

**Mason County Parks and Trails
Advisory Board Meeting
April 25, 2024
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, Steve Payne
- **Guests:** Heidi Steinbach, Ken VanB
- **Zoom:** Jeanne Robinson, Shawn Fontane
- **Excused:**
- **Absent:** John Taylor, Kathy Geist, Carl Olson, Mendy Harlow, Dennis Hamilton

- **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes for the February 22, 2024, meeting were approved unanimously.
- **Agenda:** The agenda for the April 25, 2024, 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: The board would like to recommend a Maintenance 1 position again for 2025 and will prepare to present to the Commission in July 2024. Salary and training cost comparisons have been provided to the Parks board. Further suggestions regarding budget for new staff to come forward in future meeting.

Foothills Dog Park: 2 water fountains have been purchased and are ready to be installed. Carl is lining up the water line extension and will report dates for a 3-day park closure for installation.

Sandhill Play Toy: Playground is officially complete, and open to the public.

Noxious Weeds: Heidi states there is no legal requirement to control this type of ivy but does understand the concern brought by the board regarding the health of the trees the ivy has covered. Heidi and the Parks board will collaborate on developing a volunteer group that will begin maintenance in the Fall/Winter season.

Park Tour: May 11th at 9 am will be the first parks tour. The south end County parks will be visited on this day. Transportation arrangements and schedule to be provided by Cassidy.

Maintenance Report: Staff performing regular ball season maintenance tasks. Sandhill Playground project has been completed.

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Ken VanB reported Sweetwater Creek being on the contaminated sites list and suggests the Port of Allyn transfer it over to the Department of Transportation.

- **Correspondence/Good of the Order:** None
- **Meeting Adjourned:** adjourned at 5:50 p.m.
- **Next Meeting:** The next scheduled Parks Advisory Board Meeting will be at 5:00 p.m. May 23rd at 411 N 5th Street, Shelton, 98584.