



# Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

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## MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

**Monday November 16, 2009**

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

**ABSENT:**           Jon Ortgiesen – Excused

**Staff**  
Marc Connelly  
Elaine Sorensen  
Eric Guenther  
William Miller

**Visitors**  
Mike Burton – Harbor Soccer  
Jeff Wenrich – Harbor Soccer  
Keith Schembs – Harbor Soccer  
Karen Larson – Master Gardeners of Pierce County

**PLACE:**            PenMet Parks  
Administrative Offices  
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### **6:00 PM        CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District was called to order by Commissioner Sehmel at 6:00 PM.

## **ITEM 1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

## **ITEM 2 CITIZEN COMENTS**

Mr. Mike Burton addressed the Board from the Harbor Soccer Club. Mr. Burton read a statement in support of the District's project to provide more soccer fields for Gig Harbor and the peninsula. Mr. Burton stated that he has polled the four main soccer clubs in the district and there are over 2,870 players and he also presented the Board with over 1,000 signatures in support of more soccer fields. He noted that Harbor Soccer Club is a growing 501C3 organization and annually spends \$100,000 for field rentals, and has fundraised \$100,000 for additional future soccer fields for the organization. Mr. Burton stated that the club would be willing to enter into an agreement with PenMet Parks regarding field rentals to provide a guaranteed revenue stream and provide expertise to help maintain the new fields. He noted to the Board that these numbers generate over 30,000 visits per month through a facility and he handed out a PowerPoint presentation that outlines the Harbor Soccer Club program and the impact of the players currently on the fields.

Commissioner Sehmel thanked Mr. Burton and asked questions about the 2,870 soccer players and which fields they are currently using. Commissioner Sehmel noted that they have not heard any news on the status of an offer to provide a soccer facility for Gig Harbor.

Commissioner Junge asked if they are still collecting signatures on their petition. Mr. Burton noted that they are no longer trying to collect signatures and felt that 1000 signatures showed a significant show of support for more fields.

Karen Larson then updated the Board on the demonstration garden construction issues at Sehmel Homestead Park. Ms. Larson distributed a plan for the garden shed and fencing and noted to the Board that the current contractor for the park has concerns about the liability of another contractor working on the site at this time to build the garden shed and fencing. Marc Connelly noted that he will speak to the current contractor and get the liability issues solved. Ms. Larson expressed concern that she does not have enough funding to complete the project. After discussion the Board requested that the staff work with the Master Gardeners to help fund the balance of the project by securing additional donations and possibly help the Master Gardeners submit a second PEG grant. Commissioner Hancock noted that he may have some ideas to secure a possible donation for the concrete slab for the garden shed.

Commissioner Hancock also noted that the District could also consider fencing the shed for the Master Gardeners.

### **ITEM 3 PRESENTATIONS**

#### **3.A None**

#### **3.B Staff Report**

Dog Park – Commissioner Sehmel noted that on September 10<sup>th</sup> he went with Commissioner Hancock and took a field trip to the airport and walked the property and got an update on the status of the property.

PenMet Foundation – Eric Guenther noted that the forms to complete the Boundless Playground should be completed around December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sehmel Homestead Park – Commissioner Iverson asked about when the doggy dispensers will be installed at the site. Staff will follow up and get them installed asap.

Tacoma Narrows Airport – Commissioner Sehmel noted that he is following up on the release criteria for the airport and he stated that the attorneys are currently preparing the deeds for the property.

#### **3.C Presidents Report**

Commissioner Sehmel noted that the District is busy with the 2010 budget and the Board retreats. He reminded the commissioners that there will be a nomination of officers at the December meeting.

#### **3.D Committee Reports**

Commissioner Sehmel noted that the committees are no longer in place and the full Board will instead meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month with study sessions as needed.

