



# Parks and Recreation Committee

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 6:00 pm

## Committee Members

Lori Jean Sickles - Dennis Sickles - Dani Haviland - TJ Bailey - Laura Britton - Georgia Griffith -  
Laura Evans

## Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Motion to Adopt the Entire Agenda
4. Consent Agenda - Motion Action Approving Consent Agenda Items
  - a. October 19, 2022 Minutes

### Attachments:

- **Minutes** (2022.10.19\_Park\_Board\_Minutes.pdf)

### 5. Public Comments

Citizens may address the Committee or introduce items for Committee consideration on any matter. The Committee may not be able to provide an immediate answer or response but may direct staff to follow up on any questions raised. Out of respect to the Committee and others in attendance, please limit your comment to five (5) minutes. Please state your name and city of residence for the record.

### 6. Old Business

- a. TJ Bailey- Skate Park Discussion

### 7. New Business

- a. Easter Egg Hunt
- b. Summer Event Scedule

### 8. Correspondence, Comments and Ex-Officio Reports

### 9. Committee Announcements

### 10. Adjourn

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**Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting  
October 19, 2022  
Falls City, Oregon**

The meeting was called to order by Dani Haviland in the Falls City Community Center on October 19, 2022, at 6:05 PM. In attendance were Dani Haviland, Dennis Sickles, Lori Jean Sickles, Laura Britton, and Georgie Dayton-Jackson. A quorum was present. Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Lori Jean moved and Georgie seconded a motion to adopt the entire agenda and accept the minutes from the June 15, 2022 meeting. Accepted unanimously.

There was no public comment.

**Old business: Skate Park Update**

The park is currently waiting on a topographical map so American Ramp Company can move forward with their design. Can deposit income is ongoing and successful. Also, we asked that any grant opportunities be forwarded to the Skate Park committee (Mayor T.J. Bailey).

Georgie said she'd like to actively solicit kids to be involved in the Skate Park project. We discussed the problems with liability, but it was agreed the community youth (and anyone else) could help with site cleanup and 'go-fer' duties.

**New business:**

**a. Porta Potties at Lower Park:** There is a need for the return of portable toilets to the Lower Park. It is suggested this be done in mid-April or whenever the weather breaks. The idea of locking the toilets at certain times of day was discouraged because 'nature calls' weren't scheduled. This recommendation for their return to the Lower Park is for the City Council agenda so it's not forgotten.

**b. Temporary Park Signage:** The group discussed signage for the Skate Park project. It was decided that a banner with the information would be on one side with a spot for volunteers to add their names on the front and the reverse side. This would hopefully encourage others to help, become emotionally and physically active in, the project.

**C. Arbor Day 2023:** Dennis advised us that with the tree planting earlier this year at the Lower Park (behind the City building) we are maintaining our Tree City USA status. It was discussed removing the Weeping Mulberry tree in front of The Clinic and replacing it with a

clone of 'The Clinic' fig that was removed earlier this year. The current mulberry is reverting to its root stock and growing upright. It is also sterile. Many complaints have been made about the loss of the old fig tree. Replacing this tree would also be in line with establishing a Permaculture environment, helping to feed the community. The mulberry would have to be professionally removed. Because the new fig tree is small (three-years-old), it can be planted by volunteers. It is also an opportunity for a small celebration, if only a note in the monthly newsletter. The vote to remove the tree was three in favor (Dennis Sickles, Georgie Dayton-Jackson, Dani Haviland), one opposed (Laura Britton), and one abstention (Lori Jean Sickles). This matter is being forwarded to the City Council for consideration.

**d. SOLVe Event:** Parks and Recreation would like to find out if the annual SOLVe Little Luckiamute River Cleanup is a mandated event by the DEQ. Does it have to be done every year? This would need to be researched by the City Office.

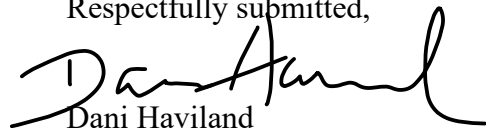
**e. Flowering Main Street:** Laura Britton brought up the maintenance needs required for keeping up with the marigolds she and members of Falls City Thrives planted this spring on the curbs and one of the bump outs on North Main Street. This proved to be a lot of work. The pots that were set in front of several locations were well-maintained by the occupants of the properties they were set on. Dani mentioned that large pots did better if they weren't black, that the plants were cooked in place. The consensus was that we'd stick to having potted plants set and maintained by private entities. No discussion needed by City Council unless they have input.

**f. Upcoming events:** Adding a parade to the Pride Event was discussed as we had for the Let Freedom Ring Memorial Day event several years ago. Since this is a 'grandfathered' annual event, all involved wanted to know if we needed to file new paperwork to include the parade.

Dani Haviland moved and Lori Jean Sickles seconded for the meeting to be adjourned.

Adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Dani Haviland