

**Mason County Parks and Trails
Advisory Board Meeting
June 22, 2023
MCRA Administration Office
411 N 5th St.
Shelton, WA 98584
5:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

- **Meeting Called to Order:** 5:00 PM
- **Present:** Bill Long, Diane Zoren, John Taylor, Dennis Hamilton, Carl Olson
- **Guests:**
- **Zoom:** Jeanne Robinson, Shawn Fontane, Kathy Geist
- **Excused:** Mendy Harlow
- **Absent:**

- **Approval of Minutes:** Kathy noted that April 27 meeting minutes needed two corrections. The minutes were approved as amended.
- **Agenda:** The agenda for the April 27 meeting was approved unanimously.

- **Public Comment:** (Up to 5 minutes available per person for citizens to address the Parks and Trails Advisory Board.)

As a new member, Dennis Hamilton introduced himself to the Board. He lives in the Hoodspout area and has been in this area for 40 years. He worked extensively in Emergency Management training and is a big outdoor enthusiast.

- **Business Items:**

Noxious Weeds: Noxious Weeds Program Coordinator, Kela Hall-Wieckert, attended the meeting to explain how to remove English ivy at Truman Glick Park. The ivy is not regulated but control is recommended. It can be toxic to humans and animals. She suggested a joint work party with the Parks Department to remove the ivy from trees and that October/November would be a good time. It can be cut from the trees or a chemical can be used to deplete energy reserves. An aquatic approved chemical would be used. Kela will send information and a proposal to Jeanne and John to formulate a time and date in the fall. Kathy asked what public outreach is done to inform the public about various noxious weeds. She mentioned that a slide show at movie theaters before a movie is not very expensive.

RV Covers: An RV cover has been ordered for Sandhill and should be installed in the next month or so. Mason Lake cover will have to wait until the host moves out as the area will have to be leveled to accommodate the cover.

RCO Grant: A maintenance grant from RCO can be applied for and John will brief the Commissioners about applying to redo the asphalt at Latimer's Landing boat launch. The grant will be awarded at the end of August.

Maintenance Report: Batting cages are on hold for now to see what the BOCC might decide for the all- purpose field at Sandhill. Diane said we are also looking at installing a play toy at Sandhill.

Baseball season is winding down and staff are starting to work on maintenance of all the other parks.

Diane let the Board know that we sadly lost one of our seasonal workers in a car accident.

Dog Park: Bill said the dog park at Foothills was going great and was very popular. To date 2,000 waste bags have been used.

Meetings: As there is nothing currently pressing, it was suggested that the Board not meet again until September. At that time John will bring forward the budget requests for the Parks Department. The motion to suspend the July and August meetings was approved unanimously.

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- **Correspondence/Good of the Order:** None
- **Meeting Adjourned:** adjourned at 5:35 p.m.
- **Next Meeting:** The next scheduled Parks Advisory Board Meeting will be at 5:00 p.m. September 28 at 411 N 5th Street, Shelton, 98584.