

BREMERTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes of May 23, 2023

Hybrid Meeting: In person at Sheridan Park Community Center w/ option to “zoom in”.

Commissioner’s Present: Ben Burnette, Paul Dutky, Jim McDonald, Greg Dawson.

Staff Present: Jeff Elevado, Director of Parks and Recreation
Steve Mutek, Park Operation Manager (remote)

- I. **Meeting Called to Order** at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Burnette
- II. **Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made to approve the agenda. McDonald/Dawson (M/S/U)
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Dutky asked for a correction to the minutes, and it was suggested that he listen to the recording. A motion was made to table approval of the April meeting minutes until June. Burnette/Dawson (M/S/U)
- IV. **Public Comment:** N/A
- V. **New Business:**
 1. **Agenda Format Discussion – Commissioner Dawson** agreed that approving agenda at beginning of meeting was good but wished agenda was published in advance for public to be informed. **Commissioner McDonald** agreed but also thought Commission had option to add items at meeting. **Director Elevado** said meeting notice is usually posted 2 weeks in advance of meeting. A motion was made that Commissioners provide agenda items to city staff at least 2 weeks before next meeting. McDonald/Dawson (M/S/U)
 2. **Sheridan Park Volunteer Event Report - Commissioner Dawson** shared slideshow from volunteer event held at Sheridan Park which included help from Madrona Trails stewardship group and P&R staff. He shared before-and-after photos of English ivy/holly removal, along with photos of volunteers, and shared appreciation for Parks crew for hauling large piles of green waste after event.

VI. Commissioner’s Comments:

Commissioner McDonald asked about status of downtown fountains. **Mr. Mutek** shared that repairs are being made on circle fountain and stair fountain will be turned on after stairs are pressure-washed.

Commissioner McDonald asked if we should set up a boat launch fee at city parks (Evergreen, Lions, Kitsap Lake) and passed around a photo of a fee station at Entiat City Park. **Chair Burnette** asked if this would be an honor system and **Commissioner McDonald** said it could be managed through the city’s parking enforcement contract. **Director Elevado** said it would need to be penciled out.

Commissioner McDonald advocated for a tree budget to replace dead trees like the one at the Conference Center. **Commissioner Dutky** asked for clarification on the ownership of city trees and the policy for replacement. **Mr. Mutek** shared that the estimate for replacement of the Conference Center Plaza trees (which are diseased and rootbound in containers) is around 27k. **Commissioner McDonald** suggested the dead tree be cut down (even if it can’t be replaced right

away) because a dead tree looks worse than no tree. **Director Elevado** agreed and said it would be taken care of.

Chair Burnette shared benefits (including free-lunch) of Summer Playground Program and hoped it gets the support it deserves.

VII. Staff Reports & Updates:

- **Lions Park Court Resurfacing Project - Director Elevado** shared that the contractor completed the cleaning of the courts in preparation for the resurfacing scheduled for 1st week in June.

VIII. Adjournment: Chair Burnette adjourned meeting at 6:34 pm.