

DECEPTION PARK VIEW ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY RECREATION AREA PLANNING TEAM FEBRUARY 8, 2021

1. Call to Order

Kathleen Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. at the Johnson's residence (5006 Deception Circle). Present at the meeting were: Greg and Kathleen Johnson, Melonie Miller, Brenda Walma and Josh Blee (by phone).

2. Recap of Recreation Area Proposed Phases

The agenda gave a brief recap of the following recreation area proposed phases:

Phase 1 – Purchase the Lot, Done

Phase 2 – Clear and Level the Lot, Currently underway

Phase 3 – Design Structures (pavilion/playground/ball court), Currently underway

Phase 4 – Install Structures and Post Community Signs/Rules

Phase 5 – Landscape Grounds

3. Rezoning the Property

Josh asked about the rezoning of the property issue. Kathleen has been working with Patricia Shults, the Assistant Planner at the Island County Planning and Community Development, since last October about possibly having to rezone the property in order to build a community park. Patricia confirmed in January that we only needed to do a zoning interpretation application, which cost about \$500. Kathleen spoke with Patricia today, February 8th, and she is now unsure if that is the right course of action. Patricia said she would discuss this matter with the Planner and get back to us as soon as possible. Kathleen will keep the team updated.

4. Phase 2 – Clear and Level the Lot

Kathleen noted that we have scheduled the following workdays: March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13. Workdays are from 9 am until 12 pm.

Gene Clark said he would come back to level the lots again after a good rain. He came the day after Thanksgiving 2019 to partially level/grade the lots; however, the ground was harder than he had anticipated. The board did ask Ira Blackstock, a resident, but he has not responded or provided a bid to do the work.

5. Plan for Spring Workdays (Mar-Jun)

Kathleen recommended we have the lots leveled/graded in early Spring and plant grass to make mowing easier and continue to mow and maintain the lots. Melonie recommended instead of planting grass plant other low maintenance options such as creeping thyme. Kathleen expressed concern about attracting bees and children being afraid, which would defeat the function of the community park.

Until we hear back from Island County Planning, the team agreed to hold off on the following: gravel the driveway and the pavilion site; move the fire pit; purchase and assemble pavilions; and install bulletin board/library and signs.

6. Phase 3 – Design Structures

The pavilion design has changed to Costco pavilions by Yardistry (four total). Brenda and her husband will be designing and building the bulletin board/library structure. The community park sign will be posted on the board.

7. Phase 4 – Install Structures

The agenda listed the following proposed structure installation order: pavilion and bulletin board/library (2021); grassy areas and garden beds (2021); traditional playset (2022); basketball/tennis court (2023); and natural play area (2023).

8. Set Next Meeting Date/Time

The team decided we would hold meetings as needed.

9. Meeting Adjournment.

Kathleen adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:25 p.m.