### **ITEM 4 CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **4.A APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- October 19, 2009

#### **4.B APPROVAL OF VOUCHER LIST(S)**

- **October 19, 2009 Voucher List**
  - **Summary:** \$ 13,923.25
    - **District reference numbers: 2009399-2009401**
- **October 29, 2009 Voucher List**
  - **Summary:** \$ 35,999.50
    - **District reference numbers: 2009406-2009424**
- **October 29, 2009 Voucher List**
  - **Summary:** \$ 3,416.11
    - **District reference numbers: 2009402-2009405;**

Commissioner Hancock moved to approve the consent agenda;  
Commissioner Junge seconded and with no discussion the motion then  
passed 4-0.

### **ITEM 5 Unfinished Business**

#### **5.A Final 2010 Budget Presentation and Public Hearing**

Commissioner Sehmel reopened the public hearing regarding the 2010 budget at 6:26. With no questions or comments Commissioner Sehmel then closed the public hearing at 6:27 and called for a vote on the following resolutions:

- Resolution R2009-019. Commissioner Hancock moved to approve, Commissioner Junge seconded with no discussion the vote passed 4-0.
- Resolution R2009-020. Commissioner Junge moved to approve, Commissioner Iverson seconded with no discussion the vote passed 4-0.
- Resolution R2009-021. Commissioner Junge moved to approve, Commissioner Iverson seconded with no discussion the vote passed 4-0.
- Resolution R2009-024. Commissioner Iverson moved to approve, Commissioner Junge seconded with no discussion the vote passed 4-0.

Marc Connelly noted that we do have four camp host applications for Sehmel Homestead Park for the first quarter of 2010 and he will begin screening those applications next week and advertise for more applications for the rest of the year. Mr. Connelly noted that most of the applicants are from out of state.

**ITEM 6      New Business**

**6.A      Resolution R2009-025 To Authorize the Executive Director to Sign Harasek Purchase and Sale Agreement**

Commissioner Junge moved to approve Resolution R2009-025 to authorize the Executive Director to sign the Harasek purchase and sale agreement and Commissioner Hancock seconded the motion. Marc Connelly noted that two years ago the Board authorized the purchase of this property for up to \$71,000 but the District is actually purchasing the property on this date for \$65,000 and this will allow the District to complete the contract with the RCO and get a reimbursement for the District. Vernon Young reviewed the history of the purchase of this property and thanked the Board for completing this project. Commissioner Sehmel then called for the vote and the motion passed 4-0.

**6.B      Resolution R2009-026 To Authorize the Executive Director to Sign Contract Change Order 15 for Sehmel Homestead Park**

Commissioner Junge moved to approve Resolution R2009-026 to authorize the Executive Director to sign contract change order 15 for Sehmel Homestead Park Commissioner Hancock seconded the motion.

Commissioner Hancock then made a motion to amend the Sehmel Homestead Park budget by \$155,000 to complete the project. This additional expense will be funded by the acceptance of the future PenMet Foundation donation. Commissioner Sehmel seconded the motion and with no discussion the vote passed 4-0.

Commissioner Sehmel then asked for a vote on Resolution R2009-026 with no discussion or public comment the vote passed 4-0.

**ITEM 7      COMMENTS BY BOARD**

Commissioner Hancock noted that he is extremely disappointed about the lack of progress at Sehmel Homestead Park. Commissioner Sehmel noted that he had talked to the landscape contractor at the park and it would be two months to finish the landscaping on the park.

Commissioner Sehmel asked about irrigation to the Sehmel Homestead Park meadow. Bill Miller reviewed the plan and progress on the park irrigation.

**ITEM 8      COMMENTS BY CITIZENS**

Vernon Young noted that it is wrong for the District to state that no public person has the right to operate power equipment on public property.

Commissioner Sehmel noted that he believed not all power tools were eliminated by the current draft of the volunteer policy.

**ITEM 9 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board went into Executive Session regarding a property matter and negotiations at 6:48 for 12 minutes. The Board returned from Executive Session at 6:58.

**ITEM 10 ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Junge made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Iverson seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

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

  
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President

 12/9/09  
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Clerk Date

Submitted by: Elaine Sorensen