

**CITY OF GREEN LAKE PARK &
RECREATION/TREE BOARD – AUGUST 20, 2025**

Meeting was called to order at 3:30 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 August 15, 2025.

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

Agenda: Motion made by Bratton, second by Siders to approve the agenda. Motion made by Kinas, second by Bratton to move items D. & E. above items A., B., & C. of the Agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion made by Siders, second by Kinas to approve the Minutes of July 16, 2025. Motion carried.

Appearance: Barb Morrison- Blooms 'N Scapes-Progress throughout the city parks provided. Anonymous donation of plants received. The hanging baskets have been a problem and Barb will not be charging the city for them.

Financial Statement: Motion made by Bratton, second by Kinas to receive the Financial Report dated July 31, 2025. Motion carried. Room Tax for the first quarter was \$11,405 and the second quarter was \$24,018.

Chairperson's Report: Jon McConnell gave an oral report. HS Campground had \$65,000 budgeted revenue and has reached that goal within the last few days. Playground Park had the groundbreaking on Monday. The primary entrance for the park will be on Gold St. the secondary entrance will be on Mill St. and ideas are needed for the entrance. Kathy Grahn has great ideas on what to do. This will be discussed further at next month's meeting.

Public Works Director's Report: Family restroom in Playground Park is complete; door opener still needed. Deacon Mills bathroom will be painted, under budget & excess to be used for another painting project on schedule this year.

Report from Volunteer Coordinator: Number of volunteer hours recorded is 44 and includes Community Clean Up-five people attended; Focus on Hattie Sherwood Beach. Stones were added to the holes at the dog park. The Hattie Sherwood Campground wall was painted by Scott Johnson. Deacon Mills has a bench donated and is being used under the chair as a stepstool.

Report from Public Outreach/Donation Coordinator: Memorandum of Understanding is still underway for the additional murals but not completed.

Playground Pals Installation Information: This project has been started. The groundbreaking was Monday. Discussion on the etched bricks for the entrance. 140-160 have been sold so far. It was suggested to figure out the total number of bricks they are wanting to sell and lay plain bricks in place until the etched ones are purchased. The etched bricks will be placed at the second entrance. Black top will be done to the primary entrance once the heavy machines are done. Public Works Director is hoping for late September.

Donation Request from Boys & Girls Club: Motion by Siders, second by Kinas to approve donation of \$11,000.00 as requested. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

Invoice from Blooms 'N Scapes: Motion by McConnell, second by Kinas to approve invoice of \$9,234.00 as requested. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

Tennis & Pickleball: McConnell provided an update to committee members. Discussion held. Committee encouraged the public to appear at the next council meeting to express their support for this project. Public Works Director made note that the courts are constantly being used. Motion made by Siders, second by Gerstein to suspend the rules to allow Barb Morrison to speak. Motion carried. Barb Morrison confirmed she has also noticed abundant use of the courts daily. Motion made by McConnell, second by Kinas to recommend to the Council to proceed with this project. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion carried.

Gerstein provided an update on additional pickleball courts & costs related to the same. Matter will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Renaming Lake Street Sports Complex: McConnell provided an update to the committee on the history and future of the field and complex. Discussion by members. Motion by Siders, second by Kinas to recommend to city council support for formal name change to Memorial Sports Complex be approved with understanding this is the beginning steps of creating a naming and sponsorship program. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Motion carried.

Boys & Girls Club Kayaks: Memorandum of Understanding needs to be approved and sent to the City Attorney. Motion made by McConnell, second by Siders to approve the Memorandum of Understanding pending any changes from the City Attorney. Motion carried.

Elaine Houser spoke regarding the Capital Improvement Plan and recommended the Board get through all the items. Submissions on future projects should be submitted by early 2027.

Council Agenda Items: Pickleball/Tennis Courts Update, Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Kayaks, Renaming Lake Street Sports Complex.

Park Board Agenda Items: Naming rights & sponsorship program for Memorial Sports Complex, Top 10 Projects of 2025 Review, Hattie Sherwood Campground turns 100 in 2027.

Motion made by Kinas, second by Siders to adjourn. Motion carried. (5:15 pm)

Samantha Gerth, Deputy Clerk