

**MINUTES**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**Monday, November 24th @ Noon– 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room in City Hall**

**ROLL CALL:** Sue Austin Chair, Gwen Victorson Vice Chair, Kris Knowles, Student Representative Madi Schoening, Councilman Bill Aitken, P&R Director Kim Woodruff, and P&R Staff Anna Waterous

**ABSENT:** Joel Sargent

**MINUTES:** Commissioner Knowles motioned to approve the minutes from September 29th, 2014 as presented and Commissioner Schoening seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CHAIR:** Chair reported seeing 10 new trees at City Beach, mostly maples. Woodruff confirmed they replace storm damaged and diseased trees removed this year. Commissioners agreed unanimously to cancel the Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> Parks and Rec meeting. The next meeting will be January 26<sup>th</sup>. Shrubs and Lilies in the City Beach parking lot planter need to be pruned back annually at the end of the season or removed until the parking lot as a whole can be refurbished. Director will follow up.

**NEW COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Chair reported that Karen Dignan was receptive to serving on the Commission and will follow up. Director Woodruff reported that Chuck Fishburne, a previous Commissioner was interested in another term if he could be contacted exclusively by phone. Director will also contact Don Helander and Joel Sargent to consider reappointment to the Commission. Commissioner Knowles reported that Maggie Foust was also interested in serving but not until the Fall of 2015.

**COMMISSION ELECTIONS**

Commissioners unanimously voted to reelect Sue Austin to the position of Chair and Gwen Victorson to the position of Vice Chair.

**NO WAKE BUOY GRANT**

Commissioner Knowles moved that the P&R Commission support a Waterways grant being submitted by Director Woodruff to replace 10 no wake buoy's just outside City Beach Perimeter. Victorson seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

**LAKE LEVEL**

Commissioner Victorson, as a representative of the Parks and Recreation Commission, attended a recent public meeting regarding Pend Oreille Lake Levels. She summarized that the majority of Sandpoint residents shared that lake levels should permit for access & recreation during the months of May – Sept.

**UPDATES FROM THE DIRECTOR:** No update at this time for Memorial Field, Councilman Aitken offered to inquire with the Friends of Memorial and report back in January. The recently approved Fairground Park is the product of a partnership between City and Bonner County. On 11/18/14 P&R purchased play structures for ages 2-5, ages 5-12, padded surface tiles for the play pit, and shade sails. Park should be open to the public by August 2015.

Commissioner Knowles motioned to adjourn, Commissioner Schoening seconded, motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meetings: Noon Monday January 26th, 2014 at City Hall.

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