



City of Longview

Minutes

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Parks and Recreation Board

Monday, August 18, 2025

5:00 PM

Recreation Office,
2920 Douglas Street, Longview WA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **FLAG SALUTE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Board Member Jenny Oskey, Board Member Oliver Black, Board Member Steven Pond, Board Member Manon Kaufman

Members Absent: Board Member Glenda Johnson

Constituents Present: Mike Barbee, Mike Street & Leah White

Council Members Present: N/A

Staff Present: Justin Brown, Melissa Harbour, Kevin Beaty

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

25-00696 PRAB Draft Meeting Minutes 07.21.2025

A motion was made by Board Member Oskey and seconded by Board Member Kaufman to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Jenny Oskey, Oliver Black, Steven Pond, Manon Kaufman

Nays: None

Abstain: Glenda Johnson

Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 1

5. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

N/A

6. **CONSTITUENT/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

N/A

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

N/A

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

25-00752 A. CENTRAL SANDLOT 2025 SEASON OVERVIEW

SUMMARY: Mike Barbee and Mike Street will present an overview of the Summer 2025 season.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: No Action - Discussion Only

STAFF CONTACT: Justin Brown, Parks & Recreation Director

Mike Barbee, Mike Street and Leah provided a presentation on the Summer 2025 season.

25-00753 B. SIDEWALK CHALK IN PARKS

SUMMARY: We are currently addressing situations where groups are using chalk in parks and other public rights-of-way. While most messages are appropriate, the markings are often left uncleaned. This requires staff to spend extra time preparing rental areas so they are presentable for the next user group. The issue also raises free speech considerations and is under review by the Assistant City Attorney. We are evaluating the potential of implementing a new park rule through the Longview Municipal Code to address this matter.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: No Action - Discussion Only

STAFF CONTACT: Justin Brown, Parks & Recreation Director

Justin Brown, Director, provided a brief overview of issues related to sidewalk chalk. No Action.

25-00754 C. DUTCH ELM DISEASE OVERVIEW

SUMMARY: Staff will provide a brief presentation to the Board introducing Dutch elm disease, including what it is and a high-level overview of its potential impact on the City of Longview. This overview will serve as an introduction to the topic in advance of a more in-depth presentation scheduled for September.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: No Action - Discussion Only. Will bring back in September for official recommendation.

STAFF CONTACT: Justin Brown, Parks & Recreation Director

Justin Brown, Director, provided a presentation to the board introducing Dutch Elm Disease. Additional information is forthcoming with a goal of providing City Council with information on the subject in October 2025.

25-00755 Justin Brown, Director, will provide a verbal report on Golf, Urban Forestry, Recreation and Parks.

A verbal report was provided.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 06:12 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for 09-15-2025.