



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 age's 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

The crew has been working on getting the Begonias planted on Main and Lewis this month. The plants were grown by Monroe High School students. The head teacher of this partnership was Anne Lowe who will be retiring after this school year, and we wanted to give her a special thank you for partnering with us and making this a successful program. The crew has been preparing for music in the park and tidying up landscaping around Lake Tye. The crew installed signage at Trombley identifying it as a park in the City of Monroe. The crew has been working on irrigation to fix breaks and adjust heads to get proper coverage on turf and landscape beds to minimize water loss and increase efficiency of watering. The sidewalk at Rotary Field was also repaired, thanks to the notification from Miracle League. Wanted to give a big thank you to the PW department for helping to excavate a major irrigation break on Tjerne late June which would have been very difficult to fix on our own. It involved shifting lanes in the road with flaggers and using a vactor truck to excavate in the planter strips. Ball field preps continued along with preparations for tournaments and multiple events in June.



Above: Crews work on repairs and landscaping

June Events

June brought on many events in our Parks. Monroe Pride and Juneteenth returned to Sky River Park. Pride was a beautiful day and had a great turnout and support from our community. Juneteenth unfortunately was scheduled for our crazy weather day here in Monroe, but the participants and attendees stayed strong, and the event was able to happen for a shortened time. Both events included food trucks, vendors, and live performances.



Above: Juneteenth and Monroe Pride

Lake Tye welcomed a new event, the Lake Tye Challenge on June 8 organized by members of the Sky Valley Runners club. This ultramarathon offered a 12-hour, 6-hour, and 3-hour race. They welcomed about 60 runners, which is great for a new event. All event proceeds were donated to Wild Sky Trails Community.

Then, the Monroe Chamber's Summer Block Party returned to West Main Street on June 22. This event included live music on the city's mobile stage along with multiple local food trucks, vendors, unicorns, and the PUD voltage trailer which gave demonstrations throughout the event. With the help of Monroe's Public Works and Police Department the road closure and event logistics ran smoothly.

Save the Date for Monroe's Events Series

The Monroe Chamber of Commerce is proud to partner with the City of Monroe to put together Music in the Park. This event is a free summer concert series playing every Friday in July at Lake Tye Park. Each event will include food trucks, concessions, a cocktail garden featuring a local Monroe brewery and free live music. Food trucks and beer garden opens at 6:00pm, music starts at 7:00pm. The lineup this year includes:

July 5

Band: BroHamM (Pop/R&B)

Food Trucks: Anthonys Finn, Avery's Chicken & Waffles, Black Sea, Cheese Pit

Brewery: Bugu Brewing

July 12

Band: The Machine (70's Disco)

Food Trucks: Anthonys Finn, Avery's Chicken & Waffles, Yummy Box

Brewery: Crooked Label Brewing

July 19

Band: Highway 9 (Country)

Food Trucks: Avery's Chicken & Waffles, Black Sea, Cheese Pit

Brewery: Dreadnought Brewing

July 26

Band: Hair Nation (80's Rock)

Food Trucks: Anthonys Finn, Black Sea, Cheese Pit, Yummy Box

Brewery: Bugu Brewing



Then, our Park's very own Movies Under the Moon series kicks off in August. We are happy to announce that the bands are back! Each movie except the last will include a live music performance from a local band and a pre-show craft table for kids which will open at 8:00pm with the movie starting at dusk. This year's lineup includes:

August 2

Movie: Super Mario Bros movie

Band: Tarnished Brass

Craft Sponsor: Monroe Lacrosse Club

August 9

Movie: Trolls Band Together

Band: Hot Aire

Craft Sponsor: Wild Style Gym

August 16

Movie: The Marvels

Band: Rustic Reeds Saxophone Ensemble

Craft Sponsor: Monroe/Sky Valley Family YMCA

August 23

Movie: Barbie

Band: Bavarian Dance Band

Craft Sponsor: Galaxy Theatres

August 30

Movie: The Little Mermaid

Craft Sponsor: Monroe Arts Council

Thank you to our sponsors for making this event happen: Galaxy Theatres, Monroe Arts Council, Monroe Concert Band, Monroe Lacrosse Club, Monroe/Sky Valley Family YMCA, Republic Services, Wild Style Gym.

