



PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA

Date: Monday, August 11, 2025 ~ 5:00 p.m.

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Mark Dulin, Chair
Term Ends: 5/2027

Cary Erickson
Term Ends: 7/12/2026

Mary Dawn Kurtzbein, Vice Chair.
Term Ends: 1/2026

Lorna Shelton
Term Ends: 5/2027

Ray Sills
Term Ends: 3/29

Hallie Ralls
Term Ends: 3/29

Owen Sharp
Student Representative
Term Ends: 3/29 or upon graduation

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- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Parks Board Chair**
 - A. Roll Call
(must have 4 of 7 members present for a quorum)
 - B. Approval of Minutes from July 14, 2025
- 2. COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC**
(on non-agenda items)
- 3. REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS & ACTION ITEMS**
 - A. Recap of the 2025 Tournament Season and improvements to Borst Park
- 4. OTHER BUSINESS**
- 5. ADJOURNMENT**
 - Next meeting September 8, 2025

Please contact Community Development at 360-330-7662 or by email at ABuckler@cityofcentralia.com if you are unable to attend the meeting. Thank you.

Centralia Park Board Minutes

Monday, July 14, 2025

Time: 5:16 PM – 6:30 PM (approximately)

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Lorna Shelton opened the meeting officially at 5:16 pm.

A. Roll Call

Members Present: Ray Sills, Hallie Ralls, Owen Sharp, Lorna Shelton

Member Absent: Mark Dulin (Chair), Cary Erickson, Mary Dawn Kurtzbein (Vice-Chair)

Also Present: Amy Buckler, Deputy City Manager (Parks Director)

B. Approval of Minutes:

Hallie Rallis moved, seconded by Ray Sills, to approve the minutes for April 14, 2025. All in favor.

Hallie Rallis moved, seconded by Ray Sills, to approve the minutes for May 12, 2025. All in favor.

2. Public Comments on non-agenda items

None

3. Other Business

A. Feedback on Veterans Community Park Master Plan

- More playgrounds for small children are needed in Centralia
- Shade is needed!
- Seating is needed (for parents, etc.)
- Agree there are too many themes in the initial vision (inclusive for all abilities, active play, storyboard about pool, English/Spanish, STEAM)
 - The STEAM theme can be incorporated, but is less important than creating an active play, inclusive playground – it's not necessary to be explicit about science learning here
- Instead of a ½ court basketball-only court, put in a 'Futsal' that has a soccer goal embedded in the chain link – could be combined with basketball
- The court should be lit. Lighted bball courts are popular! Stay open as late as possible.
- The group is generally more in favor of Concept A
 - Like where court is located
 - The additional parking is needed in this area
 - Like orientation of age groups. Older kids in the corner while younger play is combined
- Agree with not having a community building if a rental space is being provided by the museum at ULC
- The exercise station is too large – a waste of space. Suggest putting the money toward something else.
- Like the idea of more natural bioretention on the site
- Suggest Having some information for parents about the inclusive play concepts incorporated in the park
- Suggest uplighting the trees
- Prefer a 4' fence in the front to match existing fence. (6' too tall). Maybe 6' in the back by the alley. Want the park to look inviting
 - Look at the McMenamins fence in Kalama – can't climb it, looks inviting, string of lights on top.
- Question: Can you shave edge of spray park along Hanson and add parking there?
- Summary:
 - Generally like Option A better
 - Make it visually exciting - Lots of color, All ages, All abilities

- Okay to drop community building
- Okay to drop exercise equipment
- Need lighting, fencing for safety, seating, shade, storyboard for veterans
- Court must be covered and be for multi-sports
- Look at parking and biorention/water features more

B. Selection of Two Boardmembers to Serve on the Tree SubCommittee

Staff shared that the Tree Committee, a subset of the Parks Board, will need to convene this summer/fall to review updates to the City's tree policy.

The members present unanimously approved Hallie Ralls and Lorna Shelton to serve on the tree subcommittee.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.