

**South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District
July 7, 2020 – Special Meeting Minutes**

Special Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

Commissioners Present: Josh Coleman, Jennifer Cox, Erik Jokinen, Krista Loercher and Matt Simms

Staff Present: Doug Coutts, Tom Fallon and Peggy Nelson

Josh called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

II. Public Comment

Josh stated that the meeting was being held to discuss allowing groups that are in a COVID-19 pandemic phase lower than 3 to use Park District facilities.

Several members of the Whidbey Baseball Club expressed their desire to allow teams from counties in a phase lower than 3 to participate in baseball games at Community Park. One member of the Whidbey Baseball Club stated that he was concerned about the safety of players if groups from a phase 1 or 2 county were allowed to participate in baseball games at Community Park.

II. New Business

A. Group Use of District Facilities during COVID-19 Pandemic

Doug stated that his interpretation of the Governor's rules pertaining to games during the COVID-19 pandemic was that groups in a county lower than phase 3 should not be traveling to a phase 3 county to play games and he therefore, was not approving Community Park baseball field reservations for those games. Matt stated that he interpreted the Governor's rules differently and recommended the Park District ask for guidance from the Governor's Office regarding allowing players from phase 1 or 2 counties to travel to a phase 3 county to play baseball games. The commissioners continued to discuss the group use of Park District facilities by residents from counties in phase 1 or 2.

Jennifer made a motion to proceed with Doug's current interpretation of the Governor's rules for those in counties lower than 3 while directing Doug to reach out to the Governor's Office for rule clarification. Jennifer, Krista and Erik voted in favor of the motion and Matt and Josh voted against the motion. The motion passed 3-2.

III. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Approved on: July 15, 2020

