



## PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA

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

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### 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

### City Staff

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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](mailto:ABuckler@cityofcentralia.com) if you are unable to attend the meeting. Thank you.*

1      **Centralia Park Board Minutes**  
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3      **Monday, July 14, 2025**  
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5      Time: 5:16 PM – 6:30 PM (approximately)  
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7      **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**  
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9      Lorna Shelton opened the meeting officially at 5:16 pm.  
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11      **A. Roll Call**  
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13      **Members Present:** Ray Sills, Hallie Ralls, Owen Sharp, Lorna Shelton  
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15      **Member Absent:** Mark Dulin (Chair), Cary Erickson, Mary Dawn Kurtzbein (Vice-Chair)  
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17      **Also Present:** Amy Buckler, Deputy City Manager (Parks Director)  
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19      **B. Approval of Minutes:**  
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21      Hallie Rallis moved, seconded by Ray Sills, to approve the minutes for April 14, 2025. All in favor.  
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23      Hallie Rallis moved, seconded by Ray Sills, to approve the minutes for May 12, 2025. All in favor.  
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25      **2. Public Comments on non-agenda items**  
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29      **3. Other Business**  
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31      **A. Feedback on Veterans Community Park Master Plan**  
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33      • More playgrounds for small children are needed in Centralia  
34      • Shade is needed!  
35      • Seating is needed (for parents, etc.)  
36      • Agree there are too many themes in the initial vision (inclusive for all abilities, active play, storyboard about pool, English/Spanish, STEAM)  
37          ○ 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  
38      • Instead of a ½ court basketball-only court, put in a 'Futsol' that has a soccer goal embedded in the chain link – could be combined with basketball  
39      • The court should be lit. Lighted bball courts are popular! Stay open as late as possible.  
40      • The group is generally more in favor of Concept A  
41          ○ Like where court is located  
42          ○ The additional parking is needed in this area  
43          ○ Like orientation of age groups. Older kids in the corner while younger play is combined  
44      • Agree with not having a community building if a rental space is being provided by the museum at ULC  
45      • The exercise station is too large – a waste of space. Suggest putting the money toward something else.  
46      • Like the idea of more natural bioretention on the site  
47      • Suggest Having some information for parents about the inclusive play concepts incorporated in the park  
48      • Suggest uplighting the trees  
49      • 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  
50          ○ Look at the McMenamins fence in Kalama – can't climb it, looks inviting, string of lights on top.  
51      • Qusection: Can you shave edge of spray park along Hanson and add parking there?  
52      • Summary:  
53          ○ Generally like Option A better  
54          ○ Make it visually exciting - Lots of color, All ages, All abilities  
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- 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.