

**MINUTES**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
Monday, October 22nd 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. – City Hall Council Chambers

**ROLL CALL:** Sue Austin Chair, Wendy Nieman Vice Chair, Gary Pietsch, P&R Director Kim Woodruff, and Council Liaison: Sandra Lamson

**ABSENT:** Student Liaison: Michael Tiberi, and Don Helander

**MINUTES**

The August 27th minutes were approved as read.

**THE NEW PLAYGROUND AT LAKEVIEW PARK IS NOW OPEN**

A new playground was unveiled at Lakeview Park on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. The unveiling was attended by: Mayor Miller, Diane Jones Washington School 3rd grade students, P&R staff, Commission members, and the public.

**PLAY GROUND PLAN**

The City of Sandpoint has earmarked \$14,000 per year to invest in playgrounds. The funding for this commitment is derived from the Non-Resident Development Fee (NRDF). Commission members recommended the P&R Department focus playground resources for the 07/08 fiscal year on the installation of the 3 bay swing set at Lakeview Park and to work with the all-access parents group for a playground at Travers / Centennial. Director Woodruff agreed to make contact with the parent group to explore options.

**GREAT NORTHERN PARK UPDATE**

Local Artist David Kraisler volunteered his time to tour Great Northern with Landscape Architect Mac MacDonald to explore and make suggestions for public art opportunities within the Park. P&R Commission reviewed park plans from MacDonald and Kraislers artist's renderings of an entrance concept and earth scaping. Feedback was positive save for the easily climbable nature and potential dangers of the proposed entrance sign.

**PARK PLANNING WORKSHOP**

Director Woodruff will consult with the City Planner on how best to proceed, utilizing the P&R Commission, to create a 5-10 year plan to develop and expand Sandpoint's parkland. Also, to take into account the new City comprehensive plans still in the works. Woodruff will return to the Commission with his findings and to discuss a date for a ½ day planning retreat with the Commission.

**PRIVATE MEMORIALS**

Director Woodruff will ask the Cities legal department if P&R can accept memorials into the parks system on a selective basis or if accepting a memorial obligates the City to accept ALL memorials offered. Woodruff will bring his findings back to the Commission during the November meeting.

**UPDATES FROM PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF**

P&R Director Kim Woodruff continues to try and convert Edgewater property out of 6F protection so Sandpoint will be in good standing with the National Park Service and the State of Idaho Parks and Recreation Department.

Park Restrooms are closed for the winter season. Chairwoman Austin requested that presentable signage advising the public of closures be hung during the off-season. Most parks do offer portable restrooms throughout the winter season.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be Monday November 26th in the City Hall Council Chambers at 10 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.