



Clallam County

Parks, Fair & Facilities Department

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CLALLAM COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD Minutes of July 29, 2021 Meeting

Call to Order	President Roger Hoffman called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm.
Members Present	Roger Hoffman Bill Hughes Candace Kathol William Biery
Staff Present	Joel Winborn Hannah Merrill Melissa Earley
Previous Minutes	William Biery moved to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2020 regular meeting, as written. Roger Hoffman seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.
Correspondence Received	No correspondence has been received.
Unfinished Business	<u>Clallam Bay Parcel Purchase:</u> Hannah confirmed the Park Advisory Board's prior decision to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to purchase the parcel of land at 16401 Hwy 112, Clallam Bay, WA made available for sale by Kevin and Kelly Bonsell for \$90,000. Hannah reported the Clallam County Board of Commissioners signed Resolution 45 on May 18, 2021 allowing for the purchase of the Bonsell parcel. The purchase closed on June 2, 2021. <u>Clallam Bay County Park Land Transfer Update:</u> Hannah reported that the WA State Parks Commissioners are in the process of gathering input from interested entities prior to finalizing the transfer. Once the transfer is complete, the Clallam Bay County Parks will be one contiguous water access park.
Committee Reports	No committee reports at this time.
New Business	No new business at this time.
Staff Reports	<u>Salt Creek Recreation Area and Dungeness Recreation Area Update :</u> Hannah reported the Day-Use Parks, Salt Creek and Dungeness Recreation Areas were re-opened to public use effective July 1, 2020 after a three month mandatory closure due to Covid-related restrictions and mitigation efforts. Since that time, Day-Use Parks and campgrounds have been extremely busy. Salt Creek and Dungeness Recreation Areas each showed an 8% increase in usage in July 2021 as compared to the same time period in 2019. Bill Hughes noted that Salt Creek was very busy in May while he was stationed there as a camp host. William Biery inquired as to the progress in hiring seasonal staff to assist in the parks. Hannah noted it has been difficult securing seasonal help this year; however the same holds true for the National Park, State Parks, and City of Port Angeles. Bill Hughes asked if the Salt Creek Invitational Cross-Country Meet would be taking place this year in September, and if the Salt Creek Kitchen Shelter has been re-opened. Joel indicated his recent conversation with Port Angeles High school Athletic Director Duane

Johnson, left him with the impression that the Invitational would indeed take place this year. Hannah noted the Kitchen Shelter at Salt Creek and the group camping area at Dungeness Recreation Area have been re-opened to half capacity. Reservations for both facilities are now accepted online in similar fashion to camping reservations; however the associated fees and rental policies have been streamlined, removing the option for half-day reservations.

**Public Comments
on
Non-Agenda Items**

No public comments were made.

Adjournment

Roger Hoffman moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m. Bill Hughes seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Earley
Administrative Specialist IV