

**BREMERTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

Minutes of July 27, 2021

Virtual Meeting

**Commissioner's Present:** Tim Baker, Ben Burnette, Pat Watson, Maggie Williams and Paul Dutky

**Staff Present:** Jeff Elevado, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Colette Berna, Park Preservation and Development Manager  
Steve Mutek, Parks Operation Manager

- I. **Meeting Called to Order** at 5:31 p.m. by Chair Burnette
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the minutes from the June 22nd meeting. Baker/Watson (M/S/U)
- III. **Public Comment:** N/A
- IV. **Business Items:**
  1. **Parks & Recreation COVID-19 Status Update**

**Director Elevado** shared that programs and facilities have reopened both at Sheridan Park Community Center and Bremerton Senior Center. Softball leagues are going strong and tournaments will be starting up. Citizens have been enjoying our parks this summer, fountains are back up and running, and the Farmer's Market is occurring at Evergreen Rotary Park.
  2. **Arvon Park Renovation Proposal (Erin Harris)**

**Erin Harris** discussed the two proposals she submitted for Arvon Park. One proposal focuses on stormwater management while acting as a demonstration site. The other proposal focuses on planting trees and shrubs to feed the birds. She noted that she was at the last meeting and does not think a skate park would work at this site because it's so small, however, she thinks this little park is a unique space with a real opportunity and wants to see the community involved to find out what residents want. **Commissioners Baker and Watson** noted that the two proposals could work together. **Chair Burnette** asked about doing a field trip to Arvon Park as a Commission. **Commissioner Dutky** shared that he visited the site yesterday and questioned if investing in the maintenance and management of this property made sense because it's so limited. **Director Elevado** shared that we are giving the community the opportunity to give us input and that staff will evaluate these proposals and provide a recommendation to the Commission. He shared that for the past several adopted Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plans (over a 12+ year period) Arvon Park was recommended for surplus. He also agreed that a site visit with the Commission would be worthwhile noting that there is a stormwater demonstration park a few blocks away (Lillian & James Walker Park) and Matan Park is also a few blocks away and could be updated with some of the ideas that have been proposed for Arvon Park. Also, Haddon Park (a 10 minute walk from Arvon) just completed a master planning process and was awarded 850k towards it's renovation.

## V. Staff Reports:

### 1) Kitsap Lake Park Renovation Project Update

**Ms. Berna** shared that construction documents and permitting are progressing and we are expected to go out to bid at the beginning of next year. **Chair Burnette** asked about the water quality treatment to the lake and **Director Elevado** shared that the water resources staff in Public Works are monitoring this and received some grants to retrofit the 10 outfalls that bring nutrients into the lake and feed the bacteria that contribute to the toxic algae blooms. He also shared that a group of 8-10 people have been helping clean up the aquatic weeds that end up at the park. **Commissioner Dutky** requested the contact for that group and wondered if the trail locations at the park were set in stone. **Ms. Berna** said the paths in the park were located based on the topography to ensure they are accessible and offered to share the plans with the Commission to review.

### 2) Ivy Green Cemetery Improvement Project Update

**Mr. Mutek** shared that the concrete pillars and flat work at the entrance is done, the caretaker's hut has been renovated and the interpretive signage will be ready soon. **Director Elevado** shared that this work is being funded by a Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation no-match grant.

### 3) CDBG Accessibility Improvement Project Update

**Director Elevado** summarized accessible improvements being done at four sites (Kitsap Lake Park, Lions Park, Pendergast Park, Sheridan Park Community Center). He also provided an update on a CDBG funded sidewalk along Park Dr. at Evergreen Rotary Park which is being managed by Public Works and coordinated with our Department. This work is requiring a cultural resources assessment because it's near a midden. **Commissioner Dutky** asked if the pathway from the parking lot to the tennis court at Lions Park could also connect to the existing pathway leading down the hill. **Director Elevado** explained that there was a steep grade and it would require a switch back to be accessible. **Commissioner Williams** asked for more information about the midden at Evergreen and **Director Elevado** explained that many years ago remains were discovered and it was determined to be a culturally sensitive site.

### 4.) Gold Mt. Golf Course Biosolids Impact

**Director Elevado** shared that Gold Mountain Golf Course is located on Public Works property adjacent to their forestry area where they apply biosolids from the city's wastewater treatment plant and when they apply it the winds can direct the odor towards the golf course. Recently there was a large tournament, and the odor was really bad. The wastewater facility reported that they were down to only one digester due to maintenance, so they couldn't process the biosolids like they usually do. The Public Works and Parks & Recreation Departments are working through some solutions to address this to reduce the impact to the golf course.

### 5.) Bremerton YMCA Concession and Pool Management Agreement Update

**Director Elevado** shared that the city owns Jarstad Aquatic Center which is being managed by the Bremerton YMCA and both are located on East Park (city park property). During the 2008 recession the city needed to reduce its budget operation and the YMCA was interested in managing the pool for the city, so a concession agreement was made. The concession agreement was a 10-year lease with option to renew. In January of this year the city was notified by the YMCA that the swimming pool roof was leaking, and they are requesting that the city replace the pool roof which is about 300k. The current agreement states that the YMCA is responsible for all capital improvements and that they have the option to opt out of the pool management agreement if they chose. Negotiations are currently underway and increase of public access is one item being

discussed because the city subsidizes operations and wants more people in the community to have access to the city pool.

**VI. Commissioner's Comments:**

**Commissioner Dutky** said he is getting oriented to the Commission. **Director Elevado** said he can help answer any questions and that he had information regarding PROS plan, Park Code, etc. to share with him.

**Commissioner Watson** welcomed Commissioner Dutky and said he was impressed with his reasoning and approach during the pump track discussion. He shared that he happened to be watching the golf channel and that there was footage from a past tournament and Gold Mountain Golf Course in Bremerton, Washington was shown. He was shocked because he doesn't remember that happening here. **Director Elevado** shared that the US Junior's tournament 10 years ago put Gold Mountain on the map. **Commissioner Watson** also mentioned he noticed worn spots in Manette Park's playfield that he wasn't sure if it was related to irrigation. **Mr. Mutek** concurred it was heat stress and that they will be adjusting the watering. **Director Elevado** added that Lions Park Field 2 is brown right now because it needed to be dried up to allow heavy equipment on it to repair the field lights.

**Chair Burnette** thanked Commissioner Dutky for joining the Commission and looks forward to working with him and meeting him in person. He also thanked Erin Harris for joining meeting and her time and effort in developing Arvon Park proposals.

**VII. Adjournment: Chair Burnette** adjourned the meeting at 6:54 pm.