



City of Longview

Agenda

Parks and Recreation Board

Monday, August 21, 2023

5:00 PM

1525 Broadway
Longview, WA 98632
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with RCW Chapter 42.30, that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of the City of Longview, Washington, will be holding a meeting on August 21, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the Training Room, on the 2nd floor of City Hall 1525 Broadway St., Longview. The meeting is also available online and/or via telephone.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

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2. **FLAG SALUTE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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5. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

6. **CONSTITUENT/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

23-001421 **A. PROHIBITED SPECIES LIST ADDITIONS**

SUMMARY: The Parks Department seeks to add additional tree species to the prohibited list.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Seeking a motion to include the following trees to the prohibited tree list:

- Ash due to Emerald Ash Borer
- English Hawthorne is a Class C Noxious Weed/Tree
- Lindens due to the large amount of flowers and fruit, which creates quite a mess and is hard to clean up.
- London plane is a hybrid cross of America sycamore which is already on the prohibited list due to the round fruit that it drops.
- Russian Olive is a Class C Noxious Weed/Tree
- Saltcedar is a Class B Noxious Weed/Tree
- Tree-of-heaven is a Class C Noxious Weed/Tree

STAFF CONTACT: Joanna Martin, Parks & Urban Forestry Manager

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B. GERHART GARDENS PARK SWING SET

SUMMARY: The Parks Department is recommending removing the Gerhart Gardens Park swing set. The swing set is the only remaining piece of play equipment at Gerhart Gardens Park. The swing set is in good condition, but the play area itself is in poor condition. The wooden border around the play area is rotten and the steel spikes continue to become exposed. We either need to invest in building a new play area or remove the swing set. This set gets very little use at Gerhart and dust from the neighboring property causes the chips to become compacted, which creates a fall surface that doesn't meet safety standards. So it is the Parks Department recommendation to remove the swing set. If removal is approved, the swing set will be relocated to Lake Sacajawea Park in the Elks play area. The frame of the current swing set in the Elks play area has been repaired multiple times. The Gerhart swing set is a more study design and is in better condition than the Elks set. With this playground seeing a lot more use, including by teenagers attending the Teen Center, a more sturdy

swing set would be beneficial.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Seeking a motion to recommend removal of the swing set at Gerhart Gardens Park.

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23-001423 A. Parks & Urban Forestry Division Report

B. Recreation Division Report

C. Director's Report

10. **ADJOURNMENT**