



Washington County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Date: Thursday, July 22, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Online Zoom meeting

Members Present: Megan McMillan, Brad Bittel, Jeff Moxie, Kim Janssen, Mahesh Udata, Tyler McKean

Members Absent: Kevin Zuercher, Melissa Helmick

Public Present: None

Staff Present: Carl Switzer

Item 1: Call to Order, Introductions, Sign-in

- Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. PRAB and staff introductions followed.

Item 2: Public Comments

- None

Item 3: Approval of Minutes

- May 2021 minutes approved

Item 4: Operations Report

- Recruitments
 - PRAB learned about open and upcoming park staff recruitments.
- Scoggins Valley Outfitters
 - Washington County Parks opened Scoggins Valley Outfitters on July 9, 2021 for the first time. This will provide the public easy access to kayak and stand up paddle board rentals as well as snacks and sundries.
- Covid-19 restrictions
 - Gov. Brown lifted all Covid-19 related restrictions on outdoor recreation provision. Parks has removed signs and other indications of restrictions though cleaning and disinfection protocols won't change. The PRAB was polled on how they would like to meet in the future; five members said

virtually one member said either in person or virtually. This information will be shared with the county's boards and commissions leadership staff.

- Bridge 11 replacement
 - Scoggins Valley Park has dozens of wood foot bridges along it's 14-mile trail. The bank of Wall Creek was eroding under Bridge 11 so it was removed a few years ago and the trail was temporarily rerouted. A longer Bridge 11 was just places and this section of trail has now reopened for public use.
- Water quality
 - PRAB learned about the water quality testing protocols employed for public safety.
- Hagg Lake: Firefighting resource
 - Occasionally Hagg Lake is used by firefighting agencies to scoop water with aircraft to fight local wildfires. The process of closure was discussed.

Item 5: Old business

- 2019 Metro Parks and Nature Local Share
 - Parks will be presenting information to the Washington County Board of Commissioners at an upcoming work session about the proposed use of bond measure dollars to further the provision of park and recreation facilities and amenities at Washington County Parks. Projects were discussed as well as next steps in the process. Work session link will be shared with PRAB so they may participate.

Item 6: New Business

- PRAB determined that their September meeting will be a tour of Scoggins Valley Park. The PRAB changed the meeting start time to 5:00 p.m. to assure enough daylight for a tour. The public meeting schedule will be updated to reflect this change.
- Staff shared with the PRAB of a new effort to develop best practices for County boards and commissions related to diversity, equity and inclusion. This will be an on-going effort and will engage more in time.

Item 7: PRAB Issues/Discussion

- Members requested pictures of firefighting planes dipping into Hagg Lake.

Item 8: Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 16, 2021