



## **PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

**Tuesday September 29, 2020**

**5:30 p.m.**

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### **PRAB MEMBERS**

**Jason Gerwen, Chair**  
**Vito Iacobazzi, Vice Chair**  
**Sylvia Allen**  
**J. Alan Billingsley**  
**Susan Dellinger**  
**Michael Lacadie**

### **YOUTH COUNCIL**

**Arianie Esperon**  
**Micah Kim**  
**Carly Sherman**

**Linda Farmer, Council Liaison**

### **STAFF**

**Mary Dodsworth, Director**  
**Nikki York, Office Assistant**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **ATTENDANCE/ROLL CALL**

### **APPROVAL of July 28, 2020 MINUTES**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Per Governor Inslee's Emergency Proclamation 20-25, participation in Public Comments will only be accepted via email at this time. Comments should be sent to Nikki York at [nyork@cityoflakewood.us](mailto:nyork@cityoflakewood.us) . Comments received up to six hours before the meeting will be provided to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board electronically. Comments received after that deadline will be provided to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board after the meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Introduce New Youth Council Members

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Motorized vehicles on trails

### **DIRECTORS REPORT**

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

### **NEXT PRAB MEETING**

Tuesday October 27, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.  
Zoom

### **ADJOURN**

Persons requesting special accommodations contact Nikki York at 253-983-7887 as soon as possible in advance of this meeting so that an attempt to meet a special accommodation need can be made.



**LAKWOOD PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday July 28, 2020 – 5:30 PM  
Zoom Meeting**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vito Iacobazzi called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

**PRAB Members Present:** Vito Iacobazzi, Sylvia Allen, Alan Billingsley

**PRAB Members Excused:** Jason Gerwen, Susan Dellinger, Michael Lacadie

**Staff Present:** Mary Dodsworth – Director, Nikki York – Office Assistant

**Council Liaison:** Linda Farmer

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Alan Billingsley moved and Sylvia Allen seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2020 meeting as written. MPU.

**Public Comment:** No public comments were received.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Park Code Update – Motorized vehicles in City Parks:** Mary Dodsworth provided background on park code updates which usually occur every two years. Council asked that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) to look at motorized vehicles in parks because there were motorcycles and quads on the trails. Mary summarized our current code and several other examples including state law regarding mobility devices. After reviewing the current definition in the park code, “Trail” means any path, track, or right-of-way designed for use by pedestrians, bicycles, equestrians, or other non-motorized modes of transportation. It seems keeping the current definition may be sufficient. At the end of the code we could add “vehicles used for mobility purposes” or refer to the RCW. The board suggested adding mph limit on the paved trails along Steilacoom and Angle Lane. Alan suggested painting speed limit on the road. The board agreed that under 15mph seems reasonable and on par with other cities. Mary will verify if our code currently has a speed limit. Councilmember Farmer thinks it may be good to clarify paved vs unpaved trails. An update recommendation will be provided for the next meeting

**South Sound Wildlife Area Update (Alan Billingsley):** NorthWest Youth Corp finished up about two weeks ago. They provided two weeks of work. The first week was paid for by Rotary. The second week was paid for with a grant. The group was almost an all-girl team of a dozen people. They worked from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Alan Billingsley shared before and after photos. They cleared all the weeds next to parking lot wall, planted an indigenous garden and will add QR codes and the name of the plant on a sign. Two dump truck loads of chips were spread out for the garden area. The group stained the fence along Phillips Rd., in the afternoons. They spent the mornings pulling scotch broom all 10 days. Around 2000 pounds of scotch broom equaling 18 dump truck loads were pulled. Two new benches were installed. They cleared the grass that had encroached on the trail. Vito commented that is great! Really a fantastic project! Mary asked about the garden. Interlakken gardening club has helped with figuring out what to plant. It will be low maintenance. Mary also asked about the fence cost which was \$15,000. Wildlife

folks seemed to let them make any and all changes. They were thankful for the help. Council member Farmer thought they work they did was amazing. She asked about sharing at a future council meeting. This site belongs to everyone in Lakewood. It's a little jewel. Working on trying to get the Discover pass parking requirement removed.

American Lake Master Plan Update: Mary Dodsworth presented the site plan which included ADA access to beach, new access for non-motorized boats, replacing the restroom, protecting the tree canopy, removing milfoil. American Lake will also be getting a new parking lot as part of the Veteran's drive project. Vito Iacobazzi commented that's a good project and asked about a tentative schedule. Mary Dodsworth said that it's on the CIP schedule for 2020 and that we have applied for 2 grants. Project is \$1.2 million.

**Directors Report:** Mary Dodsworth reviewed the Directors Report including, Capital Projects including Springbrook Park expansion, Clover Creek restoration, Gateways at Berkley and Woodbrook, Harry Todd Park, Chambers Creek Canyon trail, Edgewater Park, Angle Lane South, the Pavilion restrooms, Wards Lake, Land and Water Conservation Fund Grants, Seeley Lake survey, and Service Club sign. Two Drive-in movies will be held in August. The City provided Summer Day Camp at the Senior Center. The Farmers Market is doing great.

**Board Comments:**

Vito Iacobazzi commented that the Alum treatment seemed to work well at Waughop Lake.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next PRAB meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 22, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. This will be a virtual Zoom Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Alan Billingsley made a motion to adjourn. Sylvia Allen seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

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Jason Gerwen, Chairman

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Nikki York, Office Assistant

TO: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

FROM: Mary Dodsworth, Director

SUBJECT: Park Code Review – Motorized Vehicle in Parks

DATE: September 24, 2020

**Background:** The City Council requested review of the Lakewood Municipal Code (LMC) 8.76 regarding motorized vehicles in the parks. At their July 23 meeting, the PRAB reviewed information from various state, county and local codes, rules, definitions and laws to determine if additional information or changes to our city code were needed. Below is a summary of the PRAB review.

**Board Review:** The following changes to the code are being recommended to clarify the rules as well and make it easier to enforce. Additions to current code are underlined and deletions are ~~struck through~~.

### Definitions

**“Motor vehicle”** means any self-propelled device capable of being moved upon a road, and in, upon, or by which any persons or property may be transported or drawn, and shall include, but not be limited to, automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, motor scooters, jeeps or similar type four-wheel drive vehicles, all terrain or off-road vehicles, snowmobiles and vessels, whether or not they can legally be operated upon the public highways.

**“Trail”** means any path, track, or right-of-way designed for use by pedestrians, bicycles, equestrians, mobility devices (as defined by RCW 46.61.710) or other non-motorized modes of transportation.

### **LMC 8.76.200 - Motor vehicles on roads and trails**

No person shall operate any motor vehicle on a trail in any park area unless such trail has been specifically designated and posted for such use. No person shall operate a motor vehicle within the boundaries of a park area except on paved roads, streets, ~~highways~~, parking lots, parking areas, or where otherwise permitted by proper posting. It is provided, however, that this section shall not apply to emergency vehicles, nor to any maintenance vehicles, construction vehicles, mobility devices, or other vehicles authorized by the Department.

**Action:** The PRAB will review the suggested changes and when approved, forward a recommendation to Council.