



Mission

Protecting and enhancing the natural beauty of Monroe through the development of a vibrant system of parks, open space, and trails. Providing residents of all ages positive opportunities for recreation and social gathering in clean, safe, accessible, and inclusive facilities and green spaces. Enhancing health, quality of living, and the natural environment for present and future generations.

Department Update

Operations

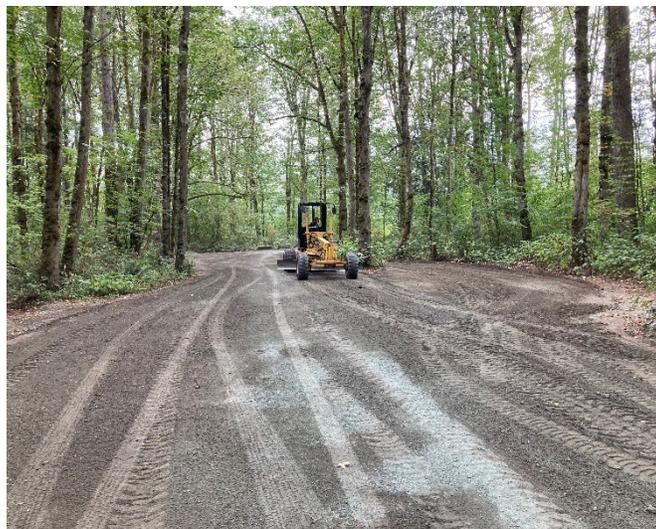
In the month of September, the maintenance crew has been working to catch up on projects and repairs that have stacked up throughout the year. They are keeping up with sports field reservations and maintenance before the rain comes. The crew installed the structure for the new information station at the Lake Tye All Weather Fields, repaired a sink hole in the outfield turf at Rotary Field, graded the Al Borlin Park Trail, and prepared a slab for a memorial bench at Sky River Park along the walking path. Seasonals completed their work in mid-September, and an offer has been extended to a candidate to fill the current open position for the full-time Maintenance Worker II.



Information station at Lake Tye



Sink hole repair at Rotary



Grading Al Borlin Trail



Memorial bench location

Monroe Park Board

The Monroe Park Board met on Thursday, September 15th. Justin Bush, Executive Coordinator from the Washington State Invasive Species Council from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office, presented to the board members with information about invasive species in our area, and demonstrated some steps the city can take to prepare ourselves for prevention and action for species like the Emerald Ash Borer.

The vacant seat on the Park Board has been filled as of 9/27. All positions are full.

Attached to this document are the minutes from the August 18, 2022 Park Board Meeting.

Public Video System (PVS)

In coordination with Snohomish County PUD, the Parks staff installed the first PVS cameras at Lewis Street Park to promote safety and deter vandalism. The camera was installed in accordance with the City of Monroe PVS Policy. Signs were posted at all entrances (vehicle and pedestrian) to the park notifying the public that recording is taking place. Additionally, access to the video footage from the camera is limited to the Monroe Police Department.

Over the next few months, the City will install two cameras at Lake Tye Park and one overlooking Sky River Park. The cameras at Lake Tye will be installed in the vicinity of the skatepark and the synthetic fields to allow to maximum coverage of the park. The camera at Sky River will be installed at the City's sewer treatment plant. Long-term an additional camera will be installed at the south end of Lewis Street Park (parking lot).



Trombley Park Update

In spring of 2022, 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. Unfortunately, the project did not rank high in either the WWRP (#19 out of 25) or LWCF (#51 out of 59) category. This means the likelihood for receiving any grant money is very low.

The main reason for the low ranking was the lack of amenities (e.g. picnic shelters, playgrounds, pathways) compared to the cost of the project (see Project Background below). The majority of

the budget was dedicated to civil work due to the existing grade of the site and lack of infrastructure. Both these items need to be addressed before the City can move forward with installation of the amenities. Similar to developing a plat, a developer dedicates a large portion of the budget to site preparation before the first home is constructed.

The RCO review board commented on the lack of amenities several times during both presentations. The review board then ranked the City's project against several other projects throughout Washington that do include the amenities RCO is looking for. This resulted in the low ratings for both grants.

Project Background:

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.

September Welcomed New and Returning Events

This month did not slow down for events, and the weather held out for them all. The new Multicultural Monroe launched on September 10th at Sky River Park. The community came together to celebrate the diversity in the region with food, education, art, music, dance, and crafts. The event was a success and has reserved the 2023 date of September 9th.

R/C Unlimiteds Model Boat Racing returned for its second year to Lake Tye on September 12th. This small event is a radio-controlled model boat race that takes place on the south end of the lake. They have enjoyed the course on Lake Tye and hope to return again in 2023.

The annual Sultan-Monroe Masonic Lodge Color Run took place on September 11th at Sky River Park and through surrounding streets.

Lastly, the Sky Valley Mental Health Awareness Fair and Family Fun Day returned to Monroe on September 18th. Years ago, this event was hosted at Lake Tye. It has returned to Sky River Park under new organization. Roughly 80 vendors, businesses, and service providers came together to host this informational event, focused on mental health.



