

KEY PENINSULA METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT
d.b.a. KEY PENINSULA METRO PARKS
P.O. Box 70, Lakebay, Wa. 98349
Special Issue Public Meeting
Saturday, March 26, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 2:37PM at the Home Fire Station by Paula DeMoss, President KPMPD.

Commissioners Present: Paula DeMoss, Kip Clinton, Ross Bischoff (had to leave early), Jerry Schick (arrived later), Scott Gallacher, Park Administrator.

Citizens Present: George Robison, Hugh McMillan and _____ represented the Lions Club; Marty Marcus, Ann Waldo, Nancy Lind, Bob Lind, Ed Taylor, Fred Ramsdell.

Topic: Home Park and Picnic Shelter

Presentation by George Robison of the Lions Club: George Robison gave a quick synopsis of the Lions Club proposal to build a picnic shelter for KPMPD in Home Park. The revised plans call for a metal roof (forest green steel) for fire safety and ease of maintenance. The interior dimensions will be 16'x32', 18'x34' brush textured concrete pad, and drip line of 21'x36'. The Lions have already raised \$400.00 toward purchasing hardware for the project and if KPMPD okays the proposal, they will start soliciting donations. The lumber they will use is the untreated lumber harvested from the Agrivision area at Volunteer Park several years ago (it is stored in the KPSCF Annex basement). They plan to use hex head screws.

Discussion: There was discussion about the size of the structure; concensus was that 16'x32' was the largest size of structure that the site would accommodate, but any smaller would not be sufficient for group use. A similar opinion was expressed by all about the forest green steel roofing. Ed Taylor suggested that prior to the pouring of the concrete slab conduit/pipe for wiring and/or water lines should be placed. Fred Ramsdell said that this conduit should be oversized to run both water and wiring (see the Pen. Light web site). The discussion expanded to other needs at Home Park. Security lighting is needed, at least on the light poles along the road; Pen Light is charging \$9.95 for street lights. Security lighting will be needed on the picnic shelter once it is built. Solar lighting was suggested on the structure. Charcoal barbeque grills are suggested near the perimeter of the picnic shelter. A fire pit may be added in the future; Fred said that fire code requires 3' diameter rock or masonry sides and a clear area around it. Home Park is currently envisioned as day use only, so fire pit construction will be deferred to a future time. There was discussion about toilet facilities. Ann Waldo suggested a composting toilet; Nancy Lind said that the state parks use vault toilets because they are more resistant to vandalism. Reality suggests that a sanican may be temporarily placed in Home Park. There was discussion about using the existing shallow well to water plants; power would have to be installed on the property. The Bay Shore Garden Club has been collecting native plants in pots for Home Park. They cannot be planted until either there is water or consistent heavy rains. Fred has been mowing the grass and said that there needs to be a work party to go shoulder to shoulder and pick up glass, concrete and other

artifacts that are working their way to the ground surface. After that, he volunteered to fill the depressions in the lawn at Home Park if KPMPD had a load of sand/TAGRO mix delivered. (It might be a good idea to lay a several inch thick layer of "topsoil" next fall and reseed after the fall rains come.) He also advised KPMPD to get a certified arborist to care for the trees at Home Park (falling limbs). Ann Waldo said that Peter Carras of Pen Light/Asphuld did a good job for them. Parking was discussed—currently there is insufficient parking. Some disabled parking is envisioned near the picnic shelter; access to that point may be gated. In addition to improved on site parking (10 cars), the side of 8th St. will probably be used by large groups. KPMPD should improve roadside parking along 8th and request the county put up 'parking this side only' signs. As an added note, Fred would like some other form of parking designation than the boulders because he needs to use a string trimmer around them instead of the lawn mower. Safety fencing along the Key Peninsula Highway was suggested (small children escaping from parents). Nancy said that the Bates Tech class that was going to do a landscape design for Home Park has not followed through. There was discussion about asking John Ortgisen (Pierce County Parks), Claudia Loy of Sunnycrest Nursery, or some other landscape designer to volunteer to design a landscape for Home Park. Bronze donation plaques were discussed. Angel Guild may be willing to install additional park benches as member memorials. Marty Marcus said that the KP Business Asso. paid for the picnic table, which the Scouts built, and might be persuaded to provide others for the shelter. Rules of the park will need to be posted. Rules suggested are: please take home any refuse (take only photos, leave only footprints); day use only; no camping; fire allowed only in designated facilities; no tree cutting; please respect the neighbors' feelings and privacy; picnic shelter reservations can be made by contacting the Park Administrator at 884-9240/Volunteer Park (KPSCF).

Resulting Action: KPMPD will discuss Home Park at the regular KPMPD Board meeting of Tuesday, April 5, 2005. Concensus of attending commissioners is for the Lions Club to proceed with the Home Park picnic shelter.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting of March 26, 2005 adjourned at about 4:30PM. The next regular KPMPD meeting will be at 7:30PM Tuesday, April 5, 2005 in the KPSCF Annex. The next regular meeting of KPPRD will be on Monday, March 28, 2005 at 7:30PM in the KPSCF Annex.

Respectfully submitted by Kip Clinton, Clerk/Financial Officer KPMPD.