



**Parks & Recreation Board
Regular Meeting
September 3, 2025 - 5:30 PM
Classroom, Auburn Community and
Events Center**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Matt Jennings calls the meeting to order at 5:30pm

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. The Parks and Recreation Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 3rd, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. will be held in person and virtually.

Virtual Participation Link:

To listen to the meeting by phone or Zoom, please call the number below or click the link:

Telephone: 253-215-8782

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ROLL CALL

Chairperson Matt Jennings, Vice-Chairperson Mike Palko-Dean, members John Boatman, Wayne Osborne, Michael Hassen, Cary Davidson

Absent: Tiffany Lindsay

Staff: City Clerk Shawn Campbell, Parks Director Julie Krueger, Administrative Assistant Alexa Bragg

Guest: Tree Board Member Benjamin Woodhouse

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

No agenda modifications.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

No audience participation.

- A. The public can participate in-person or submit written comments in advance. Participants can submit written comments via mail, fax, or email. All written comments must be received prior to 5:00 p.m. on the day before the scheduled meeting and must be 350 words or less.

Please mail written comments to:
City of Auburn

Attn: Alexa Bragg. Parks Administrative Assistant
25 W Main St
Auburn, WA 98001

Please fax written comments to:
Attn: Alexa Bragg. Parks Administrative Assistant
Fax number: 253-931-4005

Email written comments to: abragg@auburnwa.gov

If an individual requires accommodation to allow for remote oral comment because of a difficulty attending a meeting of the governing body, the City requests notice of the need for accommodation by 5:00 p.m. on the day before the scheduled meeting. Participants can request accommodation to be able to provide a remote oral comment by contacting the Parks, Arts and Recreation Department in person, by phone (253) 931-3043, or by email (abragg@auburnwa.gov).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of July 8th Park Board Minutes

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. City Clerk's office to present Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records Act to Board

City Clerk Shawn Campbell is giving a presentation on the Open Public Meetings Act and the Public Records Act.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Downtown Park (Julie & Thaniel)

Parks Director Julie Krueger speaks about the Downtown Park plans.

The plans include information regarding the new theater, trees against the theater wall, and pathways. Director Julie states that this needs to be 80% green and maintain an easement as well. Director Julie states that we are integrating an art piece that will be chosen in the next few months. Staff has met with the designers and artist multiple times in the past few weeks. The designer (Berger) should have an almost-final concept by mid-September and staff plans to present it to City Council on September 22.

- B. Bocce Court update & timeline (Thaniel)

Director Julie Krueger states that a project is in place to replace the existing oyster shell surfacing with new artificial turf so that the courts require less maintenance and are playable year round. Installation is scheduled for early Fall.

- C. Port of Seattle Grant/Non-profit eligibility (Thaniel)

Director Julie states that Small grants for construction projects are available to non-profits (e.g. Lions Club, Soroptimists, etc.) if they partner with the City. Some ideas for

projects include maintenance of a small landscaped open space near the golf course, lighting replacement at Bicentennial Park, and rebuilding the sundial table near the rock wall at Les Gove. Staff will be attending an informational meeting next Tuesday to gather more information. Chair Matt Jennings asks when the due dates are, and Julie states soon.

D. Electronic Bike/Scooter discussions (Thaniel)

Director Julie talks about the amount of complaints the Parks Department gets regarding e-bikes and gas motor vehicles. Julie presents the Auburn City Code, Park Code 2.22.200 Vehicular standards. Julie would like the Park Board's input on the Parks department updating the codes.

Member Michael Hassen states that they shouldn't be in the parks, but is not opposed to having them using them in parking lots. Chair Matt Jennings states he is interested in what the conclusion of Julie's research is in regard to e-bikes. Julie states the bikes are damaging the parks, the grass and the turf. Chair Matt Jennings asks for a draft recommendation from Julie. Board member Wayne Osborn asks what the Police Department thinks, and Julie states they are still working with the police department to make a final decision.

E. Tree Policy for Parks (Julie)

Parks Director Julie Krueger talks about the tree policy. She states that there are quite a few citizens that call and asks if the parks department can cut them, or if the citizens can cut them down themselves. She is hoping to get policy regarding this.

F. Cricket (Julie)

Director Julie states that the parks department has been approached by people wanting spaces for Cricket. She does think there could be potential at Brannan Park in the Northwest Corner of this park. She states it could be for youth cricket only, potentially. Julie also states we would work with the YMCA and see if we can utilize their fields. Michael Hassen asks if Game Farm Park would have enough space, and Julie states that they have measured that area, and it may not be large enough, as well as the homes that are pretty close to that part of Game Farm Park.

ACTION ITEMS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

6:35pm

APPROVED this ____ day of _____ 2024.

Thaniel Gouk, Director of Board

Alexa Bragg, Administrative Assistant