

**Western Gateway Park
Board Minutes
June 15, 2022**

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Dan House called the meeting to order at 6:37pm
Pledge of Allegiance - Director Brandon Lindsen led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Roll Call** – Present – Dan House - Chairman, Nancy Peirce - Vice Chairman, Lisa Thomas -director, Brandon Lindsen – director, Lee Osborne – director, Destiny Bradt – District Secretary
3. **Introduction of Guests** – Gladys Martinez, Sharon Lewis, Sandy Jacobsen
4. **Agenda Approval** – Peirce moved to accept the agenda as presented. Lindsen seconded. All in favor.
5. **Public Comments** – Lewis – Did the couple get hired? Yes.
6. **Correspondence** – none
7. **Board Minutes** – Amendments proposed. Lindsen moved to accept the Board Minutes with amendments. Peirce seconded. All in favor.
8. **Financial Report** – Vice Chairman Peirce led a review of the May reports. She explained Misc. Income and Out of District surcharge, and event parking. Lindsen made a motion to accept the financials as presented. Seconded by Thomas. All in favor.

9. Old Business

a. Prop 68 – Jacobsen. Per capita is \$177,952. Grant is \$220,000. Going to pursue the renovation of the playgrounds and shade. Jacobsen met with Kelvin last month. Idea was not to repair. Poles are different diameters. The cost to replace it is \$185,000. (Jacobsen circulated the design.) They are looking at three different playgrounds for Playground Area #2 and Playground Area #1 – two apparatus. This would include a concrete wall around the large structure. Initially, it is under the price tag, but there is no quote for shade structure (\$100,000.) Breaks down to \$75,000 and the small one for \$14,000 down. It is below 44,000 + installation cost. The quote is good for 14 days. Jacobsen has a couple of thoughts: We could take this bid and go out and quote it, bidding like for like, and see what you get, going with the most appropriate bidder. Her concern is that there is not enough money for a shade structure. Option 2 – We could augment it. If the structure is too small, we could increase it to be closer in size to the play structure that we have now.

Peirce – wasn't the original idea to do two playgrounds and do repairs? Do 2 playgrounds. Her thoughts were that the community outcry would be significant. She is thinking to fix the Creekside playground and replace the top one with something larger.

Jacobsen – Repair is not eligible for grant funding. Restricted is okay.

Peirce – Pick a structure and get a quote. Can we do a larger structure and fit a shade structure?

Jacobsen – Yes.

b. Recreation and Tourism Grant (Peirce and House) – met with Doug and Lydia of the Grant Administration for State Parks at the the Ballpark and future recreation spot. They don't come out unless they are serious. They did the 3 ballfields and the bleachers for field #1. They talked about everything that in the ground, tree replacement, and the RV park and where it would go. They were impressed with plans and how it will advance community and tourism. It could be a safe haven during fires. We spent 1 ½ hours with her. She went away with a thumbs up. She now goes back and speaks with the powers that be. Doug felt confident that we will get the grant. He has a project in mind for the park. It is important that we a.) get the grant b.) manage it well. Maybe August we will hear something.

c. Recreation Special Districts Meeting - Peirce gave a report on the Recreation Special Districts Meeting. The entire WGP Board was present, except for Lindsen. Jake put the meeting together. Sue Hoek and Ariel were in attendance. There were three board members from Bear River and five board members from Oak Tree. Jake was the primary speaker. Pizza was provided. It was a good meeting. We have met before, but with not as many board members. That meeting was at the Rood Center. Planning and Building were there. Superintendent Miller was there. Nothing became of that meeting. To have every board member present was a plus. It gave us a sense of what other boards faced. We're better positioned as a board and as an entity. We have staff that knows what they are doing. Takeaways – Oak Tree was sent with a director's handbook. They were very appreciative of that. Hopefully this sets a tone that we are willing to help.

House- People on our board are here because they want to do it. They need to give us the tools. The meeting was very encouraging.

Osborne – All the board members are volunteers. They don't have a clue of how the government works. They don't know who to go to and who to ask for.

Peirce – Hoek heard a true picture of how difficult it is. County has a budget for PR. We need to get a ¼% sales tax on the ballot and convince the people to vote for it. It would be another stream of income that would help bridge the budget. Someone is working on the sales tax for another purpose. We need to figure out what needs to be done, and we need to follow up with regards to how to get a tax measure on the ballot. We need to educate the public. It is worth pursuing.

Jacobsen – the city of Roseville has combined Parks and Recreation with the Library. Community centers have a branch of the library. Jacobsen is anticipating a follow up with Ariel.

10) New Business

a. Budget of 2020-21 – Peirce presented the budget. House and Peirce looked over 4 years of Profit and Loss throughout the Covid years (2018-2019, 2020-2021.) They took into consideration significant inflation, which may lead to fewer rentals. Income was lowered in some place.

Osborne – estimated that income would be lower than it actually was.

No questions.

Osborne made a motion to accept the proposed budget. Thomas seconded it. All in favor.

b. Resolution to direct the County to collect the District Parcel Fee - Peirce explained. Lindsen made a motion to approve the resolution for Nevada County to collect the District Parcel Fee. Peirce seconded. All in favor.

c. Election Consolidation 2022 - Reprint without u in Osborne. If you want to keep your seat you have to go up to the county office and fill out the paperwork. Osborne made a motion to pass to ask election department to consolidate our election for 2022. Peirce seconded it. All in favor.

d. Park Personnel – Peirce – Bob is back. He is doing 2 days one week and 3 days the next. 3 hours a day. He is driving the recycle. He replaced the belt on the Grasshopper. Sprinklers need attention. Should we do a contract or have Tony do them. Tony has so much else on his plate. Possibly bring in someone just to do the sprinklers.

Lindsen – P&P does sprinklers.

Osborne – Do we have a medical release for Bob. Peirce – no, need to.

e. Bike Park – no response. No new business.

f. Rental schedule - We charge \$247 for parking. There is a small area and a large area. Setup is \$90. It was proposed to increase the price of the pavilion and decrease the cost of parking.

Osborne – We should charge \$1 per parking space.

11) Advisory Groups – Presentations

a. Building and Grounds

i) General Park Maintenance – House – It's okay. We could get the grass mown more often. An update was given on the work release set-up. Work release will no longer be assigned to WGP. It will be voluntary.

ii. Vandalism – We got a call from neighbor John stating that people were going in and out of the park at all hours of the night. We purchased another security camera. It was given to Tony. We

should put it at the Stage Pavilion. Footage should be given to the sheriffs to see if they can determine who it is.

iii. Firewood Program, Farmer's Market, CRV Program – Peirce. Same. Bob took in the recycle today.

b. Upcoming events and reservations report – Reservations are coming in steady. Art festival is scheduled for June 25th. Thrive is scheduled for July 2nd.

12. Director's Comments

Osborne – 1. Reached out to Sheriff's Department to be used as an animal evacuation. He had a nice conversation. He is going to look into it. Should be hearing back. 2. There was a big splash in the Union regarding setting up SNAP for farmer's markets. PV farmer's market was not mentioned.

Peirce – We can not accept EBT because we deal with the county. We cannot do it.

13. Adjournment – Peirce made a motion to adjourn. Osborne seconded it. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm