

house and he asked if they were any plans to use it. Recreation Director Wilkinson stated there was nothing in the Master Plan that would require a meter. Commissioner Wall stated he would not want to remove the meter and then pay to have another installed in the future. Supervisor Myers stated he would contact PG&E and see if they could pay a flat fee. Staff asked the developers of the Monahan Pacific project to put up a gate because people were driving around in the area on the weekends.

Superintendent Myers discussed Remillard Park. He stated the City gets reclaimed water for the park from Central Marin Sanitary Agency (CMSA). They try to keep the water level high enough to drown out the troublesome tules. Commissioner Blauvelt asked about the runoff from the surrounding areas. Superintendent Myers stated the runoff is sufficient until the month of June when they need to add some reclaimed water. He stated there is runoff coming from the area near the firing range that goes over the spillway into the pond itself. Much of the water comes from Mr. Price's property and heads straight south into Tubb Lake. Commissioner Blauvelt asked if they had experienced any problems from the construction project to the west. Superintendent Myers stated there was a minor amount of erosion but they do have protection measures in place. Commissioner Scammell asked how the reclaimed water was delivered. Superintendent Myers stated there was a tunnel through the mountain. Commissioner Scammell stated the overlook platform was overgrown with shrubbery. Superintendent Myers stated he would like some direction from the Commission on this matter. Commissioner Blauvelt stated the Commission could look at this on their Annual Park Tour. Superintendent Myers stated it does create a very nice view corridor. Commissioner Hauser stated they would like to retain the natural habitat of the artificial pond. Chair Aschwald asked if there was public access to this area. Superintendent Myers stated "yes". Recreation Director Wilkinson stated they try to control the area and discourage bicyclist and dogs.

Superintendent Myers discussed the Sandra Marker Bicycle/Pedestrian Path. The trees are growing nicely but the wildflowers are not competing well in that environment. However, they do have a lot of Alyssum and Gazanias.

Superintendent Myers discussed the Joe Wagner Little League Field. The drainage can be a problem at times. He also has an on-going problem with materials being piled up in the backstop area. Commissioner Scammell stated they use volunteer help and the priority is probably on games days. Superintendent Myers stated he would send them a letter and try to solve the matter. Superintendent Myers stated there was a problem with mud running down the bike path and creating a hazard.

Superintendent Myers discussed Piper Park. He stated staff spends most of their time on field maintenance. They are having a problem with the geese ruining some of the grassy areas. Commissioner Hauser asked if they could fence off the "bald spots" and put up nets. Supervisor Myers stated that was a good idea. The problem has gotten worse since the installation of the synthetic field at Redwood High School. He plans to call the Department of Fish and Game for some suggestions. He discussed some upcoming Eagle

Scout projects in the park. Staff is trying to phase out the Acacias in the park and replace them with Cedars, Redwoods, and Willows.

Superintendent Myers asked the Commission if they had any questions. Commissioner Scammell asked him if he had any major concerns with the parks. Superintendent Myers stated they were still working on the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program that was adopted last year and implementation was difficult in the park areas. The median strips were not a problem. They were thinking about replacing some of the manicured shrub areas with some type of groundcover. Commissioner Scammell stated she heard about some jurisdictions using “hot foam”. Superintendent Myers stated it was costly and not as effective as they had hoped.

Commissioner Blauvelt asked if staff contracts out the maintenance of the smaller parks. Superintendent Myers stated staff recently took over half of the contract and maintains Piper Park, the Bon Air median, the City Hall surround and downtown parking lot area.

Chair Aschwald stated a dog got sick at Greenbrae Park last year and had she had questions about the incident. Superintendent Myers stated a granular pre-emergent had been used in the park but they are not sure if that was the cause of the problem. They have stopped using this chemical in the park and changed the shrubbery to sod.

The Commission thanked Superintendent Myers for his presentation and stated he, and his staff, were doing a fantastic job.

RECREATION DIRECTOR’S ORAL REPORT

Recreation Director Wilkinson stated they would be resurfacing tennis courts #3 and #4 at Piper Park. They have not been done since 1997. Courts #1 and #2 will be relocated during the Twin Cities Police Department/Larkspur Public Works facility construction. The City Council unanimously approved Alternate #5 of the Dog Park. He, along with the City Manager, met with representatives of the Arkites and the Audubon Society prior to the meeting to resolve some issues. The Council decided to include a scaled back version of the overlook and path. Ms. Cordy Hill will prepare the construction documents and the plan should go out to bid in the spring. The Tidalwaves Swim Program has approximately 270 registered swimmers. The department is offering a Cottillion class in the spring and staff anticipates a good turnout. He asked the Commission to bring their calendars to the next meeting so they could schedule the Annual Spring Parks Tour. The department will be offering an Aerobics class in the spring that was previously offered in Corte Madera. The Larkspur Spring Co-Ed Softball League will be increasing in numbers.

COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS

Commissioner Wall asked about the letter from Mr. Wertz. Recreation Director Wilkinson stated there was no need for any Commission action- he just wanted to keep the Commission informed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary