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## 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.**

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## Department Update

### National Parks and Recreation Month

July was NRPA's Park and Recreation Month. To recognize the month, the department published social media posts for #FeatureFridays, which included the parks article in the most recent Choose Monroe magazine, the announcement of the upcoming CivicRec launch, and recognized our department staff.

Our staff post on July 29<sup>th</sup> received raving compliments about our Operations & Maintenance staff. There were over 450 positive reactions, comments, and shares.



*“Monroe is a lively center surrounded by nature. A place of beauty and goodwill. Our parks, waterways, and environment are healthy and accessible for everyone to enjoy. Friendly and responsive, we strengthen connections through gathering spaces, events, services, and community-centered infrastructure – creating a safe place for all. In Monroe, everyone feels at home, and everyone feels they belong.”*

*We would like to thank our hard-working parks and recreation staff. Our maintenance and operations team of 7 manages 17 parks with 288 acres, 23 trails comprised of 14 miles, 14 sports fields, 12 playgrounds, 7 sports courts and 7 picnic shelters, they also help facilitate 30+ events a year. Our admin staff of 4 facilitates those 30+ events, manages over 1,600 facility reservations, plans upgrades to our 17 parks and works to acquire new park, trail, and open space areas within the city.”*

## Operations

In the month of July, the operations and maintenance team have been busy watering and trying to beat the heat! They have been cleaning up significant amounts of garbage from Stanton Trail and Al Borlin Park. Also, they have been involved in event set up and take down for TriMonroe, Music in the Park and testing our equipment for Movies Under the Moon. Parks staff have assisted with the completion of the flag plaza at City Hall.



Garbage to be cleaned up at Al Borlin Park.



Setting the poles at the Flag Plaza at City Hall.

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## Monroe Park Board

The Monroe Park Board met on Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Staff discussed the Parks Department Report and the Community Development Report for the recent months. When the regular agenda items were adjourned, the Board made a site visit to Blueberry Children's Park and Trombley Park (formally North Hill Area Neighborhood Park). The site visits consisted of a tour of the park facilities and plans for improvement and design.

There is still 1 vacant seat on the Park Board. Please visit our website to learn more about how to serve.

Attached to this document are the minutes from the May 19, 2022 Park Board Meeting.

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## Trombley Park Update

Staff submitted grant applications to the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO), Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) Local Parks Program and Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) for the Phase 1 development of the Trombley Neighborhood Park.

The goal of developing Phase 1 is to activate the park for residents with amenities including site preparation and the development of open space play areas, grading, utilities, pathways, parking area, viewing area, and the medium shelter. Completing Phase 1 establishes the infrastructure for the City to fund amenities, such as sports courts, identified in Phase 2. The parcel is located at the southwest intersection of 134th Street SE and 191st Avenue SE, in the City of Monroe.

The total estimated cost for building Phase 1 is approximately \$5,000,000 with full buildout of the project (Phase 1 and 2) estimated at \$10,000,000. The City is requesting the maximum grant amount from LWCF (\$2,000,000) and WWRP (\$500,000) totaling \$2,500,000. If awarded, the City would be responsible for a 50 percent (50%) match or \$2,500,000. The current Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) identifies \$4,000,000 for the development of Trombley Park in 2025.

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## July Events in Our Parks

**TriMonroe returned Saturday, July 16** at Lake Tye Park. We were ecstatic to welcome back the annual TriMonroe event which brought in roughly 75 junior athletes from countries all over the world. The event ran seamlessly, and the organizer was thankful for all the City's help and support.



**Music in the Park** wrapped up on Friday, July 29. Music in the Park once again had a successful event season with beautiful weather each week for the shows. This year, the Monroe Chamber added 2 food trucks and a local brewery to each show. The performances by Laurel Canyon, Harvey Creek Band, Soul Searching Band, and Hair Nation were all hits!



**CivicRec Scheduled to Launch August 15<sup>th</sup>**

The department has announced the plan to launch its new picnic shelter reservation system, CivicRec, on August 15<sup>th</sup>. The online system will allow users to browse through the City’s 7 available shelters, create accounts, make reservations, and pay online – all within the comfort of their own home. The software will let users see the availability of the shelters, which we believe will be the greatest benefit.



**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 2019 to the present. The following is a summary of data for the past month:

**Locations: Al Borlin Park & Stanton Trail**

DATE	TOTAL LABOR HOURS	# BAGS OF LITTER COLLECTED	NOTES
7/19	13	8	Stanton Trail – 1 camp found
7/19	12	6	Al Borlin Park – 2 camps found
<b>Avg.</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>7</b>	
			See attached Parks Homeless Response Data 2019- 2022

**Volunteer Opportunities**

If you are interested in volunteering for the City of Monroe, please contact Makenna Ohlsen at (360) 863-4559. Visit the City website [www.monroewa.gov](http://www.monroewa.gov) for information on upcoming programs and events.



# MONROE PARK BOARD

Park Board Meeting  
Thursday, May 19, 2022, 7:00 PM  
Zoom Online Meeting Platform

**Park Board Members**  
Jessie Robinson, Chair  
Keith Dahlenburg, Member  
Amy Martin, Member  
Mariana Medina, Member  
Ron Petrick, Member

## MINUTES

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Robinson called the Park Board Meeting to order at 7:01pm via Zoom online meeting platform.

### 2. ROLL CALL

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessie Robinson	Chairperson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Martin	Board Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Keith Dahlenburg	Board Member
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Petrick	Board Member
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mariana Medina	Board Member

Keith Dahlenburg was absent.

