

## **City of Canby**

### **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**

Minutes of the meeting of August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

**Board members present:** Jackie Jones, Mark Triebwasser, Glenn Brooks, Matt Olsen, Ryan Oliver, Eric Laitinen (Canby Swim Center)

**City members present:** Matilda Deas (City staff)

**Board and City members not present:** Todd Rocha (City Council), Rick Angelozzi (board member), Barry Johnson (board member)

The meeting was called to order and minutes were approved from previous meeting.

#### **Board officers were nominated and with the following results:**

- Matt Olsen was nominated by Jackie Jones for Vice President and seconded by Ryan Oliver
- Jackie Jones was nominated by Glenn Brooks for Secretary and seconded by Mark Triebwasser

#### **Traverso Update**

There was an update in regards to Mr. Traverso and his donation of park land. Sadly Mr. Traverso has since passed and Nancy Traverso is interested in continuing with his wishes of donating a six mile stretch for the logging trail. This is an ongoing discussion between the City of Canby and Nancy Traverso.

There is discussion of the Auburn Farms HOA asking for help with developing a park and the HOA would take on the park maintenance. This is an ongoing discussion between the HOA and the city attorney who is working out the details.

#### **Canby Park Life Jacket Kiosk**

There was an unfortunate and sad loss of a child recently at Canby Park from a drowning. The drowning brought the community together. There will be a kiosk built to have available life jackets for those to use while at the park. This will be taken care of by a nonprofit that will make sure there are life jackets available for use. The nonprofit will be looking at adding more kiosks to other parks in the area that are near rivers. There will be a meeting at a later date to work out any details.

#### **Park Maintenance discussion**

The hours that maintenance has used in each park was handed out. July is the first month we have started to receive a breakdown of hours that our maintenance workers take in each park. The outcome was an approximate 1.65 hours per acre for each park per month. There is to be an expected increase in hours during the summer. This equates to 9.8 approximate hours a month per maintenance worker. The big parks such as Wait Park and Legacy take the most time. This

tracking will continue and a report done once a month. This synopsis shows how much adding new parks will cost and how many man hours.

We are short on developed park hours per the national standards for the size of our city if we were to just keep average basic park maintenance. The salaries per the national standards are 46-56 thousand a year plus benefits which totals 60-75 thousand a year per worker. Canby is not near the national standards when it comes to paying its workers. The pay is low compared to other cities our size.

The City of Canby does not provide any recreation. Other cities our size or larger provide recreation. The City of Canby provides a basic infrastructure and nothing above and beyond this. There is really no way to charge a fee at the parks to help with maintaining them because there is nothing to charge them a fee for.

The survey was great to look at and see what the citizens of Canby wanted to see in regards to their Parks and Recreation. There was some discussion and homework in regards to sending out another survey on how the citizens would want to pay for the needed maintenance, improvements and added recreation that many wanted to see here in Canby.

Here is a link to the National Recreation and Park Association. This website sets the standards for the United States Parks and Recreation.

<http://www.nrpa.org/>