

Orchard Beach Community Group
Miriam Breidenstein, Secretary
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November 12, 1992

Nason County Dept. of General Services
Dept. of Parks and Recreation
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Dear Director

Re; Orchard Beach County Park
Grapeview, Washington

I am writing on behalf of the Orchard Beach Community Group to request some attention to the small County Park at the end of Orchard Beach Drive in Grapeview, Washington. This property was deeded to the County some years back, but little attention has been paid to it in the ensuing years.

At the last meeting of the Orchard Beach Community Group, which has increased in membership and private owners in the last few years, it was proposed that certain improvements be made to this area, primarily improving the 'cut' to the beach for access by the local boat-owners, and improving the walkway to the beach for ease of access by the resident pedestrians, some of whom are quite advanced in years. A copy of the minutes of our last meeting is enclosed for your information.

I was advised by Mr. Mike Byrne, Director of General Services to contact the Department of Parks and Recreation for advice and/or permission to make these improvements. We were planning a work party in the Spring when more people are there and the weather is more suitable.

Whatever information you can send will be greatly appreciated, and I can relay this information to the members of the Group in our 'Winter Newsletter'

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Miriam E. Breidenstein, Secretary

cc; Richard Simpson, President
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Dear Miriam,

I received a memo from the County Commissioners in late September regarding your letter pertaining to Orchard Beach. I apologize for the delay in answering my portion of the letter regarding building permits and the Orchard Beach Public Park.

The face of the plat indicates through its dedication that Orchard Beach Public Park is dedicated to public use and is part of the public property of the plat. The Department of Public Works maintains Orchard Drive down to the portion that is Orchard Beach Public Park. They have not maintained the park area in the past; nor has the Mason County Parks Department included this public land in their parks system. Since this is public land, and not dedicated specifically to the plat of Orchard Beach, the Orchard Beach Community Club has no direct control over its usage or improvements.

Based on the above information, a building permit would not be issued to private individuals for structures on public property.

One alternative may be to petition the County Commissioners, or make a request to the Mason County Parks Department to include this park area in the parks system so that routine maintenance, signing and control may be implemented.

I hope this information has answered some of your questions. If you need additional information, please contact me at the Department of General Services, telephone, 427-9670.

Sincerely,

Mike Byrne
Mike Byrne, Director

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Meredith Brown-Trautman*