### 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

#### 3.1. Recognition of Service - *Mike Farrell*

Mike announced Recognition of Service for Devlin Piplic and Daniel Enrico. Mike and board members shared some words of thanks.

#### 3.2. 2021 Annual Economic Development Report - *Deborah Knight*

Deborah presented the Annual Economic Development Report and shared how the Park Board Members can work together with the Economic Development Advisory Board to achieve the community's goals for the upcoming Comprehensive Plan Update.

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. Motion was made by Chair Robinson, seconded by Board Member Petrick, to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2022 Park Board Meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

## 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

### 6.1. Naming of North Hill Area Park - *Mike Farrell*

Mike presented the request of the sellers to honor the family name, "Trombley" in the naming of the new park. Motion was made by Chair Robinson, seconded by Board Member Petrick, to recommend to the Monroe City Council *Trombley Park* as a name for the City-owned 5-acre undeveloped park property located on southwest corner of 134th St SE & 191st Ave SE, Snohomish County Parcel #28063600105500. Motion carried 4-0.

### 6.2. Park Board Hybrid Meeting Format - *Ben Swanson*

Ben presented the Governor's rescission of Proclamation 20-28, effective June 1st. All meetings must be hybrid, which allows the participation of Board Members and the public via in-person or remotely. Physical attendance will be in City Hall (806 W Main St.). Hybrid meetings will begin for the Park Board for the next meeting, June 16th.

## 7. STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

### 7.1. Parks Department Report - *Ben Swanson*

Ben presented the activities in the Parks Department for the month of April. The Parks Crew has been busy cleaning up trails after months of rainy weather. Mike Thomas was hired as the Parks Supervisor. The North Hill Area Neighborhood Park's grant applications were submitted to the RCO, WWRP and LWCF. A few City events were held: Community Egg Hunt, Kid' Fishing Day, and the Arbor Day Celebration.

### 7.2. Community Development Department Report - *Ben Swanson*

Ben presented the Community Development Report for the month of March. Highlights included the request for UGA expansions and a new Storm Water project being proposed by Public Works.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

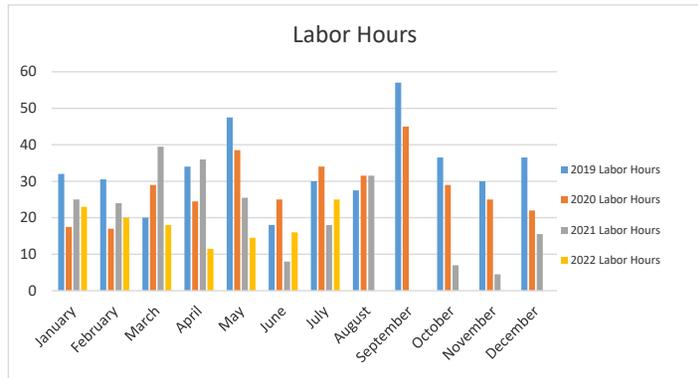
Chair Robinson motioned to adjourn and Board Member Petrick seconded. Motioned carried 4-0 and meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.

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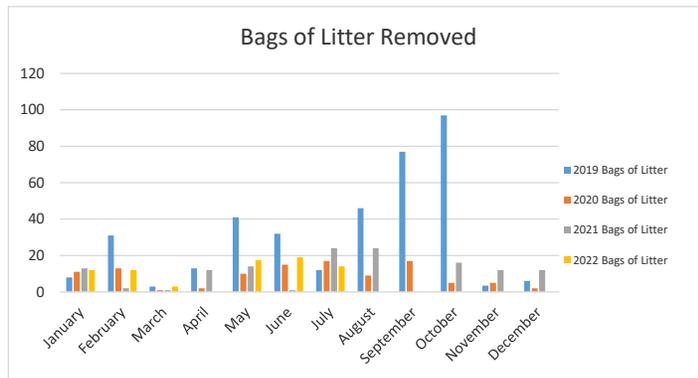
Jessie Robinson, Chairperson

## 2019-2022 Park Homelessness Response

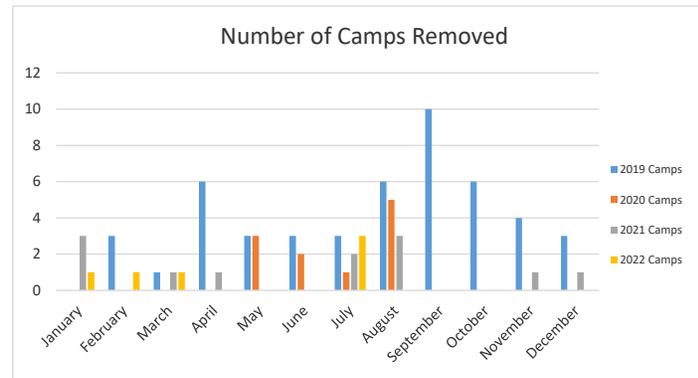
	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-22	23	12	1
Feb-22	20	12	1
Mar-22	18	3	1
Apr-22	11.5	0	0
May-22	14.5	17.5	0
Jun-22	16	19	0
Jul-22	25	14	3
Aug-22			
Sep-22			
Oct-22			
Nov-22			
Dec-22			
<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>77.5</b>	<b>6</b>



	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	4.5	12	1
Dec-21	15.5	12	1
<b>Total 2021</b>	<b>234.5</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>12</b>



	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
<b>Total 2020</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>11</b>



	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
<b>Total 2019</b>	<b>399.5</b>	<b>369.5</b>	<b>48</b>