

Parks and Recreation Board

Monday, August 21, 2023

5:00 PM

Recreation Office,
2920 Douglas Street, Longview WA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Pang called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

23-001420

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 229 956 634 565

Passcode: gSusnf

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)

Or call in (audio only)

+1 213-631- United States,
2692,,525776909# Los Angeles

+1 347-973- United States,
4395,,525776909# New York City

Phone Conference ID: 525 776 909#

2. **FLAG SALUTE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Board Member Rayleen Aguirre, Board Member Claire Pang, Board Member Glenda Johnson

Members Absent: Board Member Oliver Black

Constituents Present: Erik Halvorson

Council Members Present: Spencer Boudreau

Staff Present: Jennifer Wills, Melissa Harbour, Joanna Martin, Justin Brown

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Board Member Johnson and seconded by Board Member Pang to approve the minutes of 06.12.2023 as presented. The motion passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Claire Pang, Glenda Johnson

Nays: None

Abstain: Board Member Rayleen Aguirre

Yes 2, No 0, Abstained 1

23-001419 PRAB Draft Meeting Minutes 06.12.2023

5. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

N/A

6. CONSTITUENT/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

N/A

7. OLD BUSINESS

N/A

8. NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Board Member Johnson and seconded by Board Member Aguirre to add the additional tree species listed in the motion to the prohibited list. The motion passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Claire Pang, Rayleen Aguirre, Glenda Johnson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Yes 3, No 0, Abstained 0

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

23-001425**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.**STAFF CONTACT: Joanna Martin, Parks & Urban Forestry Manager**

A motion was made by Board Member Johnson and seconded by Board Member Aguirre to recommend the removal of the swing set at Gerhart Gardens Park. The motion passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Claire Pang, Rayleen Aguirre, Glenda Johnson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Yes 3, No 0, Abstained 0

23-001423 A. Parks & Urban Forestry Division Report**B. Recreation Division Report****C. Director's Report**

The Parks Division Report and the Recreation Division Report were embedded in the agenda. The Director's Report was provided verbally.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 05:49 P.M. The next meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2023.