Parks Advisory Committee Meeting

Columbia County Courthouse Annex

Tuesday, September 15, 2020 6:00 PM

Members in attendance: Chairperson Sandy Tetz, Gerry Tinkle, Dan Daoust, Paul Langer, Steve Person, Thor Drake

Staff in Attendance: Casey Garrett, Riley Baker

Meeting convened at 6:08 PM

Public comment:

Susan Wellington – The back road at camp Wilkerson is being driven on and being used for illegal dumping. Can gate be closed or locked on back Oak Ranch road and signs be put up that say park boundary at that point?

Bev Peacock - New fee schedule for Columbia county parks? Expressed concern over the plan for the horse camp site at Camp Wilkerson not being used by a person with horses 3 times per season. Proposed a one month extension of trial period for horse sites.

Gloria Rice – She feels OET and parks should have discussed and came up with a plan for this.

Committee Term Limits:

Review current member terms:

Sandy Tetz – Recommended having committee make nominations for new chair in January.

Steve Person – Made Motion to Elect new officers today and serve through the end of 2020 and have new election in January.

Gerry Tinkle – Second motion.

All in favor. Motion passes.

Gerry Tinkle- Nominates Steve Person for chair.

Dan Daoust - Seconds motion.

Steve Person - Nominates Gerry Tinkle for vice chair.

Dan Daoust – Seconds motion.

All in favor, motion passes

Steve Person - Paul Langer will be secretary.

Casey Garrett- Brought up need for consistent by-laws and to review them.

OET Dibblee Beach Proposal:

Committee discussion

Sandy Tetz – Susan Wellington and her met with a man from veterans administration about Dibblee Beach. He wants more picnic tables, a spot to get fishing supplies. He thinks dibblee would be perfect park.

Casey Garrett- We need to update parks master plan and something to develop further lease for Dibblee Beach. Need a long term lease to get grants and a vision. No time crunch.

Gloria Rice - OET proposes to work with County to develop Dibblee and work on master plan.

Gerry Tinkle – OET proposal could be part of master plan, but we should first update it.

Paul Langer – OET plan is fabulous and wishes we could do tomorrow. Asked Casey if he could task staff to work on this. He proposed to work with park department to transfer DSL land to county or to settle ownership issue before plan is made.

Casey Garrett- Happy to have staff work with him.

Comments:

Steve Person—Made motion to formally extend trial period of 3 occasions when all of Camp Wilkerson may be rented from August 2020 to end of September 2021.

Dan Daoust-Seconds motion.

All in favor and none oppose.

Motion passes.

Action Items:

Update Parks master plan.

Review Park Advisory Committee by-laws,

Sandy Tetz adjourned meeting at 7:12pm