

**KEY PENINSULA METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT**  
***d.b.a.* KEY PENINSULA METRO PARKS**

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**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, September 25, 2006**

**The public meeting was called to order at 7:55PM in the Key Peninsula Sport Center and Fairgrounds (Volunteer Park) Annex by President Paula DeMoss.**

**Commissioners Present:** Caril Ridley, Kip Clinton; also present for KPMPD was Scott Gallacher, Executive Park Director. Commissioner Ross Bischoff arrived late at 8:50pm.

**Citizens Present:** Rick Sorrels, Bruce Nicholson.

**Approval of Agenda:** The topic of the purchase by Pierce County Public Works of a property referred to as the Filucy Bay Horse Farm was added under New Business to the agenda. The amended agenda was approved 3/0.

**Citizen Comments:** Bruce Nicholson, park board applicant, introduced himself.

**Special Presentations by Committees or Citizens: New Business**

No new special presentations by committees or citizens.

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**1. Land Acquisition Committee:** No report.

**2. DNR 360:** Park Director Scott Gallacher met with Brad Pruitt from DNR to tour the Key Peninsula DNR properties. KPMPD is familiar with the 360, but Scott and Brad drove through the Key Center 480. Scott reported that it still has a good amount of timber. Scott will contact the Alliance for Puget Sound for assistance regarding Maple Hollow to keep DNR from divesting it. See also President's Report. Rick Sorrels suggested that KPMPD partner with Peninsula School District regarding a High School adjacent to KPMPD properties or on part of the DNR 360.

**3. Community Plan:** No report.

**4. Good of the Order:** Mike DeMoss voluntarily worked on the reel mower and got it running. The Ransom mower may just need a thermostat; if that doesn't work, it may need to be surplussed. Scott mentioned that KPMPD will need a smaller mower for Home Park and a second one if the Ransom has to be surplussed.

**Staff Report (See Attached Report)**

**1. Home Park:** Stream buffer signs have been installed and Scott is working on the other permit requirements for the property so that the picnic shelter may be built. (Off street parking, ADA parking and an ADA paved path are some of the requirements.)

**2. Volunteer Park:** There some problems at the Mud Bowl; police were called to a domestic violence incident amongst the campers. Camping fees collected were down \$150.00 from 2005; there were less campers. \$594.00 was collected in camping fees. Scott is still evaluating the actual cost to KPMPD of running the concession building; additional telephone expenses have been \$50.00/mo. He is getting a bid from Capitol Lumber for replacement windows and doors for the concession building; installation of bars on the inside of the windows to discourage break-ins would be fine with the Fire Department. Commissioner Kip Clinton is donating two used sets of metal bars that are picture window size. To keep expenses down in the winter and make the concession building more comfortable in the summer, staff will be insulating the attic with blown in material.

**3. Programs:** Fall soccer registrations, ages 4-6, started Sept. 1, 2006. There are 2 four year olds signed up, 20 five year olds, and 6 six year olds; the classes are separated by age group. 6 to 8 teams have signed up for Adult Fall Co-Ed Softball and an adult men's basketball league may be organized at the Civic Center if there is some interest.

**4. Movie Night:** Movie Night at the Park and at the Civic Center was a success. KPMPD had thought that the KP Business Association might donate money to help with the expenses, but that doesn't appear to be going to happen.

**5. Meetings:** See DNR 360. Scott met with other Pierce County Park Directors/Staff to discuss interlocal agreements regarding equipment sharing. He met with the Peninsula School District Superintendent and staff to initiate discussion about an interlocal agreement regarding John and Wendy Glennons' home (the Glennons keep an eye on Volunteer Park and the KP Middle School in exchange for the agencies providing water and a lot for their house). Forever Green asked Scott to chair the Trails Advisory Committee; the committee meets twice a year but the TAC chairman sits on the Forever Green Board which meets more often. Having Scott as the chairman of the TAC would give the Key Peninsula a greater voice in regional park issues, but it would require a great deal of paid time. Scott was instructed to find out the duties required of the Forever Green Trails Advisory Committee Chairman and explore the option of being a co-chair of that committee. Rick Sorrels asked who appointed the Forever Green members; Scott said that Forever Green is under the umbrella of the Pierce Conservation District.

### **Business Meeting**

**1. President's Report:** Ron Cleveland contacted Terry Lee about the 360 status. It was reported that Ron thinks KPMPD should contact Doug Sutherland, Commissioner of DNR directly. President Paula DeMoss said that all parties should meet to attempt to facilitate property transfer. It should be a public agency meeting with Doug Sutherland (DNR Commissioner), Terry Lee (Pierce Co. Councilman), KPMPD, the KPMPD Land Acquisition Committee. The hold up is the 20% land value vs. 80% timber value requirement; Rick Sorrels suggested that KPMPD go after only part of the acreage initially and then later attempt to acquire the balance of the property. Consensus was that Kip would contact Doug Sutherland about the 20%:80% requirement and ask whether it is administrative or legislative—a question which no one at DNR has yet answered.

**2. Minutes:** The minutes of July 10, 2006 were approved 3/0. The minutes of July 24 and August 14 were deferred to a later meeting. There was no meeting on August 28 due to lack of quorum.

**3. Financial Report:** Scott said that Zoo/Trek Fund deposited to KPMPD's account through September were about \$93,000.00 and KPMPD collected \$38,000.00 to date from other sources. Average Zoo/Trek collections for 2006 have been about \$10,000.00.

**4. Unfinished Business/2007 Budget:** It was moved, seconded and passed 3/0 to hold a special single topic meeting on Monday November 27, 2006 at 7:30pm to address the 2007 budget.

**5. Unfinished Business/Park System Plan:** Rick Sorrels provided KPMPD with a draft park system survey. Scott is researching bulk mail costs vs. KP News insert costs.

**6. Unfinished Business/Vacant Commissioner Position:** The KPMPD Board will interview applicants at a 6:30pm study session on October 9, 2006; an Executive Session will be held at which Commissioners will discuss the relative merits of the applicants; the Board will then reconvene for its regular 7:30pm public meeting at which time the Board will appoint the new commissioner.

**7. New Business/Park System Funding Sources:** There was discussion about raising money by a using a levy. The park system survey should have funding questions in it.

**8. New Business/Filucy Bay Horse Farm:** Kip gave a report. Pierce County Public works will be purchasing a 4 to 5 acre property with a manufactured home on it from will sellers. It has been used in the recent past as a horse farm. Previous owners did not prevent the livestock from polluting the small creek which is a tributary of Filucy Bay. Pierce County Pubic works will rehabilitate the property after purchasing it and will either transfer it to some other public agency or sell it with restriction upon the land use to protect the stream.

**12. Commissioners Comments:** Commissioner Caril Ridley suggested that KPMPD could have a Park Logo Contest in 2007 to raise awareness of the park district.

**Meeting Adjourned:** The regular public meeting of September 25, 2006, was adjourned at 9:30pm. The October meeting will be on Monday, October 9, 2006, at 7:30PM in the Annex building at the Key Peninsula Sport Center and Fairground (Volunteer Park) and will be preceded by a 6:30PM study session; a second October meeting may be on October 23, 2006 at 7:30pm. The KPMPD will commence meeting once a month on the second Monday of each month at 7:30pm beginning October 9, 2006. The fourth Monday of each month is reserved for special topic meetings should any be required.

Respectfully submitted by Kip Clinton, Clerk KPMPD.

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