

**Mason County Parks and Trails  
Advisory Board Meeting  
October 26, 2023  
MCRA Administration Office  
411 N 5<sup>th</sup> St.  
Shelton, WA 98584  
5:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE**

- **Meeting Called to Order:** 5:08 PM
- **Present:** Bill Long, Diane Zoren,
- **Guests:**
- **Zoom:** Jeanne Robinson, Shawn Fontane, Kathy Geist
- **Excused:**
- **Absent:** Mendy Harlow, Dennis Hamilton, John Taylor
  
- **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes for the June 22 meeting were approved unanimously.
- **Agenda:** The agenda for the October 26 meeting was approved unanimously.
  
- **Public Comment:** (Up to 5 minutes available per person for citizens to address the Parks and Trails Advisory Board.)
  
- **Business Items:**

**Budget Requests:** A request was made to move seasonal workers fund to cover the cost of a Maintenance I full time employee as it has become very difficult to get applicants for seasonal workers. The BOCC denied the request. Parks Manager will go back to the Commissioners with numbers showing weekend work and overtime and resubmit the request. Funding for a new Gang Mower was approved.

**Foothills Dog Park:** Bill Long asked about having the outside faucet at the park repaired so they have access to water for the dogs. He said they were fund raising to try to get water inside the fenced area. He also asked about having the potholes in the driveway filled with gravel. The park will now be open year round and as restrooms will be closed and winterized, a sani-can has been installed.

**Sandhill Play Toy:** Only one proposal was received for the new play toy at Sandhill. BOCC has settled on a design and play mat. Funding for \$130,000 was approved. It also includes benches for parents. It takes 12-17 weeks for the equipment to be delivered.

**Noxious Weeds:** Kela wanted the Board to know that she would organize a work party for Truman Glick park in April, preferably on Earth Day.

**Park Tour:** Diane suggested that another park tour be scheduled in Spring especially for the new Park Board members.

**RCO Grant:** John has submitted the application for RCO maintenance grant. RCO will make a decision by year end.

**Maintenance Report:** Staff are currently working on refurbishing the Park Host apartment at MCRA in preparation for new hosts moving in on November 20, 2023.

**Next Meeting:** Due to Thanksgiving, it was agreed unanimously that there will not be a meeting in November. The next meeting will be on December 21, 2023

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- **Correspondence/Good of the Order: None**
- **Meeting Adjourned:** adjourned at 5:27 p.m.
- **Next Meeting:** The next scheduled Parks Advisory Board Meeting will be at 5:00 p.m. December 21 at 411 N 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Shelton, 98584.