



# Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

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## MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, December 13, 2011  
6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Board Members

Scott Junge  
William Sehmel  
Todd Iverson

Staff

Terry Lee  
Bill Miller  
Eric Guenther

Visitors

See attached sign-in sheets

**PLACE:** Sehmel Homestead Park Pavilion  
10123 – 78<sup>th</sup> Ave NW  
Gig Harbor, WA 98332

**6:00 PM CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District was called to order by Terry Lee at 6:00 p.m.

**Welcome and Introduction**

Terry Lee welcomed attendees and introduced members of the PenMet Parks Board of Commissioners, and the staff in attendance.

**Background and Purpose**

Terry Lee and Eric Guenther gave an overview of PenMet Parks and the meeting format. Terry Lee noted that the agreement with the Peninsula School District (PSD) is just for five years although renewable, but with a one-year notification clause.

## Site Overview

Eric Guenther gave an overview of the Peninsula School District's (PSD) Bujacich property with maps of the existing trails system and drainage basins.

## Workshop and Questions

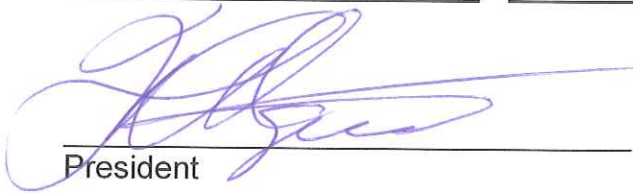
Attendees responded to questions about what recreation they would like to see on the property, and any issues related to use of the property such as:

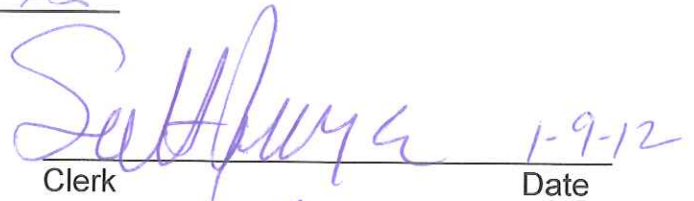
- Fenced off-leash area (OLA) with sufficient parking and size.
- CHEW feels it is a great property for an OLA; they encourage it to be 30-40 acres.
- Representative from Tacoma Audubon discussed concerns over run-off issues related to dog droppings and off-leash dogs on trails are often out of sight and owners don't know where/when dog went.
- Bicycle trails and a BMX course are needed somewhere and maybe some trails could be built with bumps for youthful riders.
- Forty acres seems big for a dog park.
- Athletic complex with 10-12 fields for soccer and baseball with sufficient parking, BMX, trails, splash park, OLA.
- Stadium for community and both high schools, with athletic complex for youth.
- Two or three OLA's around the area at other/additional sites rather than just one large OLA.
- OLA needs to be big enough for good exercise, sufficient separation for dogs, and not wear out grass areas.
- Trails important with connection to Sehmel Homestead Park, maps, and good trail maintenance.
- Need camping somewhere in community.
- Sunrise Beach can accommodate camping for groups per covenants.
- Concern that short terms of PSD agreement should be considered before any significant investment.
- Multiple OLA's are a good idea to offer choices and different types of facilities.
- Running trails to accommodate Cross Country events.
- Small dog area.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

**APPROVED BY BOARD ON:** 1-9-12

  
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President

  
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Date

Submitted by: Eric Guenther

