

**CITY OF GREEN LAKE PARK &
RECREATION/TREE BOARD – JULY 16, 2025**

Meeting was called to order at 3:32 pm by Chair Jon McConnell. Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silent meditation.

Certification of Open Meeting Law: Agenda was posted July 9, 2025.

Roll Call: Susan Kinas, Amy Gerstein, Stephen Siders, Jon McConnell, Katie Bratton. Also Present: Public Works Director Jason Carley.

Agenda: Motion made by Siders, second by Kinas to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion made by Siders, second by Bratton to approve the Minutes of June 18, 2025. Motion carried.

Financial Statement: Motion made by Siders, second by Bratton to receive the Financial Report dated June 30, 2025. Motion carried.

Chairperson's Report: Jon McConnell gave an oral report. Work is being done on new park signs and amending the Memorandum of Understanding for Playground Pals.

Public Works Director's Report: Family restroom in Playground Park is almost completed. Park Drive pier has been installed. Working on electric issues at the campgrounds.

Report from Volunteer Coordinator: Number of volunteer hours recorded is 97.5. There is a problem with dogs digging holes in the dog park. The six hanging baskets on the South Lawson Drive Bridge were originally donated by James Jahnke. Kristine McElligot took care of them for the last seven years. The Green Lake Women's Club will be taking this over. Thank you card will be sent to Kristine.

Report from Public Outreach/Donation Coordinator: Memorandums of Understanding are needed for additional murals, and if not completed this fall will be done in the spring. Would like a map of Big Green Lake on the backside of the bandshell on the outside. Murals are being planned for restrooms at Playground and Deacon Mills Parks. 75th Anniversary concert was successful, and the band may want to do it again next year. There was discussion regarding who will pay for it. Motion made by McConnell, second by Siders to suspend the rules to allow Mark Wilton to speak. Motion carried. Mark Wilton addressed the Board and stated that the Chamber of Commerce does not have enough money in their budget to pay for it. However, Chamber may be able to get a sponsorship for it. He will try to work this into next summer's concert series.

City Park Sign – Pricing Update: Cost for one-sided signs is \$587.20. Board would like the city logo on the cross piece and not on the sign itself. They are ten park signs needed. All signs need

to be one-sided and parallel to the road except for the campgrounds which needs to be double-sided and perpendicular to the road. Motion made by Siders, second Bratton to approve the concept and pricing of the park signs for Susan Kinas to present it to the benefactors. Motion carried.

Playground Pals Installation Information: Beginning August 18th all the old equipment needs to be removed. The fence across lot line with the apartment building is to be installed after the new equipment is put in. There was discussion as to whether the old equipment could be moved elsewhere. It may be difficult and depends if it was cemented in. Public Works Director to confirm if it is cemented in. Playground Park will have two entrances, another being added off of Gold Street. Discussed plans for making a better entrance off of Mill Street. Bricks are being sold which could be used as part of the sidewalk or as part of the Mill Street entrance.

Tennis & Pickleball: Written information was passed out to the Board members. Public Works Director is waiting for estimates on different designs. There was discussion of building new courts by the Canal Street Boat Landing. General consensus was to leave it where it is and rebuild. Water table pushes up the posts even though they are in the concrete. It is unknown what kind of base is underneath the courts. Raising the courts may solve the issue as it did for the parking lot. Motion made by Kinas, second by Siders that we consider ripping out the tennis courts completely and raise the base as needed for an estimated amount of between \$10,000 to \$15,000. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion carried. Project estimated to be done this fall and to use the same foot-print. McConnell will discuss this with Mayor for funds to replace and put in new courts for 2026 and report back to the Board.

Boys & Girls Club Kayaks: Kayaks have been donated to the Boys & Girls Club. Request was made to store them at the Canal Street Boat Landing to be used in the Mill Pond. A Memorandum of Understanding needs to be on file for storing them on city property. Motion made by McConnell, second by Siders to allow the Boys & Girls Club to store kayaks and racks at the Canal Street Boat Launch. Motion carried.

Softball Field Lighting: Discussion. No action taken.

Secondary Entrance for Playground Pals: Plans already discussed to have second entrance off of Gold Street.

Council Agenda Items: None.

Park Board Agenda Items: Pickleball/Tennis Courts Update, Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Kayaks, City Park Signs, Murals, Playground Pals Update, Highknocker Park Update.

Motion made by McConnell, second by Kinas to adjourn. Motion carried. (5:11 pm)

Barbara L. Dugenske, Clerk