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**AGENDA  
PARK BOARD MEETING  
January 17, 2013  
7:00 PM-Council Chambers**

1. Call To Order – Scott DeRosier
2. Approve Meeting Minutes:
  - December 20, 2012 Meeting Minutes
3. Park Bylaws Updates and Adoption
4. Terms of Service Corrections and Approvals
5. Parks Updates – Tim Mackin
6. Park Board Comments
7. Comments From Audience
8. Adjourn Meeting

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Park Board Meeting  
January 17, 2013 @ 7:00pm  
City Hall Council Chambers

Attendees:

1. Scott DeRoster

2. Jeremy Phillip

3. DAN JONES

4. PJ Embury

5. Gay Cullen

6. Tina Campbell

7. [Signature]

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### **Park Board Meeting**

December 20, 2012

#### **Call to Order:**

Scott DeRosier called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. at City of Kelso City Hall Council Chambers, 203 S. Pacific Ave.

#### **Those present were as follows:**

##### **Park Board Members**

Scott DeRosier

Jerry Phillips

Bob Smith

Dan Jones

##### **Staff**

Tim Mackin, Parks Lead

Nina Caulfield, Recording Secretary

##### **Excused Absence**

Pamela Jo (PJ) Enbusk

##### **Also in attendance:**

Gary Archer, City of Kelso Council Member

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

**MOTION:** Jerry Phillips made the motion, seconded by Dan Jones to approve the minutes of November 15, 2012. Motion carried, all in favor.

#### **Business:**

##### **1. Park Code Updates Ordinance**

Upon review of the proposed updates, Dan requested some changes to the weapons and fireworks section. He did not like the total removal of all mention of firearms in Section 12.20.190 of the Kelso City Code. He stated how RCW 9.41.300 allows the restriction except for the people that have concealed pistol licenses and those who are required to carry for their job. There are a couple of exceptions to that, that should be added to the code rather than removing it all together. Firearms are prohibited except how it reads in RCW 9.41.300 section 2. Including the showing and demonstrating of weapons and firearms.

Jerry agrees that the proposed update is rather vague.

Scott spoke to the fact that we are still a rural hunting and fishing community.

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Bob told a story of a man out of control in the park a few years back and how even if he had a concealed weapon permit, he shouldn't have been able to carry in the park due to his mental state. He doesn't agree that there should be exceptions.

Dan explained that the change has been made because the City's cannot say no to firearms. However, it should read just like the RCW, and restrict it to how that says to.

Dan made a motion to amend 12.20.190 to reflect the limitations of RCW 9.41.300. Jerry seconded. Motion lost with Dan and Jerry in favor and Bob and Scott opposed.

Dan made a motion to accept the Park Ordinance updates as a whole. Bob seconded. Motion carried with Bob, Scott, and Jerry in favor and Dan opposed.

### 2. Update on League Agreements – Tim Mackin

Tim explained that the league agreements are in place to lease the fields. The fees involved have included a deposit for water and sewer charges. Due to differences in usage, and to do away with the management of those deposits, it has been proposed that each league create and manage their own water/sewer accounts. They will be required to pay their own bi-monthly bill, and manage their turn-ons and temporary turn-offs for each season. Sewer fees would not be charged on the irrigation meters. This would also give the leagues the ability to manage their water usage, which could provide a cost savings.

Tim stated that the lease fees, not including water/sewer deposits, for each league are \$1000 except for the Soccer Club, \$450, and the Boxing Club, \$250. Included in those fees are the costs of park maintenance (mowing, parking lot, restroom supplies, and garbage) and electricity. Total electrical bill for Tam O'Shanter Park for the past twelve months was \$25,263.83. Minus the combined cell towers usage of \$8928.24, it shows a net usage of \$16,335.59. The total income for the park is only \$3700 from the lease agreement fees. That leaves a \$12,635.59 balance to come out of the general budget just to cover the electricity bill alone.

Tim brought up a thought, about drawing a big circle around the park and perhaps imposing a fee to the businesses that benefit from the crowds the tournaments bring in to help offset the cost to the park.

Scott agrees. In one Girls Softball season alone, the Red Lion brought in \$53,000 from tournament lodging revenues. That was many years ago, and the tournaments have exploded in size since then. It would be hard to draw the circle, because Longview and Kelso benefit through their restaurants and stores as well.

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Scott had requested a copy of the Lodging Tax distribution for this year. He questioned how much revenue was generated by the tax as well. It was determined that this year the projected revenue is set to be \$135,000. Discussion followed.

Jerry expressed his appreciation for the City in subsidizing the electric charges and how the water/sewer bills will not be that big, and shouldn't be a problem - although he understands both sides of the issue.

Tim believes, from past history, the bills should average \$130 every two months and could be less with better water management and closer monitoring. The other option, to having the leagues manage their own water/sewer accounts, would be to have an increase the league fees.

Bob made a motion to approve the new lease agreements, not requiring a water/sewer deposit, but requiring the leagues to create and manage their own water/sewer accounts. With a recommendation from the Park Board that there will not be a deposit required for the new account leagues. Dan seconded. Motion carried with Scott, Bob, and Dan approving and Jerry abstaining.

### 3. Parks Updates – Tim Mackin

- a. Tons of limbs and leaves.
- b. Pretty quiet as of late except for repairing some vandalism to the picnic tables. Park is pretty much shut down for the winter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Approved:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott DeRosier".

Scott DeRosier

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Tim Mackin, Parks Lead