Grab your blankets or chairs and don't miss Friday's of fun at Lake Tye Park!

Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in volunteering for the City of Monroe, please contact our Parks and Recreation Admin Assistant at (360) 863-4559 or sign up for notifications at <https://bit.ly/3uLsNjW>. Visit the City website www.monroewa.gov for information.

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 & Sky River Trails

DATE	TOTAL LABOR HOURS	# BAGS OF LITTER COLLECTED	NOTES
6/27	16	8	Sky River Park – Inspections, Garbage Removal Al Borlin – Inspections, Garbage Removal
			See attached Parks Homeless Response Data 2019- 2023

Monroe Park Board

During the June 20 Park Board Meeting, Chairperson Jessie Robinson announced her resignation from the Board. Director Farrell and Board Members thanked her for her 6 years of service and support to our community as a member of the Park Board since June of 2018 - the last few leading the Board as Chairperson. The Board received updates from Asst. Director Swanson on the Parks Capital projects underway and the trails plan. A copy of the draft minutes from the April meeting are attached to this report.



MONROE PARK BOARD

Park Board Meeting
Thursday, April 18, 2024, 7:00 PM
Hybrid: Zoom Online Meeting Platform & In-Person at the Parks & Public Works Building at
769 Village Way

Park Board Members:
Jessie Robinson, Chair
Amy Martin, Vice Chair
Keith Dahlenburg, Member
Brady Welever, Member
Ron Petrick, Member
Mariana Medina, Member
Vacant, Member

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Robinson called the Park Board meeting to order at 7:03pm, hybrid via Zoon and in-person in the Court Room 769 Village Way.

2. ROLL CALL

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jessie Robinson	Chairperson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amy Martin	Board Member
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vacant	Board Member
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brady Welever	Board Member
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ron Petrick	Board Member
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mariana Medina	Board Member
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lisa Brown	Board Member

Board Members Medina and Brown were absent.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. Motion was made by Board Member Martin, second by Board Member Welever to approve the March 21, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. PROS Plan review and Needs Assessment - *Ben Swanson*

Discussed the Needs Assessment regarding Operation and Maintenance, Capital Facilities and Deferred Maintenance.

Motion was made to recommend adding two Parks Maintenance Staff to the 2025-2026 budget to meet 2008 staffing levels and identify funding for an additional three maintenance staff to meet 2024 levels of service per the 2022 PROS Plan; increase maintenance funding per the recommendations in the 2022 PROS Plan; continue to fund project identified in the 6-year CIP; and add funding for a deferred maintenance study in the 2025-2026 budget by Board Member Martin, seconded by Board Member Welever. Motioned carried 4-0

7. STAFF/BOARD DISCUSSION

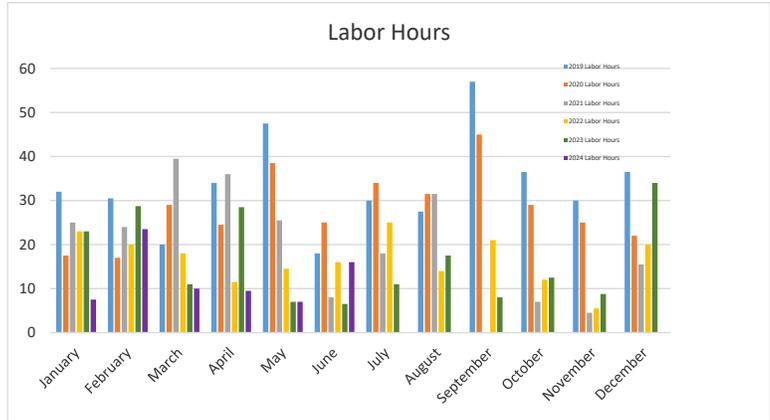
- 7.1. Parks Department Report - *Ben Swanson*
- 7.2. Community Development Department Report - *Ben Swanson*

