



Parks and Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes August 19, 2024

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: 3:09 PM

Members Present:

Matt Withers
Gordy Holmes
Peter Kamb
Meagen Watne
Lisa Bruce
Judy Williams

Members Absent:

Dave Hall

Others Present:

Carly Ruacho, Parks Planning Manager
Alan Lytton, City Engineer/CP Manager

Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Gordy Holmes at 3:11 PM.

2. Citizen Comments

Nathan Slattery from Stanwood Youth Football addressed the committee regarding the proposed fields at Heritage Park. He requested that the City consider making the fields multi-purpose to accommodate the youth football program. He also emphasized the need for turf fields. No action was taken.

3. Approval of June 2024 Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the June 2024 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

4. Church Creek Park Trail Design/Management Plan

Carly Ruacho presented the final design for the Church Creek Park Trail Design/Management Plan. The committee reviewed and discussed the plan.

5. Park/Trail Updates

- **Heritage Park:** The committee discussed the RCO grant that is currently under review. The City has not yet received a decision and expects to know by the next meeting. It was noted that the park's restrooms require upgrades. An AED was donated and is located near the pickleball courts. The committee discussed the need for AEDs at all fields.
- **Stanwood Port Susan Trail:** The trail project is currently in progress. The committee discussed the possibility of hosting an event for the trail's opening.
- **Church Creek Park:** Staff have cleaned the roof of the picnic shelter. Carly Ruacho informed the committee that they have requested funding for the design of a new picnic shelter. Bids have been solicited for the installation of a new roof on the dugouts.



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- **Ovenell Park** The new banner for the SR532 side of the red barn has been printed and delivered. The new banner will replace the current middle “Ovenell Park” banner and should be installed by the end of the month. Puget Sound Public Farms seems to be doing well with their pilot year of community farming. They will likely extend their contract for one more year as allowed.

6. Committee Member Comments

Committee members expressed their satisfaction with the appearance of the parks and the success of the Movies in the Park events. Generally members expressed happiness with the progress of current projects. A member suggested focusing more on park programs moving forward and less on facilities. Another member requested more attention be given to making the landscaping around city facilities, signs and entryways, etc., more aesthetic.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 PM