

**Shawnigan Parks and Recreation Commission
Meeting Notes
May 21, 2009 – Shawnigan Lake Community Centre**

Attendees:

Betty Lord
Bill Savage
Catherine Whittome
Lori Treloar
Margaret Symon (chair)

regrets: Ken Cossey

1. The meeting was called to order at 1900H
2. Old Business:
 - Parks and Trails Master Plan update: CVRD still reviewing draft document – Parks Commission will have an opportunity to review draft before final submission by Lanarc
 - Coleman Rd. subdivision: recommendation re: wetland dedication forwarded to CVRD Parks
 - Mason's, Gov. Wharf, Old Mill: CVRD installing marker buoys – timed before summer season
 - *question asked regarding cost increase (from \$6,000 to \$7,000)
 - *question asked regarding selling of boomsticks (for community park funds) – ask CVRD
 - Cowichan Green Mapping: Shawnigan session informative, but v poorly attended
 - Bike Park Cobble Hill: grand opening – May17/09
 - Shawnigan Hills: questions raised regarding field maintenance (Ryan Dias email: Phase 1)
 - Community Park Chairs' Meeting – May 11/09 – commissions asked to consider broader community uses/promotion for area parks; "highs" and "lows" of park issues – what's working well?; what's not?
 - Shawnigan Subaru Triathlon: >400 competing athletes from around the world; local volunteers to be commended: special thanks to Parks Commission members for volunteering: Catherine Whittome (volunteer coordinator), Bill Savage (water safety), Al Brunet (Transition), Margaret Symon (run course coordination), and to Betty Lord's granddaughter (lifeguard); and to Area Director Ken Cossey (Honorary Chairperson)
3. New Business:
 - Silvermine Trail alignment:
 - CVRD Parks summer crew to realign temporary trail access between Beach Estates backroad and Silvermine subdivision
 - Invasive spp alert
 - W Shawnigan Lake Park
 - **Motion: The Area B Parks and Recreation Commission encourages the CVRD to pursue acquisition of W. Shawnigan Lake Park**
 - Malta Road property-landowners are voluntarily dedicating parkland
 - **site visit planned; thank-you ceremony proposed at a later date**
 - Renfrew Rd. property – discussion
 - Bob-0-Link Trail – Dan Brown conducting trail work to complete loop
4. Other items:
 - Memory Island: illegal camping, campfires: need signage, patrols! (only 1 sign now)
 - *Action required: CVRD Parks, RCMP!
 - Elkington Property: Friday afternoon tour/site visits
 - Historic Mill Bay Church: open house May 28 6-730 pm
5. Next Meeting: June 18, 2009 SLCC