



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

March was a productive month for the Parks Department, with significant efforts focused on landscape maintenance, safety improvements, seasonal preparations, and infrastructure repairs. Key activities included cleaning up landscaped beds throughout park properties to enhance aesthetics and maintain plant health, as well as removing trip hazards on asphalt trails to improve pedestrian safety.



The department also contracted necessary repairs to fix a raised bed on Main Street that had been damaged by a vehicle. Additionally, playground safety inspections were completed across all city playgrounds to ensure compliance with safety standards.

At Lake Tye Park, the team repaired and replaced the spin chair and music chime, hauled in and distributed 60 yards of cedar play chips to address surfacing deficiencies, and installed four new garbage cans to improve waste management and park cleanliness.

In terms of environmental and planting initiatives, native vegetation was planted at Hillcrest Park as part of the Natural Area Pilot Project, and half of the trees donated over the winter season were planted. As the growing season began, city-wide mowing operations were initiated, including parks and right-of-way areas, and the department began onboarding seasonal staff in preparation for the busy summer months.



(Above: Crew adding more play chips to Lake Tye Playground)

Currie View Park

UPDATE: Despite the weather challenges, the playground is progressing well. The play structures are taking shape, and we expect the playground to be finished by the end of April!



Several items will follow the completion of the new playground. First the City will remove the existing playground and backfill the site returning it to a grassy area. During this time the City will install a waterline to serve a newly installed drinking fountain adjacent to the new playground. Following this the City will contract for the installation of a new fence to serve as a physical and visual barrier between the new playground and parking lot.

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.

Park Board

The Board's meeting in March was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2025.

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
3/11	5	18	Sky River Park – Inspections, Garbage Removal Al Borlin – Inspections, Garbage Removal
			See attached Parks Homeless Response Data 2019- 2023



MONROE PARK BOARD

Park Board Meeting
Thursday, February 20, 2025, 7:00 PM
Hybrid: Zoom Online Meeting Platform & In-Person at the Parks & Public Works Building at
769 Village Way

Park Board Members:
Amy Martin, Chair
Ron Petrick, Vice Chair
Vacant, Member
Brady Welever, Member
Abdul Salama, Member
Vacant, Member
Lisa Brown, Member

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Martin called the Park Board meeting to order at 7:02pm, hybrid via zoom and in-person in the Court Room at 769 Village Way.

2. ROLL CALL

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Martin	Chairperson
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	Board Member
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abdul Salama	Board Member
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brady Welever	Board Member
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Petrick	Board Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	Board Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Lisa Brown	Board Member

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

3.1. Downtown Revitalization Project was presented by Patrick Doherty.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. Motion was made by Board Member Petrick, seconded by Board Member Welever, to approve the January 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

5. NEW BUSINESS

6. STAFF/BOARD DISCUSSION

6.1. Parks Department Report - *Mike Farrell*

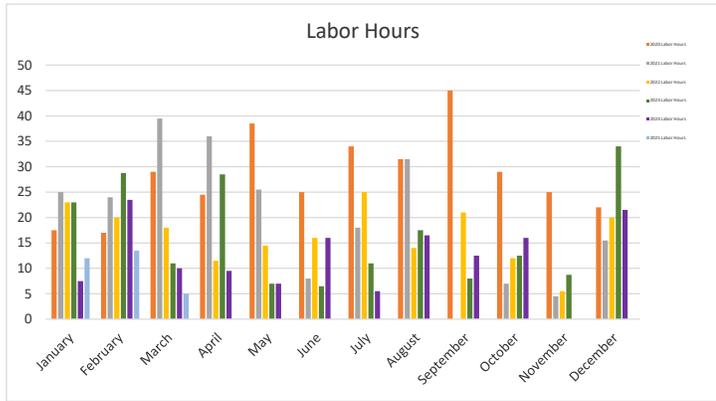
6.2. Community Development Department Report - *Mike Farrell*

7. ADJOURNMENT

7.1. Board Member Welever motioned to adjourn and Board Member Petrick seconded. Motioned passed 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.

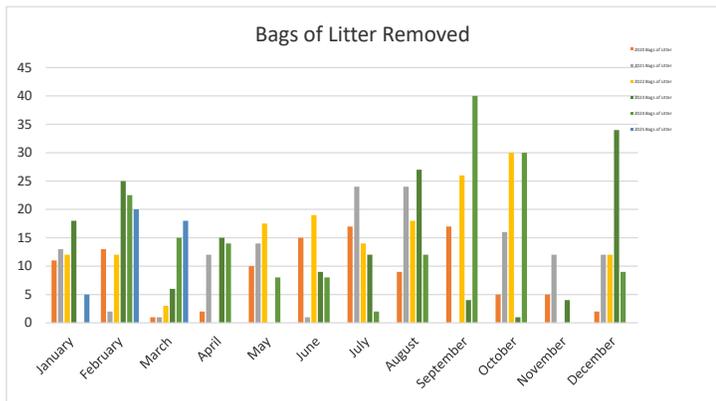
Chairperson

	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-25	12	5	1
Feb-25	13.5	20	1
Mar-25	5	18	3
Apr-25			
May-25			
Jun-25			
Jul-25			
Aug-25			
Sep-25			
Oct-25			
Nov-25			
Dec-25			
Total 2025	30.5	43	5

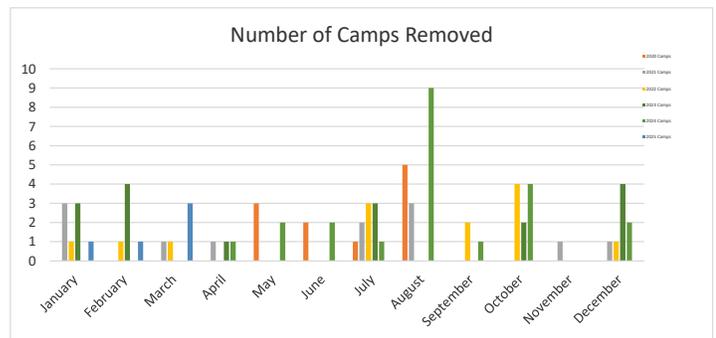


	Labor Hours YTD	Bags of Litter Removed YTD	Camps Removed YTD
Jan-24	7.5	0	0
Feb-24	23.5	22.5	0
Mar-24	10	15	0
Apr-24	9.5	14	1
May-24	7	8	2
Jun-24	16	8	2
Jul-24	5.5	2	1
Aug-24	16.5	12	9
Sep-24	12.5	40	1
Oct-24	16	30	4
Nov-24 0*	0*	0*	0*
Dec-24	21.5	9	2
Total 2024	145.5	160.5	22

Note: * No trail inspections due to storm event and training



	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



2019-2022 data is shown only on the graphs. If you would like the full data breakdown, please reach out to Shelley Rowe srowe@monroewa.gov