriage style lights and share those with the Park Board in February.

Commissioner Cariker said the fencing along the north side of Dalton Klessig Park may not be needed. The fencing was discussed during the construction process of the Shove House. Mary Henrie has talked about the park incorporating into landscaping of a new facility that might be constructed in that area. Mr. McDaniel said the fence would be a catchall for brush, leaves and other debris so you may not be able to see the fencing.

Other Business

Mr. McDaniel asked about the storage in the concession stand. The Park Board said that last spring, an agreement for park concessions was drafted and approved. In order to keep the inventory and small equipment of each group separate, the past Public Works Director, Jim Miller said he would install locking cabinets. In addition, the countertop would be replaced. Mr. McDaniel said he will make sure this was done.

Mayor Gagné wanted to discuss the proposed change to the Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan. She was hoping Rick Duck was going to be at the meeting. Connie Thomas said that she had advised Mr. Duck the Comprehensive Park Plan was not on the agenda so his attendance was not necessary. Mayor Gagné said that opportunity has been given for public comment and we did have one citizen respond. She suggested if the Park Board recommends to council approval of the proposal they should also provide a detailed list of expectations. She cautioned the Commissioner's about having projects left half done. For example, the proposed plan reconfigures the walking trail. This is something that is used daily by citizens and she wants to ensure we don't harm what we currently have while constructing the changes. There was also discussion about creating an emergency access near the soccer fields.

With no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Thomas