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2 CITY OF COOS BAY
3 PARKS COMMISSION MINUTES OF
4 JULY 20, 2017

5 **Members Present:** Chair, Christine Coles, Ariann Lyons, Bev Meyers,
6 Bill Otton and Patty Scott

7 **Members Absent:** Ralph Mohr and Shaun Gibbs

8 **Staff Present:** Operations Administrator, Randy Dixon and Pam Patton

9 **Guests Present:** **Bird Houses - Presentation by Kady Wolfgard, MHS. Spider Box**
10 **placement in Empire Lakes presentation by Gary with ODFW**
11 **Charleston**

12 **Location:** Empire Lakes, Hull entrance

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14 *The audio of the meeting was poor. Too much activity of people and children enjoying the*
15 *lake and sunshine. The minutes will be summarized.*

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18 **1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

19 Christine asked for a motion to approve the May 18th and June 15th minutes. The Chair asked
20 for a motion to approve.

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22 **MOTION:** Patty motioned to approve the minutes of May 18th and June 15th.

23 **DISCUSSION:**

24 **VOTE:** Ayes were unanimous. Motion carried and minutes were approved
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26 **2. NEW BUSINESS**

27 1.) Kady Wolfgard introduced herself. Christine asked Kady what she had in mind. Kady
28 brought three (3) birdhouses showing her design and workmanship. One was an all wooden,
29 one had an opaque glass and the third one had a crackle-type glass. The faces are
30 interchangeable. The entry hole is 1-1/4 inch that would attract a small bird. The wood could
31 be primed and painted or made from cedar. Kady briefly explained how they were made. She
32 has a kiln at home where she will fire two pieces of the glass together and then she would grind
33 to make a nice finished rounded-edge. Kady did mention that her dad did the woodworking.

34 She is very active with craft shows and the county fair. Kady is quite the entrepreneur. The
35 commission were all very impressed. A few questions were asked how many was she thinking
36 and location. Kady said that there were two at the Mingus pool that she would like to replace.
37 She also mentioned that she was open to suggestions. They thought it would be best to arrange
38 a time and take a tour of various sites. Also, it was asked if they would be donated to the City
39 or fee based. Kady really didn't know how to respond. That will need to be clarified.

40 Randy did mention that logistically, Empire Lakes would be the best fit allowing the staff to
41 access the trails with a flatbed for placement of the houses and also making serviceability easier.
42 They could be placed off the trails where public couldn't access. Vandalism was a topic that
43 was discussed. The commissioners were very excited and impressed with her skill and abilities.

44 2.) Next up was the ODF&W to give a presentation on "Spider Boxes." Gary, a fish biologist
45 from the Charleston Field Office and with him was Aiden, an intern from Oregon State for the
46 summer. Spider boxes are named as such because of their appearance. They cast a cement
47 brick, usually on site and attach a rubber-like tubing. They are placed in clusters or groupings.
48 They prefer to be placed in 10-feet of water. They now call them, "fish condos." (see attached
49 pictures) It provides habitat for the young from their predators to develop and grow into healthy
50 fish to improve the numbers of stock. The longer they are in the water algae builds up creating
51 an umbrella affect. All building materials supplied. Volunteers will be sought to build them.

52 Gary shared information on the trout stocking schedule. The ODF&W tagged trophy size trout
53 earlier in the spring. Whoever lands the fish, they are instructed to bring in the tag for a prize,
54 some are monetary. The data collected builds a data base of valuable information.

55 3.) The City Manager requested that the Parks Commission review a triangle-shaped parcel up
56 for consideration for surplusing to sell. This parcel of property is ear-marked in the Parks
57 Master Plan and the Parks Commission needed to review. A discussion of all the elements and
58 evaluated the parcel for usability. Christine asked for a motion.
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60 **MOTION:** Christine motioned to move forward on sale but it would be contingent upon
61 the monies received be ear-marked for Parks Improvement per the Parks
62 Master Plan.

63 **DISCUSSION:** Ariann asked the City to look into the ownership of an adjacent parcel, tax
64 lot #4100

65 **SECOND:** Bev

66 **VOTE:** Ayes were unanimous.
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68 3. OLD BUSINESS

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70 1.) Randy took opportunity and updated on the bridges at Empire Lake. Soil testing has been
71 requested and SHN Consulting Engineering will do next week, the week of the 23rd. It will
72 be performed at the small bridge. ZCS Engineering is doing the abutment preparation.

73 About the time the design is complete, the timing would be about the time for the Mingus
74 Pool to finish up. He would then push the button for the monies for the bridge.

75 2.) Having to wait on the closure of the Mingus Pool to get started on Phase 2 of the Pool
76 project.
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78 4. COMMISSIONERS CLOSING COMMENTS –

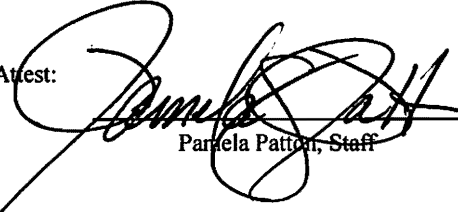
79 80 5. ADJOURNMENT

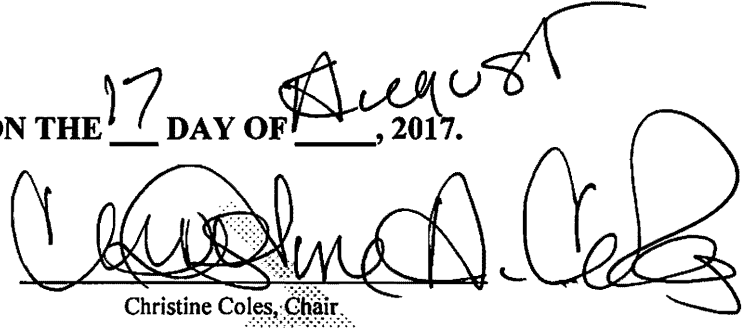
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82 **There being no further business to come before the Parks Commission, by consensus**
83 **of the Parks Commission, Bill adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.**
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Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Patton,
Public Works

APPROVED BY THE PARKS COMMISSION ON THE 17 DAY OF August, 2017.

Attest: 
Pamela Patton, Staff


Christine Coles, Chair

Approved