

Parks and Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes April 15, 2024

Note: The meeting was not recorded due to a Zoom platform/wifi error.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: 3:24 PM

Members Present:

Dave Hall
Lisa Bruce - phone
Matt Withers
Judy Williams
Gordy Holmes
Peter Kamb
Meagen Watne

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Carly Ruacho, Parks Planning Manager
Alan Lytton, City Engineer/CP Manager
Bryan Hill, Stanwood Camano Little League Representative

2. Citizen Comments

Bryan Hill representing Stanwood Camano Little League thanked staff on behalf of the SCLL coaches and board for help with the new online scheduling platform. Bryan reported that SCLL felt it was overall a positive change and appreciated Amanda helping the league members through the learning curve of the first year. Bryan also made a request on behalf of SCLL to remove the pitcher's mound at the Church Creek Park field and indicated that the league had a removable mound that could stay onsite and be available for field users.

3. Approval of March 2023 Meeting Minutes

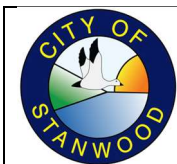
March 18, 2024 minutes were approved as written.

4. Park Prioritization List Update

The committee discussed and finalized their priority list of projects for Church Creek Park. The committee generally agreed on the following order of prioritized projects:

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| 1. **Picnic shelter roof (5 of 6) | 8. **Sidewalk to entrance (2 of 6) |
| 2. **Crosswalk to HS (4 of 6) | 9. **Thinning of alder trees (1) |
| 3. **Dug out roofs (4 of 6) | 10. Seating along paths (1) |
| 4. Trails/Loop trails (4 of 6) | 11. Additional picnic tables (1) |
| 5. Baseball field improvements (4 of 6) | 12. Improved signage (1) |
| 6. Trail along western park edge inside park (3 of 6) | 13. Agreement with HS for overflow parking (1) |
| 7. Trails in NW Park (3 of 6) | 14. Forest/Wetland Management (1) |

**Items are currently budgeted for 2024



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Final Church Creek Park and Heritage Park priority project lists will be compiled per committee comments and will be presented for a vote at May's meeting.

5. Private Business Enterprises in City Parks

Current SMC 6.40.040(1) states "Within the boundaries of any park owned or operated by the city of Stanwood, it is unlawful to:

(f) Engage in the sale of any merchandise or services, or operate any concession, without authorization from a special event permit issued under Chapter 5.06 SMC or a temporary use permit issued under SMC Title 17."

The PTAC voted and is unanimously supportive of a change to the code language that would allow for private business(es) to operate accessory uses in the parks on a seasonal basis each year with approval from the City and any necessary conditions to preserve the character and public use of the park.

6. Volunteer Projects

The Committee suggested the following ideas for volunteer group projects in the parks:

Weeding along SR532, graffiti clean-up, ivy pulling, banner projects, litter/debris clean-up, naturalist projects (counting wildlife, installing bat boxes), native plantings, trail markers, painting/installing benches and/or tables.

7. Park Updates

Carly went over the recent updates on Parks projects.

- Dug outs for Heritage Park arrived last week. Construction underway.
- Hamilton Landing restrooms and remaining play equipment scheduled to arrive next week.
- Hearing Examiner public hearing for Port Susan Trail Shoreline Permit held on 4/4.
- Public Farm activity beginning at Ovenell.

8. Committee Member Comments

Judy Williams – Commented that it was nice to see projects coming to fruition after many years of discussion – exciting times – and that we are doing great.

Peter Kamb – reported that his small kids are not able to utilize the full play structure at Heritage Park due to a difficult connection element combining the two sections. He requested that the monkey bar element be replaced with something more user friendly for all levels of abilities.

Meagen – commented that she would be attending the open house regarding Depot Park (new downtown park) with her concerns that the bandstand is too small and the raised seating area will get wet from the sail shades. She felt there were better uses of the funds planned for the development of the new park.

Gordy – reported that he had sent the group a PDF copy of a recent pickleball presentation. He also reminded everyone that the free pickleball clinics will begin on May 9 at Heritage Park including one evening session for City employees.

Adjourn: 4:50 PM