

CITY OF PORT ORFORD
REGULAR SESSION OF THE PARKS COMMISSION
Thursday, June 11th, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M.

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1. Call to order/roll call/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Additions to the Agenda
3. Minutes May 14th, 2026
4. Citizen Concerns (On Agenda items only; 3 min.)
5. **REPORT: Buffington Park Host – Update**
6. Financials
7. Commissioner Reports
 - a. Comm./Liaison Lovendahl
 - b. Comm. Currier
 - c. Comm. Rickey
 - d. Comm. Rickel
 - e. Comm. Golden
 - f. Comm. Shafer
8. Old Business
 - a. Wind Phone Presentation By MainStreet
 - b. Planning Grant Update
 - c. Rotary Bleacher Repair and Clean-up at Buffington
9. New Business
 - a. Battle Rock Visit Scheduling
 - b. Buffington Bathroom Painting
 - c. Tree Assessment Follow Up
10. Considerations
 - a. Citizens – Mainstreet Phone Request
 - b. Commissioner's
11. Future Meeting: Thursday, June 11th, 2026; Regular Meeting in the Gable Chambers and Online at 6:00 pm
12. Adjourn

Meeting Minutes
City of Port Orford Regular Session of the Parks Commission
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Commissioners present: Quorum is 3 members

*** Chair/Bryan Thompson , Secretary/Ledeen Rickey, Liason/Sara Lovendahl, * Commissioner Rickel, Commissioner Currier, Commissioner Golden, Commissioner Shafer**

***not present: online**

- 1. Call to order/roll call/Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Additions to the agenda – none**
- 3. Minutes April 9th , 2026**
 - a. Commissioner Golden moves to accept the minutes as presented.**
 - b. Commissioner Shafer seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously.**
- 4. Citizen Concerns (on agenda items only; 3 min.)**
 - a. Keep Geraldine and her brother, who is in hospice, in your thoughts.**
 - b. Stephanie Gomes letter about Battlerock Park**
- 5. Report: Buffington Park Hosts – Lauren and Richard McMurtrey.**
 - a. Lauren expressed her gratitude for help from the city and the city-workers (including our Officers) in dealing with the string of vandalism from last month.**
 - b. A small trailer has been loaned to our hosts by Kerry and Laurie Prouty.**
 - c. Richard and Lauren are not having any more issues with vandalism; however, the swallows are becoming a nuisance in the girls' bathroom, again.**
 - d. The missing picnic table has been found and installed more securely.**
 - e. Richard is thankful for the small, electric mower that was purchased for Lauren to use around the property – it is the proper size and very handy.**
 - f. A next area of focus and help from our commission & the community will be the gazebo area-Butterly Garden area.**
- 6. Financials**
 - a. Commissioner Lovendahl reports that the financial records are in the process of being audited.**
 - b. The fiscal year for the city ends June 30th, a budget will be approved by that time.**
- 7. Commissioner Reports**
 - a. Lovendahl – will report to our commission about a volunteer time sheet and our liability when working on projects for this commission. Getting information together from another organization about a possible “Wind Phone” installation.**
 - b. Currier – Pickleball is running smoothly and everything is looking much nicer at Buffington Park, thanks to our wonderful hosts.**

- c. Rickey – We have been approved for a \$200 balance from the Rotary Club of Port Orford for upkeep and painting at Buffington Park. Paint has been donated for the bathroom building and any other outbuildings. The Club has also approved replacing the bleacher benches at the Ballpark; however, that project needs more time to come to fruition.
- d. Rickel – NP
- e. Thompson – NP; a letter of resignation was received.
- f. Golden – Welcome
- g. Shafer – Welcome

8. Old Business

- a. Planning Grant Discussion- Sara and Skaidra have a list from Gold Beach, and have the RFP's completed for the project. This grant must be completed by December of 2027.
- b. Recruitment – Our commission is reviewing one application for this gathering.
- c. Priority List of Projects – review: playground at Buffington Park, A-frame porch, re-fresh on the bathroom building and the “closed” building, debris removal from Buffington Park, tree removal from the Butterfly Garden area and on the nature trail, baseball bleacher upkeep, picnic benches installation, 4-Points bench installation, one “open” slot in our 10 projects list.

9. New Business

- a. Pamela Bernt application for appointment
- b. Ledeen Rickey made a motion to recommend Pamela Bernt to the Port Orford City Council as a Commissioner on the Parks Committee. Motion seconded by Commissioner Shafer
>passed unanimously
- c. A motion was made by Commissioner Shafer to accept Bryan Thompson's resignation. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Golden
>passed unanimously

d. A motion to nominate Jim Golden as our Parks Commission Chair was made by _____ and a second came from Commissioner Currier

>passed unanimously

10. Considerations

- a. Mainstreet “Wind Phone” request – We are asking for a proposal from Susan Russell with more details about the “Wind Phone” project. Specifically about: upkeep, ADA, location, etc.
- b. Commissioners – what about the 2000 yr. old Redwood clones that are planted by the skate park? Should we have more signage about them?
- c. Commissioner Currier would like more specific information about the legality of digging and disturbing the ground in certain areas. What situations demand a tribal oversight before a project can be started? She agreed to research with the Confederated Tribes of CTCS.
- d. Commissioner Rickey: All hands needed; Buffington Park hosts will provide the trailer for weed consolidation and removal.

***May 31st City Hall – 10 am (weeding)**

***June 14th Library – 10 am (weeding)**

***June 28th – Battle Rock Park - 10 am (weeding)**

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12. Adjourned at 7:15 pm