



**CITY OF NEWPORT
PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NEWPORT CITY HALL
MARCH 22, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Emily White called the Park Advisory Board Meeting to order on March 22, 2018 at 6:04 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present (3): Chair Person Emily White, Board Member Heidi Tweeten, Board Member Anita Perkins

Not Present (2): Board Member John Graber and Board Member Jared Flewellen

Non-Voting Members Present (1): Executive Director Matt Yokiell

Present (1) Council Liaison Mayor Dan Lund

3. CHAIRPERSON APPOINTMENTS

- A. Accepting nominations for Chairperson. Chairperson Emily White nominated by Member Anita Perkins and seconded by Member Heidi Tweeten. Passed 3-0.
- B. Accepting nominations for Vice Chairperson. Member Anita Perkins was nominated by Member Heidi Tweeten and seconded by Chairperson Emily White. Passed 3-0.

4. NEWPORT ON THE MOVE (Susan Lindoo and Marge Meconis)

- A. Marge and Susan explained that they applied for a grant thru the DNR and Conservation Corps that would provide knowledge and labor to improve the condition of the walking paths in Bailey School Forest. They have gotten approval for the project that will focus on improving the trails in steep areas that are prone to erosion and also difficult to navigate when wet. This will improve access for all park users and make it easier for the school to have classes in the park when weather is not favorable. Newport public works will supply materials needed to improve the trails. More details will follow as the weather improves and the scope of the project can be better defined.
- B. Carpenter Nature Center received a grant thru the 3M foundation to put together a curriculum that would follow along with lessons currently being taught in the schools so that students could take field trips to Bailey School Forest during the school year to learn from Carpenter Nature Center staff while on a field trip to Bailey School Forest. Currently grades k-5 are involved with the hands on learning and lectures.
- C. Newport Public Works purchased bare root seedling trees from Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District in order to replant trees in areas where buckthorn removal has taken place at Bailey School Forest in the past. The area that will be planted will be the Southeast corner of the park. Students from local schools will plant the trees in early May.

- D. Marge Meconis mentioned a newspaper article written by DNR hydrologist Greg Brick. She contacted him to tell him about the seep in Bailey School Forest. He will be checking it out at a later date.

5. CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Chairperson Emily White wished to thank everyone for their help with the 2018 Newport family fun night. She also asked Council Liaison Dan Lund for an update on the “Red Rock”. No permanent home has been found for the rock and ownership is still not defined. More information to follow as details emerge.

6. BOARD REPORTS

A. Anita Perkin

Nothing at this time

B. Heidi Tweeten

Nothing at this time

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Executive Director Matt Yokiel stated that the decorative wood park bench that sits near the pavilion at Bailey School Forest has been refinished and will be reinstalled in the same location once the weather allows. He also said public works is looking into the possibility of building a small shelter over the bench to help protect it

8. NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Chairperson White spoke about the goals spreadsheet for 2018. No additions or deletions were made.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Member Heidi Tweeten motioned to adjourn the Park Advisory Board Meeting. Seconded by Board Member Anita Perkins Approved 3-0.

The Park Board Meeting was adjourned March 22, 2018 at 6:44pm

Respectfully Submitted By:

Matt Yokiel,
Executive Director

Signed: _____
Emily White,
Park Advisory Board Chairperson