



**PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026 – 5:00 PM
1015 STATE AVE
MARYSVILLE, WA 98270**

MINUTES

Park Advisory Board Members Present:

Michael Stevens- City Council Representative
Chris Soren
Brooke Hougan
Marques Oliver-Excused
Tom King
Jodi Condyles
Mark Seely
Sharon Kanehen

Parks and Recreation Staff Present:

Tara Mizell - Director of Parks
Dave Hall - Assistant Director of Parks
Jane Shafer - Parks Admin Specialist
Skip Knutsen - Maintenance Services &
Solid Waste Manager
Brandon Dale - Cedarcrest Golf
Jennifer Friess – Athletic Supervisor
Amandeep Kaur- Parks Admin Associate

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 5:00pm.

VISITORS IN THE AUDIENCE:

- Daniel Lucier – Community Member
- William Bafalo – SPU Student
- Krista Klumb, Marysville Little League

Krista Klumb addressed the board regarding rising athletic field rental costs, specifically Cedarcrest Field, and the impact on youth baseball and softball programs. She emphasized concerns about affordability, equity in girls' sports, and long-term participation in Marysville athletic programs. Board members and staff discussed rate studies, cost drivers, and the importance of continued dialogue between the City, School District, and youth organizations.

MINUTES:

MOTION made by Sharon Kanehan to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2025, meeting. Seconded by Jodi Condyles. **MOTION** passes unanimously.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Tom King nominated Jodi Condyles for Chairperson. Seconded by Brooke Hougan. The board voted unanimously to elect Jodi Condyles as Chairperson.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business items were presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Cedarcrest Golf Course – 2025 Recap

Brandon Dale presented the annual golf report:

- Approximately 55,000 rounds played (up from 53,000).
- Total revenue: \$2.4 million (9% increase over last year).
- Green fees: Up 10%
- Cart rentals: Up 2%
- Pro shop sales: Up 13%
- Lessons: \$3,500 (double prior year)
- Construction at Cedarcrest is progressing slowly but steadily.

2. Mother Nature's Window Park

Dave provided an overview of the newly developed Mother Nature's Window park:

- Approximately 35 acres of preserved forest land.
- Construction substantially complete; soft opening scheduled for January 26, 2026.
- Park hours: 9:00 AM to 30 minutes after sunset.
- Features include loop trails, wayfinding signage, benches milled from invasive black locust trees, and a 44-stall parking lot with a school bus turnaround.
- A formal ribbon-cutting is anticipated in late spring or early summer.

3. Strawberry Fields Turf Project

Staff confirmed plans for a second artificial turf field at Strawberry Fields. The project is funded and expected to begin in spring/summer 2026.

Staff Reports

Jennifer Friess

- Turkey Trot: 300 participants (record attendance).
- Jingle Bell Run: 140 participants, with Chick-fil-A being the official sponsor of the series.
- Cupid Shuffle Fun Run is coming on Valentine's Day, Feb 14.
- Basketball league launched in Dec with 41 teams.
- Soccer registration is open for ages 7–14 through Feb.

Skip Knutsen

- Drainage repairs planned at Shasta Ridge Park.
- Rotary Pavilion project at Rainier Vista is awaiting design documents.
- Yearly Staff meeting held by Jeramie Roth, highlighted another great year for the Parks Maintenance team.
 - a. Work order system deployed to improve labor efficiency.
 - b. Concrete repairs completed at Pickleball Courts and trip hazards taken care of at Fish Plaza at Ebey Waterfront
 - c. Positive community feedback regarding Twin Lakes' transition to City ownership.

Tara Mizell

- Park system acreage has increased significantly with Twin Lakes and Mother Nature's Window. Had to push Park Opening times back because of the increased park acreage.
- Introduced Dan Perkins – New City Council member for Marysville.
- Preparing for Council Retreat in March.

Dave Hall

- The wedding show was very successful. Bridal Cottage was used as a part of the show this year and was a big hit, attracting lots of people
- Upcoming events include Cupid Shuffle Fun Run, Sweetheart Senior Dance, Father-Daughter Dance, Irish Band, Dueling Pianos, Talent Show, and Treat Yourself Women's Expo.

Call on Board Members

- Chris Soren and Tom King, new Park Board members, introduced themselves.

Board members provided feedback on:

- Marysville for the Holidays Parade, including safety concerns related to bicycles and vendor placement.
- Continued concern regarding roadside memorial safety, with discussion of alternative memorial options such as park benches.
- Appreciation for community events, park maintenance efforts, and staff responsiveness.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION made by Tom King to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jodi Condyles. **MOTION** passes unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:08pm.