
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

During October, the Parks and Recreation Department completed a variety of maintenance and seasonal tasks throughout the City. Crews installed new play chips at Hillcrest Park and completed irrigation blowouts in preparation for winter. Leaf cleanup was ongoing, with staff blowing and collecting leaves across multiple park sites.



The gravel road at Al Borlin Park was graded, and soccer fields were prepped and maintained throughout the month to support ongoing games. The crew also conducted trail and playground inspections to



ensure safety and compliance. In addition to maintenance work, the crew supported community events including the "Walk and Roll to School" program and several cross-country meets that happened on our parks. Crews added soil and grass seed to low areas across the City, pulled spent flowers, weeded and raked, and added mulch to select flower beds on Main and Lewis Streets. They also cleaned up after a recent windstorm that left tree branches scattered throughout the City.



(Crew spreading play chips and pulling expired flowers)

October Events

Cross Country Meet at Sky River Park

The second fall Park Place Middle School Cross Country meet took place on October 6 at Sky River Park. This is an annual event with a course that runs through the South Parking lot of Sky River Park and around the park itself.

Trick of Treat at City Hall

For the first time, the City participated in the downtown Trick or Treat event encouraging participants to stop by City Hall on their way to, or from downtown. The Parks and Recreation Department hosted a table in Council Chambers where we got to greet many participants. In addition to candy, we were pleased to see that our new Parks Brochure was picked up by many of our City Hall visitors.



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 bit.ly/3uLsNjW. Visit the City's website at MonroeWA.gov for more information.

Park Board

The Monroe Park Board met on Thursday, October 16, 2025 and was presented with the overview of the updated Park Code as well as the Festival Lot preference and prioritization within the Parks CIP.

The next scheduled Park Board meeting is Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 7 p.m. The Park Board currently has two vacancies.

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 be occurring in City parks. Attached is the comprehensive data from 2023 to the present. The following is a summary of data for the past month.

Locations: Al Borlin Park, and Sky River Park Trails

Date	Total Labor Hours	Number of Bags of Litter Collected	Notes
10/30	2	7	Al Borlin Park – Inspections Sky River Park - Inspections
			See attached Parks Homeless Response Data 2023 - 2025



MONROE PARK BOARD

Park Board Meeting
Thursday, October 16, 2025, 7:00 PM
Hybrid: Zoom Online Meeting Platform & In-Person at the Parks & Public Works Building at 769 Village Way

Park Board Members:
Lisa Brown, Chair
Ryan Olson, Vice Chair
Vacant, Member
Abdul Salama, Member
Katie Kohler, Member
Vacant, Member

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Brown called the Park Board meeting to order at 7:04pm, hybrid via Zoon and in-person in the Council Chambers at 806 W. Main St.

2. ROLL CALL

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Olson | Co-Chairperson |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Katie Kohler | Board Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abdul Salama | Board Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant | Board Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant | Board Member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hayley Hanford | Board Member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Brown | Chairperson |

Board Member Salama's absence was considered excused.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 18, 2025 Minutes

- 4.1. Motion was made by Board Member Olson, seconded by Board Member Kohler, to approve the September 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 4 - 0.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.1. Ord. 017/2025 code revisions to Monroe Municipal Code (MMC) Title 9 - Park Code - *Kevin Teague*

Kevin Teague presented the updated Park Code passed by City Council

- 6.2. Festival Lot - Discussion of Council preference and prioritization within Parks CIP - *Kevin Teague*

Kevin Teague reviewed the Festival Lot project.

7. STAFF/BOARD DISCUSSION

- 7.1. Parks Department Report - *Kevin Teague*

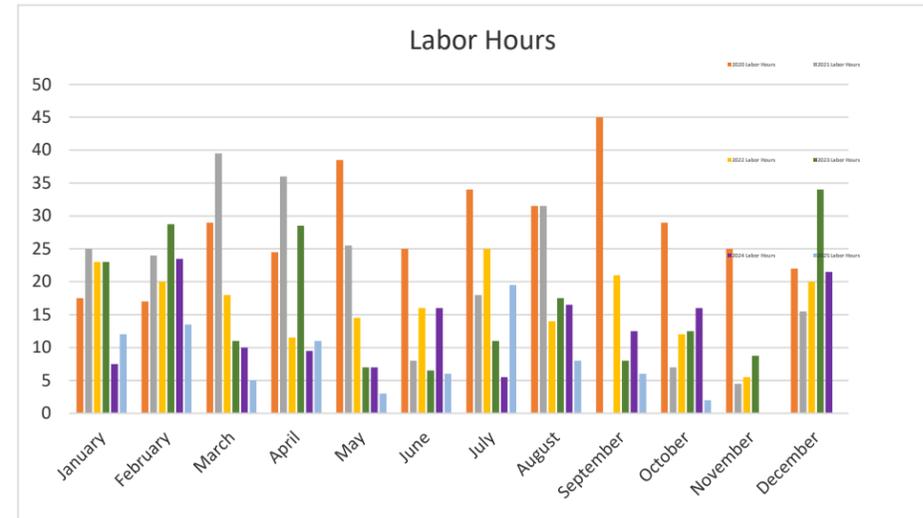
Kevin Teague reviewed the August Parks Department Report.

8. ADJOURNMENT

- 8.1. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, November 20, 2025**
- 8.2. There being no further business, and no objections, Chairperson Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:39pm.

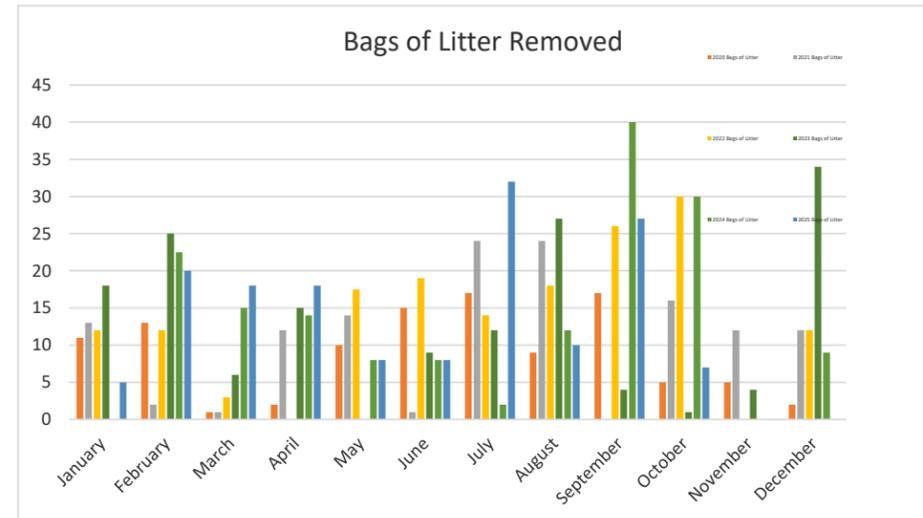
Chairperson

	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	11	18	0
May-25	3	8	1
Jun-25	6	8	2
Jul-25	19.5	32	2
Aug-25	8	10	0
Sep-25	6	27	4
Oct-25	2	7	0
Nov-25			
Dec-25			
Total 2025	86	153	14



	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

