



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

The regular monthly meeting of the Bremerton Parks & Recreation Commission will be a hybrid meeting held in person with options to participate remotely via Zoom.

IN-PERSON: Sheridan Park Community Center, 680 Lebo Blvd., Bremerton

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Nomination and Election of 2026 Parks & Recreation Commission Chair and Vice Chair
- IV. Approval of Minutes from the December 2nd, 2025 Meeting
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Staff Reports & Updates
 1. Forest Ridge Park Update
 2. PROS Plan Update – Council Adoption and RCO Approval
 3. Kitsap Lake Park Renovation Project – Playground Selection
 4. Stephenson Canyon Off-Leash Area – Grant Application
 5. Pendergast Regional Park Field Improvements Project – Grant Application
- VII. New Business
 1. 2026 Commission Meeting Schedule – Tim Barker
 2. OPMA Training
 3. City Council Retreat - Tim Barker
- VIII. Commissioners' Comments
- IX. Adjournment

BREMERTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Minutes of December 2nd, 2025

Hybrid Meeting: In person at Sheridan Park Community Center with the option to “Zoom in.”

Commissioner’s Present: Ben Burnette, Katherine Weigel (remote), Greg Dawson (remote), Amy Waterman (remote)

Staff Present: Tim Barker, Director of Parks & Recreation (remote)
Brian Hauschel, Parks Operations Manager
Colette Berna, Parks Preservation & Development Manager

- I. **Meeting Called to Order** at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Burnette.
- II. **Approval of the September 23rd, 2025 Meeting Minutes. Burnette/Weigel (M/S/U – 1 Abstained due to absence)**
- III. **Approval of Agenda. Weigel/Burnette (M/S/U)**
- IV. **Public Comment:**

Scout Master Rob Miller, who uses the Forest Ridge Park cabin, introduced himself.
- V. **Staff Reports & Updates:**
 1. **Forest Ridge Park Update – B. Hauschel** summarized the status, including boulder placement and gate fabrication.
 2. **PROS Plan Update – Public Hearing (12/3), Proposed Adoption (12/17) - Director Barker** shared the progress and final steps leading to the PROS Plan Update adoption.
 3. **2026 Budget Update – Director Barker** shared the status of the two-year budget, along with upcoming budget meetings, and explained that 3-5% increases to rates and fees will go into effect next year to keep up with inflation.
 4. **Commissioner Openings & Recruitment – Director Barker** shared that they received six applications and held five interviews. The plan is to have at least six members for the end-of-January meeting.
- VI. **New Business:**
 1. **Pendergast Regional Park Field Improvement Projects – 30-90%– C. Berna** explained that the project is moving forward with a change order to the A/E contract being taken to City Council on 12/17. The added scope of work costs 148k and provides for further development of the 30% Schematic Design completed in April 2023 through to 90% Construction Documents. This portion of the project is identified and funded within the approved Parks Capital Budget.

2. **Kitsap Lake Park Renovation Project – C. Berna** shared that out of 11 concepts, Concept F was the most popular (66%) in the public survey, and in the open-ended questions, the top requested feature was swings. Staff are currently working with the playground representative to provide some options for Concept F that include swings, which will be ready for review at the January meeting.
3. **Proposed Stephenson Canyon Off-Leash Area – C. Berna** shared that there is a Department of Commerce Grant opportunity to apply for funding in January within the 23rd Legislative District (East Bremerton) in the 215k-285k range. The city has owned Stephenson Canyon for 67 years, and aside from the informal trails, it has not been formally programmed for public recreation; the open area has primarily been used as a lay-down area.

Based on survey results (221 responses), there was high support for an off-leash area at this location (76% support – strongly or somewhat), and 62% said they would be very or somewhat likely to use it. Based on strong support, long-term demand for a centralized dog park (high priority in the last 3 PROS Plans), and activation potential, staff recommend planning for an off-leash area with environmental sensitivity, phased development, and forming a volunteer group to be involved in development and management.

A motion to proceed with the Stephenson Canyon Dog Park as presented. **Burnette/Weigel (M/S/U)**

VII. **Commissioner’s Comments:**

Commissioner Waterman was happy that things are moving forward, gave updates from Amsterdam parks (fenced-in dog parks are everywhere and have safety issues too), and shared appreciation for the maintenance of Bremerton’s parks, noting there is a lot more litter in Amsterdam parks.

Commissioner Dawson liked the dog park idea and appreciated the opportunity to “zoom in” without sharing germs.

Commissioner Weigel shared that someone was having trouble finding an open boat-trailer parking spot, and B. Hauschel said that Impark manages the parking enforcement there and would be the one to call.

IX. **Adjournment:** Chair **Burnette** adjourned the meeting at 6:28 pm.



2026 Bremerton Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Schedule

*Commission will meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 5:30PM at the Sheridan Park Community Center unless noted otherwise. A virtual option will be available each month for commission members to attend if needed.

January 27, 2026

July 28, 2026

February 24, 2026

August 25, 2026

March 24, 2026

September 22, 2026

April 28, 2026

October 27, 2026

May 26, 2026

*November 24, 2026

June 23, 2026

*December 22, 2026

**November and December meetings have traditionally been combined and held the first week in December which would land on December 1, 2026 this year. The commission would need to vote on this matter to change those two dates and to hold a special meeting outside of the regular schedule.*



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