8. ADJOURNMENT

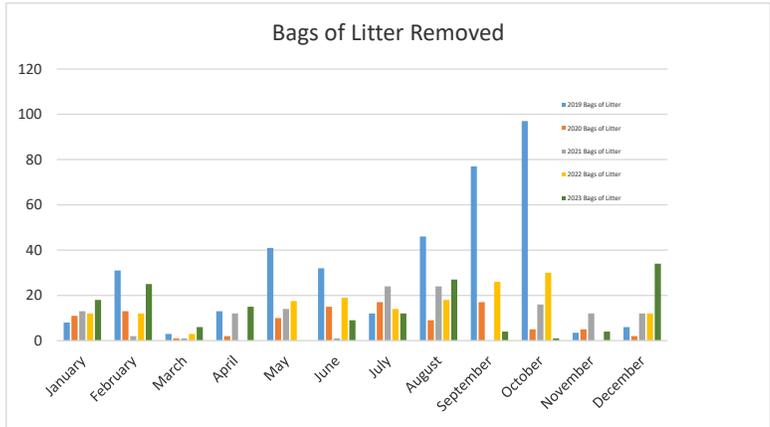
- 8.1. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, May 16, 2024**
- 8.2. Chair Robinson motioned to adjourn and Board Member Welever seconded. Motion passed 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm.

Chairperson

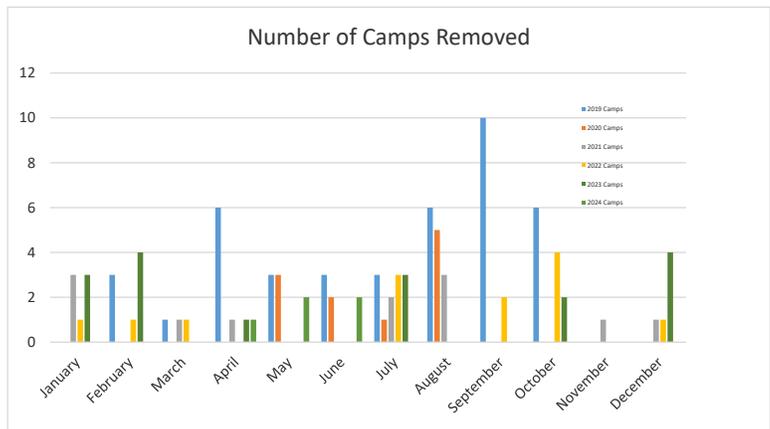
	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-24	7.5	0	0
Feb-24	23.5	22.5	0
Mar-24	10	15	0
Apr-24	9.5	14	1
May-24	7	8	2
Jun-24	16	8	2
Jul-24			
Aug-24			
Sep-24			
Oct-24			
Nov-24			
Dec-24			
Total 2024	73.5	67.5	5



	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-23	23	18	3
Feb-23	28.75	25	4
Mar-23	11	6	0
Apr-23	28.5	15	1
May-23	7	0	0
Jun-23	6.5	9	0
Jul-23	11	12	3
Aug-23	17.5	27	0
Sep-23	8	4	0
Oct-23	12.5	1	2
Nov-23	8.75	4	0
Dec-23	34	34	4
Total 2023	196.5	155	17



	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	12	30	4
Nov-22	5.5	0	0
Dec-22	20	12	1
Total 2022	200.5	163.5	13



2019-2021 data is shown only on the graphs. If you would like the full data breakdown, please reach out to Shelley Rowe srowe@monroewa.gov