

Minutes of the Cobble Hill Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held on Thursday, March 22nd 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Hall on Watson Avenue in the Cobble Hill Village.

Those present: John Krug – Chair, Gord Dickenson, Bill Turner, Ruth Koehn, Al Garside, Alan Seal, Annie Ingraham, Jennifer Symons, Lynn Wilson and Director Gerry Giles.

Regrets: Dennis Cage

The meeting was called to order by Chair Krug at 7:00 p.m. with the introductions and welcome to newly elected members Jennifer Symons and Al Garside and returning member Alan Seal. The Chair and other members thanked Jennifer, Al and Alan for standing for election at the 2012 Annual General Parks meeting.

Moved/Second

that the agenda be adopted as amended by adding Bright Angels Park grant; tree planting at the Cobble Hill Common; Minutes of the February 2nd 2012 Annual General Meeting and the Fisher Road easement agreement with the Cobble Hill Improvement District.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved/Second

that the minutes of the January 30th 2012 parks meeting be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved/Second

that the minutes of the February 2nd 2012 Annual General Meeting of the Cobble Hill Parks and Recreation Commission meeting be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

Old Business:

1. Mill Bay Historical Church public meeting was held last weekend with about 30 people in attendance. The majority of those attending agreed with the plan to remove the hall and put the available money into restoring the church. The footprint left by the hall removal will be used for a septic holding tank and commemorative garden. The demolition and restoration will commence in April before which arrangements will be made to bring the leaded windows back to Cobble Hill for safe keeping and possible future use. The budget for South Cowichan Parks was explained by John Krug.
2. Provincial funding of \$400,000 has been obtained for improvements to Bright Angels Park. Gerry will email the project description out to Commission members so they can see the type of work proposed. It was mentioned that an old sandstone quarry was also located in this vicinity.
3. An update was provided regarding Twin Cedars/Watson Avenue Trail project and it was suggested and agreed that improvements to the trail would wait until the sewer lines are

installed. The compacted gravel area is approximately 200 feet long and it is 1½ meters wide and it should be 2 meters wide.

4. A tour of washroom at Shawnigan Lake will be arranged by John Krug and update on Quarry Park washroom was given. A start date for the project has not yet been set but hopefully it will be constructed this spring.
5. Ruth provided an update on the Evergreen Sport Court and plans to have the Timber Framers Guild use the cover for this facility as a teaching project. Fundraising by the school is currently underway.
6. The Cobble Hill Common was discussed at length. Drainage for the area is an issue as there is a considerable amount of water from the park traveling across Fisher Road. Additional water gardens or infiltration ponds will need to be considered. The bare root fruit trees are ready and will need to be planted by mid April. A work party will be arranged by John Krug. Bernie Dinter has offered to prune the perennials at the train station park and Gerry quickly took him up on that very generous offer. Over seeding and fertilization is needed. Commission members recalled that Dennis claims he can grow grass on rock. A brief discussion took place on the Historical Wall proposed for the Common.
7. A drawing has been done by Ruth for the Cobble Hill Common kiosk and prices will be obtained.
8. A budget update was provided by Gerry Giles. This year's parks budget will be set at \$200,000 and will include contingency funds for the washroom and \$10,000 for playground equipment at Bench School.

Other Business:

The Right of Way or Easement Agreement between the CVRD and the Cobble Hill Improvement District was discussed.

Moved/Seconded

that the CHID easement agreement includes a clause giving the Improvement District the right to trench/re trench and pass/re pass.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. with the next meeting to be at the call of the Chair.

John Krug - Chair