

Parks and Trails Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes June 21, 2021

Zoom meeting – virtual attendance

Call to Order & Attendance: 3:03pm

Present: Gordy Holmes, Dave Hall, Matt Withers, Lisa Bruce, Rick Hawkins

Absent: Gordon Bell, David Moynahan

Staff Present: Carly Ruacho, Jennifer Ferguson, Amy Bergemeier, Sara Robinson

Also known to be present: Councilmember Steve Shepro, Judy Williams

Citizen Comments: N/A

Approval of Minutes:

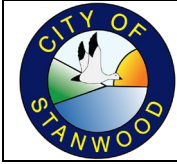
The May 2021 Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted.

Church Creek Park Project Prioritization Wrap-Up:

- The following list of program elements are included in the updated master plan for Church Creek Park and are listed in proposed prioritized order as recommended by the PTAC. The updated master plan was developed by J.A. Brennan Associates. The proposed improvements help to reduce the deficiency of trails in Stanwood and address multiple action items outlined in the city's Six-Year Project Action Items and Twenty Years Park Plan. The master plan is guided by community input, site analysis, conceptual scenarios, and discussions with city staff. The Plan incorporates the desire to maintain the rural, forested character of Church Creek Park while making enhancements that make the park more accessible and useable for visitors as well as adding desired amenities such as pickleball courts.
- Church Creek Park is Stanwood's largest neighborhood park serving its residents with activities such as basketball and baseball, a new playground in 2020, a group picnic area, open lawn areas for community movie and music events and opportunities for walking in mature forested areas and accessing Church Creek. There is a need for more trails and better sports facilities within the community as Stanwood faces an 85% deficit in trails compared to the national standard. Nearby Camano Island also has a median population age of 52.5 so improving accessible circulation and adding walking trails could benefit the public overall. The updated Church Creek Park master plan builds on the existing facilities at the Park to better realize its full potential as a recreation destination through opportunities for play, walking, and gathering.
- The projects will highlight the natural beauty of the site and allow multiple types of gathering spaces that can be used for recreation and education alike. A network of paved and unpaved trails will allow greater access throughout the park and open views of the creek and the onsite wetland features. New and/or renovated sports facilities will also continue to serve the population by providing much needed recreational opportunities. Completing these projects will help ensure this 15-acre park meets the needs of the Stanwood-Camano area residents to the greatest extent possible for the next 10 to 20 years.

Committee Member Comments:

Members, in general, feel like the city should get more involved in events held in the city, as well as more parks & recreation services. They look forward to seeing the results of the Feasibility study and appreciate the time getting put into this.



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Park Updates:

Church Creek Park: Boy Scout proposal for dugouts

Heritage Park: PUD, Baseball Fields

Hamilton Park: SEPA

Adjourn – 4:54:pm - Next Meeting: July 19, 2021 @ 3:00pm.