

# MARINWOOD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

## MINUTES OF PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

April 28, 2015

**Time and Place:** 7:30 Marinwood Community Center Classroom

**Present:**

Commissioners: Chair Izabela Perry, Kimberly Call, John Tune, Sarah Paoli and Shane Valentine.

Absent: Sivan Oyserman.

Staff: District Manager Eric Dreikosen, Recreation Director Shane DeMarta and Administrative Assistant Carolyn Sullivan.

**Agenda**

No changes or additions.

**Public Comment**

No comments.

**Minutes of March 24, 2015 Commission Meeting**

Call commented in the February minutes it was her intention to state that the public should not be attempting to micro-manage the staff.

M/s Paoli/ Tune to approve Minutes of March 24, 2015. Ayes: Perry, Paoli, Call, Valentine and Tune. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**Review of Draft Board Minutes of April 14, 2015**

No comments.

**Commemorative Plaque for Tom Kunkel**

Call stated she had looked at the commemorative stone located at Queenstone. She suggested finding or making a stone in a kid friendly shape for placement at the playground. DeMarta replied there are many stones in our parks, he will find a suitable one. Tune stated another option would be to place the plaque on a post. Call replied she would prefer a stone; it is more permanent. Paoli offered to contact Nor-Mar Engravers to inquire about the pricing of the plaque and its cost per character.

M/s Perry/ Valentine to approve commemorative plaque for Tom Kunkel by Nor-Mar Engravers; set into stone and to be placed in the playground with the price not to exceed \$500.00. Ayes: Perry, Tune, Call, Paoli and Valentine. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**Use of Round-Up vs. Organic Weed Control Methods**

Perry began by stating earlier this week the WHO International Agency for Research on cancer announced findings that glyphosate is 'probably carcinogenic to humans'. The research published in the Lancet Oncology relies on studies conducted on the chemical over the last few decades. Perry stated she doesn't want to expose staff to glyphosate. Tune asked if the staff was certified as Qualified Pesticide Applicators. DeMarta replied yes, one staff member holds the certification. DeMarta replied the Landscape Contractor holds their own certifications. Tune stated the District's use of chemicals such as glyphosate or insecticides is just one component of a whole, and if the District is going to set a policy on chemicals it should be consistent on all fronts. Valentine replied he can understand both sides of the issue, but feels the District should not wait for the perfect plan; take one step at a time. Tune commented the safety of the staff is paramount and holding the qualified applicator certificate is a must. Call stated she disagrees with use of any chemical that could be a carcinogenic. Marinwood should be ahead of the curve with a policy on this matter. Perry stated the District should have an IPM (Integrated Pest Management) policy. DeMarta noted the staff at this time does not use Round-Up on our property. Call requested the Landscape Contractor cease use of the product as well. DeMarta replied the District is bound by a contract at this time, but will look into the language when it is time for contract renewal. DeMarta asked Tune if he is aware of any cities with a glyphosate free policy. Tune replied the County has cut back usage considerably especially in West Marin. Tune stated he would begin working on a policy for Commission review.

M/s Tune/ Paoli to place a moratorium on staff application of glyphosate until the District achieves a comprehensive policy. Ayes: Perry, Tune, Call, Paoli and Valentine. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**Commission Bylaws-Revisions**

Perry stated Director Hansell requested the bylaws be reviewed by County Counsel. Counsel had reviewed the bylaws and made suggestions. The Commission went through line by line and reviewed the suggested changes.

M/s Valentine/ Tune to approve Commission Bylaws with amendments as discussed. Ayes: Perry, Call, Valentine, Tune and Paoli. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**Code of Conduct and Ethics for Commission Members**

Perry asked the Commissioners if they would like to keep this document. Call replied it is a bit vague, and would like to add language regarding Commissioner orientations. Call additionally commented she doesn't agree with the wording "must"; Call suggested "shall". Valentine replied as Commissioners it is our duty to understand the CSD in all aspects. The Commission decided upon changing item two to "shall", as well as deleting item five.

M/s Paoli/ Valentine to approve Code of Conduct and Ethics for Commission members as amended and have it placed as an attachment to the bylaws. Ayes: Perry, Call, Paoli, Valentine and Tune. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**Park and Recreation Report**

Perry commended DeMarta for his work on the energy efficiency projects such as the pool equipment and the Smart Lights for the Main hall. Perry also commended Marco Giron for his work at Creekside Park, he has done a wonderful job. DeMarta thanked Tune for his time spent surveying and making recommendations for the CSD.

**Q&A on Non-Agenda Items/ Requests for Future Agenda Items**

Call commented the Never Never Land sign at Huckleberry and Idylberry has been vandalized and would like to find a volunteer to repair the damage. DeMarta suggested contacting Stewart Quan.

Perry stated some items for next agenda will be:

IPM Policy Plan

How to grow as a District/ increase revenues

The meeting concluded at 9:15PM.

The date of the next Park and Recreation Commission meeting is May 26, 2015 at 7:30pm in the Community Center Classroom.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn Sullivan