



# Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

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## MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING

Monday November 9, 2009

**PRESENT:**           **Board Members**  
William Sehmel  
Scott Junge  
Curtis L. Hancock  
Todd Iverson

**ABSENT:**           Jon Ortgiesen – Excused

**Staff**  
Marc Connelly

**Visitors**  
Vernon Young

**PLACE:**           PenMet Parks  
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**5:00 PM      CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District was called to order by Commissioner Sehmel at 5:00 p.m.

## **STUDY SESSION:**

### **ITEM 1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Junge made a motion to approve the agenda,  
Commissioner Sehmel seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

#### **1.A Playground Fencing at Sehmel Homestead Park**

Commissioner Sehmel noted that this topic is a continued discussion from the November 4<sup>th</sup> special meeting. Marc Connelly reported that the plan for the swings has been modified to provide more distance from the ballfield and that part of the swings could be in the conservation easement. He noted that if this turns out to be the case then the District would seek permission to locate a small portion of the footprint into the conservation easement.

Mr. Connelly also gave cost estimates for the additional fencing for the ballfield - chain link \$20,000 and netting \$15,400. The commissioners asked for a staff recommendation on the additional ballfield/playground fencing. Mr. Connelly noted that the locating of the playground provides protection from fly balls up to approximately 400 feet with the revised plan for the swings and fencing would not really provide that much more protection.

The Board requested that staff get permission to move the swings if necessary and check with our insurance carrier on the playground/ballfield safety distance. Commissioner Hancock noted that he strongly feels that the ballfield needs the additional fencing and the playground needs more protection. Commissioner Iverson requested staff to check with the Boundless Playground provider and get the cost on a permanent cover for the playground. Mr. Connelly noted to the Board that if they choose to put in the additional fencing it may require some changes to the irrigation in the park and he would provide some sketches to the Board to make sure that the additional fencing looks appropriate. The Board then had a discussion about the safety and additional protection from the proposed fencing. The Board made a decision to table the decision about the additional fencing and have staff investigate other options and view Commissioner Ortgiesen's sketches when he is back in town.

#### **1.B Bull Pens**

Marc Connelly presented some sketches of possible designs for park bull pens. Mr. Connelly recommended a six foot fully enclosed bull pen. After discussion the Board then agreed to go ahead with the installation of the bull pens in the park.

## **1.C Concessions**

Marc Connelly asked the Board what they would like to achieve with the concessions stand in the park. The Board had a discussion about contracting the concessions area out to either a professional firm or a non-profit organization and either taking a percentage of the gross revenue for the maintenance of the concessions building or donating all of the proceeds to a local non-profit to provide something for the community. The Board also discussed the types of food they would like provided to the community at the concessions stand. The Board preferred the preparation of an RFP to see who is interested in contracting to provide quality concessions in the park as opposed to high sugar and snack food items. Marc Connelly also asked the Board if they would like to allow mobile vendors on the park site. The Board seemed to be in general agreement that mobile vendors would be good for the park and there is also room for vending machines along the side of the building. Mr. Connelly also noted that the staff is currently researching and working on a draft of policies for the different concessions operations and rental situations in the park.

## **1.D Pending Change Orders Sehmel Homestead Park**

Marc Connelly presented Change Order #15 to the Board. Mr. Connelly reported that he has issued Change Order #14 for pond plant materials and ball field gates. The Board then discussed the timing and cost of installing the pond plants. The Board then reviewed Change Order #15 which includes pond guard rail or split rail fencing and a gate. Mr. Connelly recommended the split rail fence and the Board was in agreement. Marc Connelly then reported to the Board that the water flow is collecting in a couple of areas because the infiltration of the native soil is slow. Mr. Connelly then reviewed a plan for additional drainage to solve the water collection in these areas.

The Board then requested staff to get the agenda out to them for the next special meeting by Thursday for a Monday meeting.

**ITEM 2 ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Iverson made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Junge seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

**APPROVED BY BOARD ON:** 12/07/09

  
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President

Submitted by: Elaine Sorensen

 12/9/09  
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Clerk Date