



# City of Longview

## Minutes

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### Parks and Recreation Board

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Monday, September 15, 2025

5:00 PM

Recreation Office,  
2920 Douglas Street, Longview WA

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

*Members Absent:*

*Constituents Present: N/A*

*Council Members Present: Maryalice Wallis, Councilmember*

*Staff Present: Justin Brown, Melissa Harbour, Josh Allen, Erin Cranston*

2. **FLAG SALUTE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**25-00871 PRAB Draft Meeting Minutes 08.18.2025**

*A motion was made by Board Member Johnson and seconded by Board Member Kaufman to accept the minutes as embedded. The motion passed with the following vote:*

*Ayes: Oliver Black, Glenda Johnson, Steven Pond, Manon Kaufman*

*Nays: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0*

5. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

*N/A*

6. **CONSTITUENT/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

*N/A*

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

*N/A*

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

**25-00872 URBAN FOREST DISEASE TREATMENT PLAN**

**SUMMARY:** Staff is presenting an overview of the City's strategy to address current and

emerging threats to our urban forest, with a focus on Dutch Elm Disease (DED) and Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). The plan outlines a proactive approach that balances treatment, phased replacement, and species diversification to ensure long-term canopy health and sustainability.

**Dutch Elm Disease (DED):**

- Implement a 2-year fungicide treatment cycle for high-value elms
- Use a geographically phased plan for efficiency
- Proactively replace 20–25 elms per year (~40 years for full replacement)

**Emerald Ash Borer (EAB):**

- Treat only the largest and most significant ash trees on a 2-year cycle
- Replace 40–50 ash trees annually, prioritizing green and white ash most at risk
- Replant with diverse species to strengthen canopy resilience

The combined approach emphasizes proactive management over reactive removals, while maintaining flexibility as conditions evolve. Staff believes time is on our side, but early action will help preserve canopy coverage and manage long-term costs.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Motion to recommend that City Council approve Option A: Treatment Plan and Option A: Tree Removal & Replacement for managing urban forest disease.

**STAFF CONTACT:** Justin Brown, Parks & Recreation Director

*A motion was made by Board Member Pond and seconded by Board Member Johnson to recommend City Council approve Treatment Plan A Option A and Tree Removal & Replacement Option A as the preferred strategy for managing Dutch Elm Disease and Emerald Ash Borer threats in Longview's Urban Forest. The motion passed with the following vote:*

*Ayes: Jenny Oskey, Oliver Black, Glenda Johnson, Steven Pond, Manon Kaufman*

*Nays: None*

*Abstain: None*

*Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0*

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting was adjourned at 06:12 PM. The next meeting is October 20, 2025 at 5:00 PM.*