



Mission

Protect and enhance the natural beauty of Monroe through the development of a vibrant system of parks, open space and trails. Provide citizens of all age's positive recreational opportunities in clean, safe and accessible recreation facilities. Enhance health, quality living and the natural environment for future generations.

Department Update

Operations

Last month, Parks and Recreation Department team members kept up with daily recreation use of our park's facilities and athletic fields. As we go into the winter months, use at the Lake Tye All-Weather Fields increases. In addition to field and facility use, October was packed with maintenance work which included fertilizing the athletic fields, mulching/picking up leaves and more. A car accident destroyed the plantings in the 154th/179th island, so the team members worked to repair the damage as well.



Left: Parks Department crew works to fertilize the Lake Tye Ballfield #1. Right: The damaged island on 154th/179th from a car accident.

A compliment from a representative of Snohomish Lacrosse, Kier Jordan-Keith: "My parents and Coaches can't stop talking about how great your facility is (Lake Tye All-Weather Fields) and we are really enjoying it! Thanks for having us at the fields!"

October Events

October kicked off with the 2nd Annual Kaci Edelbrock 5k Walk/Run at Lake Tye Park on October 3rd. Despite being a rainy day, the event had 430 sign ups. The day kicked off with the unveiling and dedication of 'Kaci at the Bat' which is located behind the backstop at the new Lake Tye All-Weather Fields.



Kaci at the Bat memorial statue at Lake Tye Park.

The month wrapped up with the YMCA's Fall Fun Run on October 30th at Sky River Park and the Monroe Chamber of Commerce's Downtown Trick or Treating event on October 31st which is always a big success.



Downtown Trick or Treating.

Park Board Meetings/ Parks, Recreation & Open Space (PROS) Plan Update

Attached are minutes from the August 19, 2021 Park Board meeting. There will be a Special Joint Meeting of the Planning Commission and Park Board on **Monday, November 15 at 5:30pm** where staff from contracted consultant firm MIG will present the draft Parks, Recreation & Open Space (PROS) Plan and take questions and comments from Board and Commission members. A refined draft plan is scheduled to then be presented to the Monroe City Council during their **December 7, 2021 Study Session**.

At the October Park Board Meeting a new Heritage Tree grove was accepted into Monroe’s Heritage Tree program. Nominated by Joel Garrison, the grove of Juniper trees is located in front of Park Place Middle School. Prior to a school, a nursery was located on the property at 1408 West Main Street. As a condition of purchasing the property from the nursery in the early 1970’s, Monroe School District agreed to keep and care for the grove of trees.



City Parks Unmarked Trails Inspections

In 2017, a weekly maintenance monitoring emphasis by park staff was initiated on unmarked trails at Al Borlin and Sky River Parks to identify and resolve, in cooperation with our Police Department, any unlawful encampments that may occur in City parks. Attached is the comprehensive data from 2017 to the present. The following is a summary of data for the past month:

Locations: Al Borlin Park, Sky River Park

DATE	TOTAL LABOR HOURS	# BAGS OF LITTER COLLECTED	NOTES
10/5	3	16	
10/12	4	0	
10/26	0	0	
Avg.	2.33	5.33	
			See attached Parks Homeless Response Data 2018- 2021

Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in volunteering for the City of Monroe, please contact Katie Darrow at (360) 863-4519. Visit the City website www.monroewa.gov for information on upcoming programs and events.

**CITY OF MONROE
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES**

August 19, 2021

7:00 p.m.

via Zoom Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Kinney called the Park Board meeting to order at 7:01 pm, via Zoom online meeting platform.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Tami Kinney, Devlin Piplic, Daniel Enrico, Keith Dahlenburg, Jessie Robinson, Kyle Fisher

Board Members Absent: Ron Petrick

AGENDA REVISIONS – None.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion was made by Board Member Piplic, seconded by Board Member Robinson, to approve the June 17, 2021 Minutes. Motion carried 6-0.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – Tammy Dunn, Executive Director of the Snohomish County Sports Commission introduced herself and told the Board about what the Commission does, in particular seeking out, supporting operations and return of sporting events for the County including Monroe, that bring tourism and support local businesses and hotels. A couple of noteworthy recurring events for Monroe Parks include the Tr-Monroe USA Triathlon and professional watersports events, both held at Lake Tye Park.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Imagine Monroe Survey Results – Presentation by City Administrator Deborah Knight**
City Administrator Deborah Knight presented an overview of the Imagine Monroe Survey Results. Ms. Knight commented that the Imagine Monroe process, which will culminate in updated Vision, Mission, and Core Values statements for the City, was a recommendation of the original Economic Development Advisory Board. Ms. Knight detailed the process, which included assembling a Sounding Board comprised of a cross-section of Monroe residents, and the holding of Focus Groups; focus group sessions included long-term residents, a Spanish language session for members of the Latinx community, and one-on-one meetings. The Imagine Monroe Survey was conducted throughout parts of June and July, and over 1,300 responses were received. A majority of responses were from white females. Themes identified in survey responses further anchor the direction the City is currently headed. General discussion ensued.

STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES

1. Monthly Staff Reports for June and July were provided by the Director of Parks and Recreation, Mike Farrell. Highlights of the reports included flower plantings in the Downtown, information about the Lake Tye Fields Grand Opening, North Hill Park land acquisition \$1 million dollar grant award, PROS Plan updates and new and returning events in the parks.

BOARD Reports/Updates - None.

AGENCY REPORTS

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Planning Commission – Commissioner Fisher reported that the Planning Commission have been working on sign code discussions.

Monroe School District- Board Vice Chairperson Piplic reported that the Monroe School District has been very busy with work on COVID preparations for fall, state vaccination requirement for staff, and projects including a new roof at Frank Wagner, Hidden River project and lighting upgrades to comply with a new state mandate.

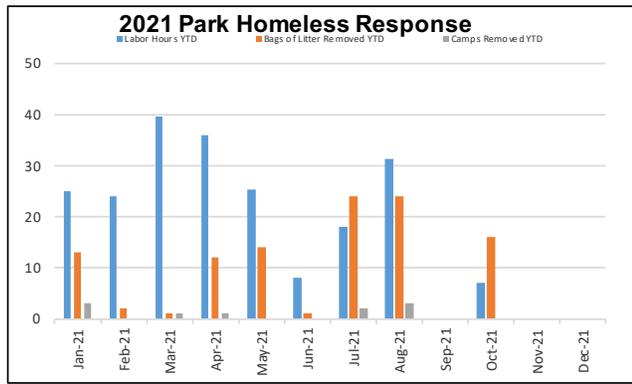
ADJOURNMENT – Board Member Robinson motioned to adjourn and Board Member Dahlenburg seconded, motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Tami Kinney, Chairperson

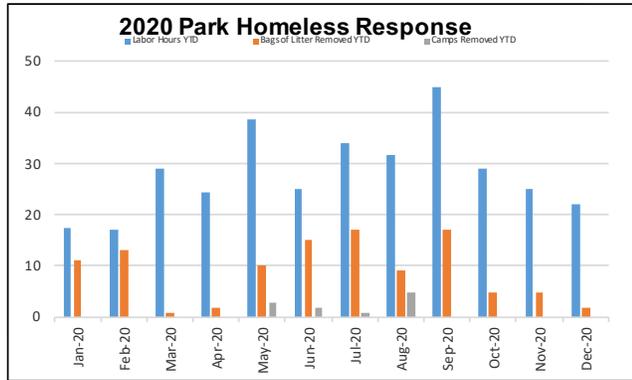
Daniel Enrico, Secretary

2018-2021 Park Homelessness Response

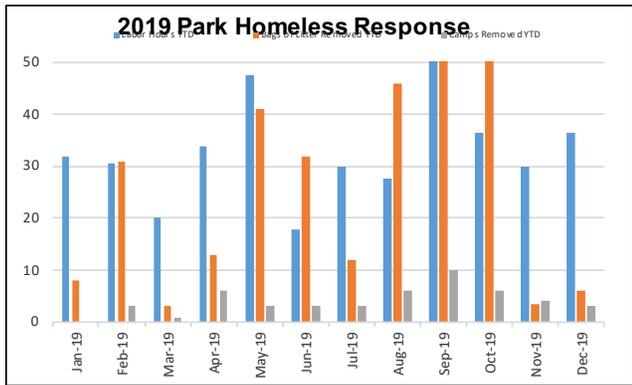
	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-21	25	13	3
Feb-21	24	2	0
Mar-21	39.5	1	1
Apr-21	36	12	1
May-21	25.5	14	0
Jun-21	8	1	0
Jul-21	18	24	2
Aug-21	31.5	24	3
Sep-21	0	0	0
Oct-21	7	16	0
Nov-21			
Dec-21			
Total 2021	214.5	107	10



	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-20	17.5	11	0
Feb-20	17	13	0
Mar-20	29	1	0
Apr-20	24.5	2	0
May-20	38.5	10	3
Jun-20	25	15	2
Jul-20	34	17	1
Aug-20	31.5	9	5
Sep-20	45	17	0
Oct-20	29	5	0
Nov-20	25	5	0
Dec-20	22	2	0
Total 2020	338	107	11



	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-19	32	8	0
Feb-19	30.5	31	3
Mar-19	20	3	1
Apr-19	34	13	6
May-19	47.5	41	3
Jun-19	18	32	3
Jul-19	30	12	3
Aug-19	27.5	46	6
Sep-19	57	77	10
Oct-19	36.5	97	6
Nov-19	30	3.5	4
Dec-19	36.5	6	3
Total 2019	399.5	369.5	48



	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-18	25.5	10	0
Feb-18	17	5	0
Mar-18	20	12	4
Apr-18	37	32	0
May-18	27.5	14	5
Jun-18	30.5	20	5
Jul-18	31.5	23	3
Aug-18	26	13	3
Sep-18	28	13	1
Oct-18	32.5	10	6
Nov-18	30	18	0
Dec-18	32	11	0
Total 2018	337.5	181	27

