

**COLUMBIA CITY PARK BOARD MINUTES
FEBRUARY 23, 2009**

The Columbia City Park Board met in regular session with the following **members present:**

- President Michael Malcolm
- Kelley Sheiss
- Vice President Mark Ellis
- Mauri Bordner
- Secretary Dennis Warnick

Secretary Warnick made a motion, which is seconded by Vice President Ellis, to **accept the minutes** as submitted. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

Kelley Sheiss and Mauri Bordner introduced themselves as the **new Park Board Members.**

The Board discussed **renting the splash pad** for birthday parties, etc. to raise funds in order to help offset costs. It was suggested in order to keep the public away at such times; a sign could be placed at the site stating this is a private party. The question was asked if other parks charge for something like this. Superintendent Mark Green stated other parks do not charge for use of the facility but they are not charged for water usage either.

Superintendent Green informed the Board that Lori Shipman has been hired by the City of Columbia City to **write grants for the extended greenway** and easements have been secured verbally.

Mark Green informed the Board the **community center committee** has started back up again due to the stimulus package opportunity. They are meeting with an engineering firm next week in order to meet one of the requirements stipulated in this recovery package. Dennis Warnick suggested installing wind energy turbines in the park.

Mark updated the Board on the **new pavilion** being built. Concrete will be poured in about three weeks, weather permitting. Mark would like to put in new grills also. Dennis will check with the State to see if there are any grills available from the closing of the rest parks.

Park Superintendent Mark Green informed the Board the Father/Daughter Dance was a sell out again and they are contemplating doing a mother/son event, but not sure what that will be. A family campout for one evening is being planned. The **Easter Egg Hunt** is scheduled for Thursday, April 9 at 6:00 PM.

Vice President Ellis feels the guard rails on the bridge in the park need to be moved.

As all business was discussed, the Board adjourned on the motion of Secretary Warnick and second of Vice President Ellis.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Martha K. Acres, Executive Secretary to the Mayor.

Dennis Warnick
Park Board Secretary