



## **Washington County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**

Date: Thursday, January 15, 2026

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Zoom meeting

Members Present: Brad Bittel, Patrick Magee, Jeff Moxie, Nico Geerling, Megan McMillan, Kim Janssen, Sarah Chinn

Members Absent: Lakshmi Srinivasan, Ronnie Smith

Public: None

Staff Present: Carl Switzer, Peyton Ellis

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

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Item 2: Public Comments

None

Item 3: Approval of Minutes

PRAB approved the November 2025 minutes.

Item 4: Operations Report

Staff provided an update on operations and maintenance issues including tree removal, signage updates, trail restoration work, storm clean up, and life jacket replacement.

Item 5: Old business

Parks capital project update – Staff provided an update on the status and schedule of the concept design and engineering projects. The three projects are closing in on 90% design. Funding is still being pursued, and permits are being obtained. This subject will be discussed at all future PRAB meetings, as progress evolves.

Federal funding to replace septic and water at the campground site is imminent. Permits applications for the Tualatin River access facility have been submitted.

#### Item 6: New Business

Native plant presentation – PRAB Vice-chair Megan McMillan presented a slide deck describing the benefits of curating native plants in a variety of settings, including parks.

Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget Update – Staff shared the good news that no reduction scenarios were required of Parks Division this year and detailed that the budget would remain relatively flat between this fiscal year with some modest inflationary increases. This budget stability will help Parks maintain properties, facilities, and amenities for the public.

Staff shared that fees are proposed to increase in Fiscal Year 2026-2027 at Scoggins Valley Park. This includes parking pass and pavilion rental fees. The parking pass fees have not increased since 2017 and are being brought in line with other parks agencies in the state. Any additional revenue this produces will support parks operations and maintenance and help pay for the cost of campground start up. The PRAB voiced unanimous support for the proposed fee increases. The Board of County Commissioners will approve the Fiscal Year 2026-27 fee schedule along with the annual budget in June 2026.

PRAB member appointment recommendations – PRAB was advised that some seats on the board expire in June 2026. Applications will be discussed at the March PRAB meeting and PRAB will make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners for formal appointment.

#### Item 7: PRAB Issues/Discussion

Megan asked if Boy Scout Eagle projects were allowed at Washinton County Parks. They are but are carefully vetted before approval. Megan offered to be a conduit to Scouting America as needed.

#### Item 8: Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 19, 2026