

**Vancouver Field Sport Federation  
Quarterly Meeting**  
Monday April 9, 2018 @ 6:30pm  
Trout Lake Community Centre – Lakeview Room

**Minutes**

1. Call to Order & Introductions

- Jennifer Trach – Coordinator, Outdoor Sports Facilities
- Erica McDonald – Supervisor, Sports and Wellness
- Erin Embley – VPB Planner
- Len Stevenson – Maintenance

Regrets

- Casey Crawford – Park Board Commissioner

2. Review of Minutes from February 15, 2018.

Approved.

3. Maintenance & Projects

a. Current maintenance activity

- Lime on fields in West area mostly done – waiting for warmer temperatures to germinate seed
- Hillcrest Challenger – warranty issues, seams coming apart
- Connaught damaged in softball – closed to end of April ok for permits
- Tisdale South is now open – North will be closed in Fall
- Maple Grove was requested last summer (skimmed) now done
- Line trimming around seasonal fences at diamonds is difficult, so is done by user groups
- New requests are needed early for spring wish list, not easy to accommodate now – if they know early, easier to cope with and schedule into the fall
- Grass is dormant now, won't really work until later. If they seed now, doesn't work.
- User discretion – on status page – standing water, water fills in holes after you step in it – not playable
- Request from users; Rupert Park South – rugby, issues with field, dogs and holes, same happened with Balaclava, needs a mound of earth to fill in holes
- Hamber field cannons – in process of being fixed again (fell off last year)

b. Closures

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| Slocan SW                        | closed to end of May (going to reseed 1 more time)        |
| Trout Lake LL                    | Closed to end of May (needs to be reseeded)               |
| Jonathan Rogers                  | Not recommending permits at this location – too many dogs |
| China Creek North – East Diamond | Scheduled for August - due to pump station construction   |
| Oak Meadows                      | Closed mid-August to mid-September                        |

c. Active Projects

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| Hamber/Oak Meadows field house | Approaching final stages waiting for warmer weather for asphalt |
| Track & Field Facility         | Procurement still in process – initial strategy now end of 2018 |
| Hillcrest SE field leveling    | Mitigating impact of Challenger field installation              |
| Andy Livingstone drainage      | status update – base level layer at fault – replacement needed  |
| Nanaimo SE backstop            | Another 2-3 weeks   |
| Connaught – extend irrigation? | proposal  |
| Columbia field house           | on hold (needs capital funds)                                   |

d. Consultations

- Area Plan for False Creek Flats (Trillium & Strathcona) – Darcy
  - All 3 road options still in play. No VPB strategy until decision on road, if impact to Strathcona, VPB will then engage with residents and plan for park. Noted that Strathcona residents have an active ‘Arterial Roadway and Overpass Group’ documenting impacts. New contact at VPB Leila Todd
- NE False Creek Park Design Advisory Group (Andy Livingstone) – Floyd/Anne
  - Extended process, consultations with First Nations and Chinatown. Planners working hard to maintain 2 field option. May be some shortening of one field during road construction.

4. Old business

- a. None

5. New business

- a. Langara Golf Course – recent request by VPB for funding to renew drainage at Langara Golf Course, resulted in motion at City Council by Gregor Robertson to consider other options for space at Langara Golf Course. To date there has been a range of responses from commissioners.

MOTION re Langara Golf Course

VFSF supports the principle of the motion passed by City Council for the Park Board to investigate alternative uses of t Langara Golf Course Lands, particularly with respect field sports facilities.

Craig Woods moved, John McBryde seconded - motion passed unanimously.

6. Committees

- a. Long-term Planning: Anne (chair), Graeme, Geoff, Floyd, Wendy, Mary, Rob, Darcy
- Capital Plan submissions – based on feedback from Erin Embley, committee will go ahead with ranking of the approximately 23 submissions received. Meeting for delegates to review to be scheduled by early May at latest.
  - Need to make sure impacts on other users for any proposal are considered
  - Not sure how it will play out. Growth and renewal are both needed. DCL levies largely used for new projects and renewals have smaller pot of money. Synthetic Turf replacement funds and operating funds are vital – discussion around use of user fees (AT)
- b. Next AT Field: Anne (chair), Jasmine, Darren S, Gord, Wendy, James, Thomas
- Status update. Finalizing consultant contract - shortlist includes Churchill Secondary, Clinton, Beaconsfield –turf (infill) type and lights at Kits/Hillcrest Mini added to scope of work
- c. Grass Upgrades: Craig (chair), Mary, Geoff, Darcy
- Status update. Finalizing consultant - shortlist include: Montgomery Park, Slocan Park

7. Reminders

- Next meeting is TBD.
- AT fields:
  - Do not enter field until your permitted time
  - “Bumping” groups forward in time is not permitted and can result in the loss of booking.
- Spring/Summer renewals due Jan 2 - Feb 2, and Fall/Winter between July 2 - August 2.
- Payment, insurance, and NPO number before permit is issued. Do not play without a permit.
- \$25.00 Admin fee and 10 business days to process refunds on paid permits.
- Sanitation and Park Rangers are reached by calling 311.

8. Adjournment – 8:20pm