



**PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 – 5:00 PM
1015 STATE AVE
MARYSVILLE, WA 98270**

MINUTES

Park Advisory Board Members Present:

Tom King - City Council Representative
Mike Leighan - Chairperson
Brooke Hougan
Marques Oliver – excused
Sharon Kanehen - excused
Mark Seely
Jodi Condyles
Noah Pylvainen

Parks and Recreation Staff Present:

Tara Mizell - Director of Parks
Dave Hall - Assistant Director of Parks
Jane Shafer - Administrative Special
Skip Knutsen - PW Service Manager
Angela Gemmer – Principal Planner

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 5:00pm.

VISITORS IN THE AUDIENCE:

Katie Pedersen, Marysville Pickleball
Daniel Lucier

MINUTES:

MOTION made by Brooke Hougan to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2025 meeting. Seconded by Jodi Condyles. **MOTION** passes unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Comp Plan Update

Tara reported she had planned on handing out a draft of the comp plan, but instead we are working on an RFP to hire a professional to draft a new plan.

2. Mother Nature’s Window Construction Update

Dave presented a few photographs of the work being done at Mother Nature’s Window. The work crew is starting to pour concrete for the curb and driveway. Dave explained where the driveway and school bus turnaround will be located. There will be 45 parking stalls in the parking lot. Asphalt should be poured next week with weather permitting. The work crew is on time and scheduled to be completed by the second week in December. Some of the logs on site will be repurposed and used for posts for trail signs and benches in the park. There will be a sign posted in the park showing the different trails, and the trails will be color coded.

3. Golf Irrigation Update

Tara reported they have started to mobilize at the golf course this week. More construction will be under way in the coming weeks. A press release was sent out to let the golfers know work will be starting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tree Canopy

Angela gave a Power Point presentation about the tree canopy assessment that was done. The assessment will be included in the comp plan. Some of the things she explained: benefits trees provide; risks to trees in Western WA; method for the tree canopy assessment; different neighborhoods in Marysville and their tree canopy, etc.

2. Memorial Application - King

Memorial application for Michelle King, daughter of Tom King, was handed out. Tom would like a bench installed in Kiwanis Park with a plaque stating, "Michelle King 1992-2025". **MOTION** made by Brooke Hougan to accept the memorial application for Michelle King. Seconded by Jodi Condyles. **MOTION** passes unanimously.

Staff Reports

Dave Hall

- Saturday is Touch a Truck from 10am-1pm.
- Saltwater Sky will be performing at the Opera House on Friday, September 19.
- Boo Bingo is on October 23. This event is always full.
- Trick-or-Treat Down Delta will be Oct 24 from 2-4pm.
- Monster Mash Halloween Ball at the Opera House on Friday, October 24 at 7pm.
- Merrysville for the Holidays is on Saturday, December 6 in Comeford Park.

Skip Knutsen

- Parks maintenance is transitioning from summer to fall routines. Flower baskets will be coming down by next week.
- The crew will begin their fertilizing schedule and doing top dressings at Strawberry Fields, Ebey Park and Jennings Park. This will take a couple weeks to complete.
- Spray Park will be winterized.
- Maintenance crew will be working on putting up lights and decorations for Merrysville for the Holidays.
- Construction crew with maintenance tore out the fish plaza which was degrading. It was filled in with sod and seed.
- The crew has cleared out the downed trees from the Cyclone Bomb at Deering.

Call on Board Members/Visitors

Katie Pedersen, Marysville Pickleball Club, thanked the Parks Dept for keeping parks clean and beautiful. She would like to build more relationships with the Parks and work together in the future. Katie asked about the memorial bench for Thom Lamoreaux. Tara reported the bench has been installed by the pickleball courts. Katie will work on getting a memorial celebration for Thom.

Tom King stated they will bring the Strawberry Festival float to Touch a Truck again this year. Strawberry Festival royalty will also be present. Tom also mentioned he is working on a sub committee to address memorials in public areas.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION made by Jodi Condyles to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Brooke Hougan. **MOTION** passes unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:06pm.