

# Sierra Park Services News and Updates

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## Board of Directors 2016-2017

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Secretary	Wanda Lenhardt
Treasurer	Mitchell Gabriel
Director at Large	Mark Logan

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## President's Message

Fall is fast approaching

This season is still warm in the Park, bringing good times at the lake and picnic areas. While you're out enjoying the weather, be aware of the wild critters that also reside in the Park (foxes, bears, turkeys, coyotes). They are indeed "wild" and not to be approached.

The very wet winter we had - 105" of rain, plus snow - left a lot of clean-up to do. We continue to scrape up the debris left by so much run-off. Roadwork will also be extensive this year, due to water that undercut some of our roads, and will start soon. Please respect the road crew's need to complete their work, and understand the need for this temporary inconvenience.

Bad news/good news - former caretaker John Marshall has left us for a full time position with another utility company. Good for John, but we will definitely miss him. John is helping to train our new employee, Danny McLaughlin, in the Park maintenance side of the job. Danny will start full-time in August -- please welcome him when you see him.

CalFire inspectors have toured the Park and will be following up with folks who were cited. For those owners who have paid in full for Roads and Services, the needle dump is open for business!

Enjoy these long, warm days as fall approaches -- **Heidi Ordwein**

*No board meeting was scheduled in August. Next SPS meeting will be at 10:30 am on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017.*



Wishing you  
a safe and  
happy  
Labor Day

## Tree removal is ongoing

Several tree companies hired by PG&E are still in the Park, and will be here until the first snow removing trees that are still dying due to drought damage and the bark beetles. Be alert while driving through the Park, since logs are being piled along the roadways until they can be removed. Though they may seem like tempting play structures, please keep children off of these piles! They are unstable and may also be hiding places for wild animals.

If you have nearby dead trees not on but threatening your property, you can contact us through the answering service or the website. The caretaker will check them out to determine who's responsible for their removal.

## Early fall, the driest season of the year

With some scorching days behind us, grasses are bone-dry and fire hazard level is expected to be high. You can help reduce the risk by avoiding outside fires and maintaining a defensible space clear of needle debris. Call the sheriff directly if you spot something that looks dangerous!

## Contacting individual Board members?

The Services Company has an answering service that you can call to make a request or leave a message. At least five persons are on the "call tree" to get back to you. If you call individual Board members, you may not get a response in a timely manner. We go on vacation, have family gatherings, have doctor's appointments, are no longer on the Board, etc. Basically, we are not available at times. **Use the answering service and someone will contact you -- 209-533-7907.**

## And speaking of contact information...

Are you sure we have yours? When things happen on your property (tree limbs on the roof, burst water pipe) snail mail is not the most expedient way to reach you! Call the answering service to leave your preferred means of prompt contact - be it home number or cellphone - or email it to us at

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# Sierra Park Services Company Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Meeting called to order at 9:40 by president Heidi Ordwein.

**Board Members Present:** Heidi Ordwein, Wanda Lenhardt, Mitch Gabriel, Mark Logan, Michael Lechner and Susie Lechner.

**Shareholders Present:** Bill Ordwein

**Others Present:** New owners Gary Colombo, Lindsey and Terry Perry

**Attendees' Comments/Questions:** no formal comments

**Approval of the Minutes for November and January Board meetings:** Michael Lechner moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Mark Logan seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Communications:** Wanda Lenhardt, secretary -

- One contact regarding a property transfer
- Several mail-in ballots for the annual meeting arrived late
- Several questions about logs on private properties
- Questions about the gate being fixed in the open position.
- One question about removal of dead trees
- Two property owners wanting to schedule Lodge rentals

## **Directors' Reports:**

**Caretaker Report** - Heidi Ordwein - New caretaker Danny McLaughlin is settling in to his new job. Summer is a busy time, so he'll learn quickly!

**Roads** - Heidi Ordwein - Topcoating of the last ¼ of Park roads was scheduled for this year, but due to winter damage additional repairs are needed. Areas where the road has subsided must be cut out and the base rebuilt before repaving. Bids were higher than budgeted, so topcoating will be deferred for a year in some areas.

**Vice President** - Susie Lechner - The Board is working with a local engineering firm to implement a lot line adjustment. Because the new pedestrian bridge was badly undercut by last year's severe storms, reinforcing is needed. The required biological studies and engineering work are underway in preparation for repairs.

**Secretary** - Wanda Lenhardt - Two shares of stock have been sold. Stock sales are ongoing at \$10/share. To purchase a share, call the answering service or contact us on the website. Lodge rental for special events is a joint effort between the Rec Association, the Water Company and SPS. Discussion is ongoing about how to handle joint distribution of any revenue received.

**Treasurer** - The 2016-17 year-end report from Carlson is expected next month. Mitch is working with them on a new budget format. Susie Lechner moved to pay bills received this month; Michael Lechner seconded the motion, which then passed unanimously.

**Gate** - Report given by resident Bill Ordwein, who has volunteered to oversee gate operations - Though everything seems to be in good working order, the gate continues to malfunction. A new monitor will be installed to try to pinpoint the problem.

## **Old Business:**

- Cable to the Park - Sierra Nevada Cable (SNC) reports they continue to make progress toward providing full cable communications and TV service to the Park. Fiber optic cable has been pulled as far as Sierra Village. SNC is working through the application process to place a tower on Forest Service property. They hope to start running cable within the Park this fall, and be fully operational by the end of 2018. Fingers crossed!
- Recreation areas - We have placed a new broom at the basketball court and a new rake at the beach, so users may remove debris before use as desired.

- Sightings of bears and mountain lions in the Park have been reported. Be sure not to leave food or bagged garbage outside, as it could attract them to your home. Additionally, rattlesnakes have been spotted in the meadow. Please be careful out there!

**New Business:**

- Gifts to the Park - Bill and Heidi Ordwein will donate a flat-bed trailer for maintenance use. Mark and Nancy Logan will donate materials to repair and stabilize the all-weather path from the parking lot to the lake, and Simunaci Construction will donate labor to compact the surface.

The meeting temporarily adjourned to executive session at 10:45 to discuss issues relating to legal and financial matters.

The regular meeting reopened at 11:45 am. Report from executive session: Our court case continues to move forward slowly. An arbitration meeting between the two parties resulted in a positive, but non-binding, ruling for the Services Company. For details, see the link on our website.

Meeting adjourned at 11:36. *Next meeting will be at 10:30 am on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017.*

*Note: These minutes reflect our recollection of the proceedings. If additions or revisions are needed, they may be noted by calling the hotline number, 209-533-7909, emailed via the link on our website, or brought to the Board's attention at the following meeting.*