



# Josephine County, Oregon

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## **JOSEPHINE COUNTY PARKS**

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## **JOSEPHINE COUNTY PARKS WORKSHOP**

### **Workshop Minutes**

March 3, 2016 – 3:00 PM

Josephine County Courthouse, Rm 157

**Present:** Doug Richardson, Larry Ford, Diana Orlor, RJ Jackson, Richard Fowler, Bob Chard, Sarah Wright and Alisha Howard

Sarah Wright presented a list of priorities and projects for the Josephine County Park system. The list was reviewed and placed into categories by the group based on:

- Immediate Needs (1-2 years)
- Needs (3-5 years)
- Future Needs
- Wish List

### Items that were placed on a high priority list were reviewed.

Projects that are advisable to be completed before Memorial Day weekend included new permanent signs, CXT at Galice, repair of benches, and Ennis Riffle entry path paving (which is a hazard for vehicles currently).

Signage was discussed and was made a high priority. Any signs that are placed in the parks system for longer than 6 months would be considered a permanent sign and would be replaced with a permanent metal sign.

The Lake Selmac boat launch area at Mallard loop is in need of dock repair. The concrete dock at Osprey needs repair. Also at Lake Selmac all vault toilets need to be renovated or replaced as well as a new footbridge. Sarah stated that she has applied for a grant for repairing these items. Bob Chard made a point that the footbridge serves as a way for the public to stay off the busy main road that has traffic and that the bridge use is recreation promoting. The restrooms and showers are in poor condition and are in need of replacement or repair. Larry Ford asked about an updated masterplan for Lake Selmac. He stated it may be easier to receive large grants for the needed upgrades.

Pavement issues were discussed as well as pothole repair. The Rangers will provide a list of all parks that need attention. Potholes may be repaired by Public Works. Public works do not provide resurfacing pavement. Repair of pavement roads at Almeda are on the high priority list.

The group agreed that all safety issues should be moved to the High Priority list.

Griffin showers need repairs. Dick Fowler questioned as to why the Griffin showers need repair as it is a fairly new restroom/shower building. Shower parts or poor planning construction from contractors or model unit could be part of the issues.

Indian Mary needs more parking available for campers and park day users. There is not enough parking spaces for overnight campers, some having extra vehicles. This may cause unauthorized parking in undesignated areas which can cause damage to the park, grassy areas or possible damage to underground pipes.

### Needs/ Future Needs and Wish list

It was decided to move erosion issues at Ferry Hole to future needs (3-5 years) Lake Selmac erosion issues were also moved to the future needs category.

Upgrade for playgrounds was discussed. Playgrounds were moved to the wish list. Dick Fowler disagreed and would like to see playgrounds on the high priority list. Current high priority items are based on safety needs and continuing to maintain operations. Sarah added that the Chinook playground needs fall material, it is not ADA compliant. All the playgrounds do need attention. The Whitehorse playground slide has some cracks in it. The hidden tunnel may be an issue for supervision of children and create possible unwanted predator opportunities. Whitehorse playground is also in need of fall material. Sarah stated that at some point we will have a certified specialist to check out all of the playgrounds in the park system. Sarah also stated that in the future we will be looking at conservative, natural playgrounds.

The Schroeder dog park was categorized as a low priority. Donations from the Park Foundation may still be utilized for dog park improvements.

Marketing and brochures were discussed. County website improvements have been made as well as the Parks Facebook page. Sarah said that she is looking into a new County Parks logo or improving the old logo design.

Brief topics of current upcoming events at Wolf Creek included the Wolf Creek Timber sale, Easter Parade /egg hunt and Wolf Creek Clean up.

Dick Fowler stated that the list is great, and where do we proceed in starting these projects. Improvements and repairs may be funded by grants, capital improvement, property reserves and economic development funds. Emergencies and projects that have safety issues will be done as soon as possible and will have to come out of the parks operating fund.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.

**The following page includes the complete categorized list of Immediate Needs, Needs, Future Needs, and Wish List.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Alisha Howard, Recorder

Reviewed by the Board of County Commissioners this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2016.

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