Stage performances from Multicultural Monroe 2022

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, Sky River Park, & Lake Tye Park

DATE	TOTAL LABOR HOURS	# BAGS OF LITTER COLLECTED	NOTES
9/15	8	12	Al Borlin – 8 bags, Sky River – 2 Bags, Lake Tye – 2 Bags
9/27	13	14	Al Borlin – 10 bags & 1 camp, Sky River – 4 bags & 1 camp
Avg.	10.5	13	
			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 for information on upcoming programs and events.



MONROE PARK BOARD

Park Board Meeting
Thursday, August 18, 2022, 7:00 PM
Hybrid: Zoom Online Meeting Platform & In-Person at City Hall

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

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Robinson called the Park Board Meeting to order at 7:00pm, hybrid via Zoom and in-person at Monroe Council Chambers.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Keith Dahlenburg was absent. All remaining Board Members participated in person at Monroe Council Chambers.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

3.1. Comprehensive Plan Update Ben Swanson

Ben gave an update on the upcoming Comprehensive Plan for the City. Initial highlights included information about GMA, Comp Plan chapters, timelines, and emerging issues.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. Motion was made by Chair Robinson, seconded by Board member Noel, to approve the July 21, 2022 minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

6. STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

6.1. Parks Department Report - *Ben Swanson*

Ben highlighted the Parks Department's activities for the month of July. Staff was recognized for National Parks and Recreation Month. The department also launched the online picnic reservation system which has been working well.

6.2. Community Development Department Report - *Ben Swanson*

Ben gave an overview of the Community Development report, and highlighted the information regarding Single Family Resident permits and the new Mainbrook Townhomes plat.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1. Chair Robinson presented us with an image of an Alder Borer. Discussion was had about the potential issues regarding Ash Borer infestations that could be in Washington soon. Information will be gathered and presented at the next meeting.

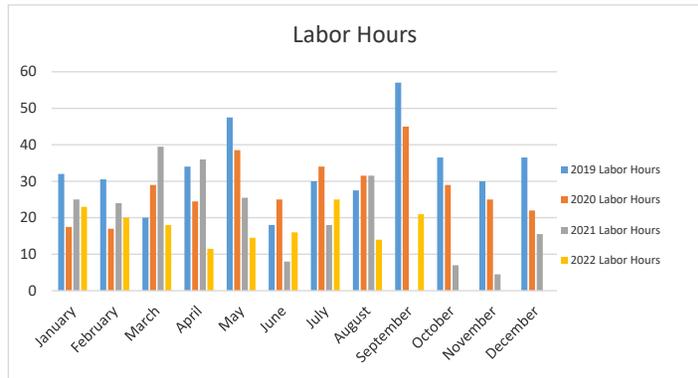
8. ADJOURNMENT

8.1. Chair Robinson motioned to adjourn and Board Member Martin seconded. Motion passed 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

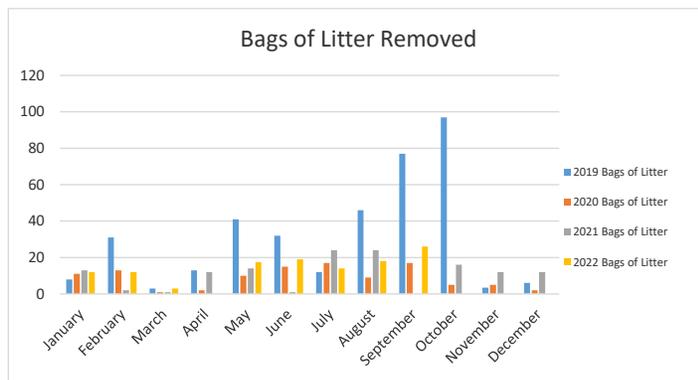
Chairperson

2019-2022 Park Homelessness Response

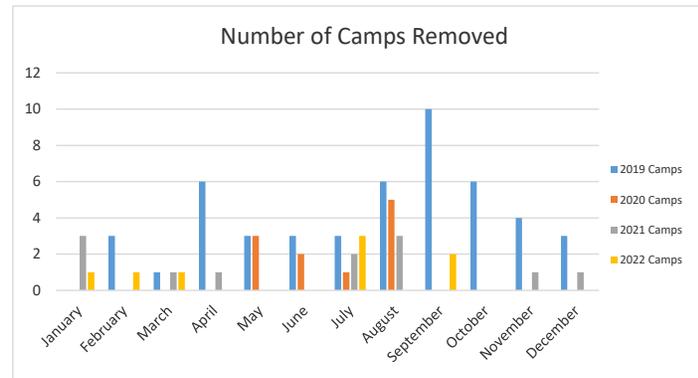
	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-22	23	12	1
Feb-22	20	12	1
Mar-22	18	3	1
Apr-22	11.5	0	0
May-22	14.5	17.5	0
Jun-22	16	19	0
Jul-22	25	14	3
Aug-22	14	18	0
Sep-22	21	26	2
Oct-22			
Nov-22			
Dec-22			
Total 2022	163	121.5	8



	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
Total 2021	234.5	131	12



	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