



Parks Manager's Notes for PAB: "What's Happening In Parks"

August 12, 2016

- The Elizabeth Swanson gifting agreement was approved on June 28th. As a result we have taken on the responsibility of the 33.65 acre property immediately. As a part of the agreement, we have 3 years to make passive recreation and wildlife enhancement improvements. Jane Tesner Kleiner now with Public Works has offered her expertise as a Landscape Architect to help us update the concept plan. So far we have taken care of the noxious weeds, have a structural engineer evaluating the barn for a possible shelter and are surveying the land for fencing and topography for site plan details.
- Sorenson and Tower Crest NH Parks construction is going well
- Faroulo – PIF 8, Tribe - PIF 10 and Prairie Slow Pitch Softball Fields in PIF 6 are now in county holding and we are initiating level I cleanups.
- The Camp Hope Master Plan is progressing and we intend to wrap it up by October.
- Met with CREST and OTAK to discuss the #3 Bridge crossing at Buckmire Slough. Construction to begin in 2017 – BPA is paying for the project. Crossing #4 is across Erwin ORieger Hwy. CREST is hoping that the County can take possession of the Hwy from DOT before that project gets underway in 2018
- Karen and I held our Lacamas Trail Study Summit in Camas and we had very good attendance. We should have a strong volunteer base to help us with ongoing trail maintenance given the increased usage from hundreds of new park neighbors.
- Chelatchie Trail Grant – Gary Albrecht and I provided the Final Presentation on Wednesday. We should know from RCO in October how we fared.
- Pat and I are going back up next Wednesday for the A.L.E.A. grant for Lower Daybreak Regional Park Phase I development.
- Pat Lee informed me that due to limited public access issues, the Lewis River Ranch Phase II acquisition grant proposal was rejected by RCO.
- Lower River Road Vacation. Milada heard from several of her concerned NA members and asked me what I know and how that affects our future trails plan. Jan Bazala provided a very good response and Laura Slye is also prepared to help answer citizen questions.

- Heritage Farm parking lot is now completed and looks great. Pat Lee and I are meeting with the Heritage Farm Advisory Team and Friends of Heritage Farm group to discuss roles and responsibilities as and historic restoration grants for the site. Pat Lee has agreed to manage the farm on behalf of parks and Public Works.
- Jeremy and I are feverishly working on a land purchase in PIF 5 which will reach concurrency in September. If we don't make a purchase, we'll have to start refunding our acquisition funds with penalties and interest on a monthly basis. We might have a solid lead on a property in PIF 5 that borders the SW corner of Hockinson Meadows Community Park. This connection will allow for a new access into the park from a densely populated area.
- We have a toxic Blue-Green Algae bloom present at Vancouver Lake and may have to post the waters closed today pending health department test results. Warning signs have already been posted by staff.
- A guy broke into the concession stand at Luke Jensen yesterday at 4:12 AM. Stole food and supposedly \$1,200.00 cash out of a locked cabinet. We have it on video.