 Western Gateway Recreation & Park District

 **MINUTES**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

Special Meeting 6:00 pm

Teleconference

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Peirce called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.
2. **Roll Call** – Nancy Peirce, Chairman, Present; Dan House, Vice Chairman, Present; Lisa Thomas, Present.
3. **Introduction of guests:** Brandon Lindsen

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1. **Agenda Approval** – Vice Chairman House moved and Director Thomas seconded to accept the agenda as presented. Agenda approved unanimously.
2. **Public Comments** – None.
3. **Old Business** –

a) Seasonal Caretaker – Chairman Peirce reminded the board that a few years ago they had discussed purchasing a modular home for the park. She then described one that Maintenance Workers Anthony Hill and Christina Salinas had found that is offered for free by Lake Wildwood Association. Chairman Peirce asked if it would be a good idea to continue gathering information on moving the home to park property. The board discussed possible costs of moving and repairs. Director Thomas mentioned interior sprinkler systems requirements for remodels. Chairman Peirce mentioned that, if the board is interested, Maintenance Worker Anthony Hill will create a budget for repairs. Director Thomas moved that Chairman Peirce continue to pursue this issue further. Vice Chair House seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

b)Covid-19 – Chairman Peirce expressed the positive response she had received from having the parking lot in front of the park open. Vice Chair House agreed that public response has been “totally positive”. Director Thomas added that the county is allowing recreational activity. Chairman Peirce informed the board that Auburn, Grass Valley and Nevada City parks are partially open for activities that allow for social distancing. The board continued discussing the best course of action towards reopening the park.

*Director Thomas moved and Vice Chairman House seconded that Western Gateway Park reopen from sunrise to sunset with road closure at the main restrooms. Playgrounds will be off limits, taped off with caution tape. Restrooms and picnic areas will be closed until further notice. Drinking fountains will be turned off. Basketball court, bocce ball courts, dog park, tennis courts, bike park, disc golf course and RC track will be open to participants playing alone and to family members. Basketball and bocce ball courts will have additional signage concerning safe protocol*. Motion passed with unanimous approval.

c) Board Member Resignation – Chairman Peirce expressed her opinion that having grown up in Penn Valley and now a business owner here, Brandon Lindsen would be an excellent addition to the board, replacing Director Harris, who resigned in February. Director Thomas agreed. Vice Chair House moved and Director Thomas seconded that Brandon Lindsen be appointed to fill the vacated director seat, ending November 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

d) Farmers’ Market – Chairman Peirce updated the board concerning the need to apply for approval from Environmental Health for the Farmers’ Market scheduled to begin May 14th. She still hopes to open on that date. Six stalls have been reserved. Up to 12 stalls will fit around the solar array. The park will need a no-touch hand wash station, which can be built for about $40. She also informed the board that there will be write-ups in the Union and Sierra Harvest soon.

1. **Director Reports** – Vice Chair House reported that Wayne Ryan, who has expressed an interest in the current director vacancy. He also commented on the repairs being completed at the ball fields. The players realize there will not be regular games this spring. But they are eager to practice. Vice Chair House will advise them to observe social distancing.

Chairman Peirce informed the board that the court date for the dog death case near the park for May 4th, 2020, has been changed.to July 6th, 2020 by the court due to Covid-19 restrictions.

8) **Adjournment –** Director Thomas moved and Vice Chair House seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed with unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.