

Park Commission Meeting
December 17, 2008
5:30 PM AT THE MOUNT HOOD CLUBHOUSE

Present: Bob Christiansen, Bill Gardiner, Mike Interbartolo, Joan Bell, Cindy Brickley

I SIGNING OF WARRANTS

The Park Commission will not sign the Powers and Sullivan auditing warrant at this time.

II MOUNT HOOD REPORT

A. City Engineer- Permission to remove top board from sluiceway at First Pond

Discussion was had over the legalities of pulling the top board of the sluiceway at First Pond.

Motion: By Bill Gardiner that based on the opinion from the City Solicitor, the top board can be removed with notice and that notice has been given, as long as there are no legal impediments, the Park Commission votes to allow Bob Beshara (City Engineer) to lower the water level of First Pond as gradually as possible by cracking and ultimately removing the top board in the sluiceway.

Second: Bob Christiansen

Vote: Unanimous

An abutters notice went out 1:00pm yesterday. The board will be removed between 3:30 and 4:00pm tomorrow, Dec 18, 2008, if the Commission approves.

Motion: By Bill Gardiner that based on the opinion that the board can be removed with notice and that notice has been given, as long as there are no legal impediments, the Park Commission votes to allow Bob Beshara (City Engineer) to lower the water level of First Pond as gradually as possible by cracking and ultimately removing the top board in the sluiceway.

Second: Bob Christiansen

Vote: Unanimous

III RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

A. Melrose Lions Operation of the Concession Stand

Discussion was had about the necessity of having a written agreement on the operation of the Concession Stand in the New Middle School and the Park Commission's involvement. The Park Commission feels strongly that there needs to be a written document that Atty. Van Campen OKs and that the School Department signs off on. Joan Bell will write up a document stating the vote of the Park Commission, get it OK'd by Atty. Van Campen, send it to The School's Business Manager, Greg Zammuto, and cc the School Committee.

Motion: By Bill Gardiner that the Park Commission endorses the concept of the Lion's Club running the Concession stand at the New Middle School for the winter season of high school sporting events. This is provided that it is approved by the appropriate school department officials. The concept is that the Lions operate the stand and turn over the net proceeds, with accounting of funds to the Recreation revolving account. It will be determined later how the funds will be distributed between the Lions and the School Athletic Department. If it is successful the Park Commission will revisit the issue in 8 weeks in terms of this concession stand and stands that exist or could exist on Park property.

Second: Bob Christiansen

Vote: Unanimous

Joan Bell pointed out that the concession stand would have a much better chance of succeeding if people were allowed to eat in the gym. John McLaughlin, in an earlier meeting stated that this permission was given. Joan said she would like to see a set up like Wakefield or Watertown has, where the floor where the area people can eat is separate from the stands and if necessary protect the floor with a covering.

Motion: By Bob Christiansen to adjourn.

Second: Bill Gardiner

Vote: Unanimous