

KITSAP COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD

April 15, 2026

MEETING MINUTES

The Kitsap County Parks Advisory Board records their monthly meetings.

You can find the full recording of this meeting on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rePeA0ooGVE>

Previous meetings can also be viewed by visiting:

<https://www.youtube.com/@kitsapcountygovernment9963>

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Parks Advisory Board Chair, Dawn Dockter. Meeting guidelines of the hybrid Parks Advisory Board were read.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 18, 2026, and March 18, 2026

- Approval postponed until after Meeting Minutes discussion item in *IV. Special Reports*

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – ([Comments from 00:08:10 – 00:26:19](#))

- Steve Ruggiero, comment on Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park
- Beverly Parsons, comment on Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park
- Carol Price, comment on Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park
- Joe Lubischer, comment on North Kitsap Heritage Park
- Don Willot, comment on Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park

IV. SPECIAL REPORTS – ([Reports from 00:26:30 – 00:56:10](#))

- New Board Member introduction
 - Tom Coleman introduced himself
- Meeting Minutes – Discussion on how to record meeting minutes, specifically regarding capturing public comments.
 - *Jessica Rice moved to record public comments in the future going from today's meeting forward in the same format as March with the name, if with an organization, and what they are speaking about, as well as adding a link to the website so people know where to go to find the full exactly*
 - *Seconded by Larry Walker*
 - *Vote to approve minutes formatting in a similar fashion as the March meeting minutes*
 - *7 votes received, motion passed unanimously*
 - *Larry Walker moved to adopt the February meeting minutes as written*

- *Seconded by Linda Berry-Maraist*
- Vote to approve February minutes
- 7 votes received, motion passed unanimously
- *Larry Walker – moved to adopt the March meetings as written*
 - *Seconded by Linda Berry-Maraist*
 - Vote to approve February minutes
 - 7 votes received, motion passed unanimously

V. PARKS REPORT – ([Report from 00:56:20 – 01:12:48](#))

- Director's Report
 - Volunteer Award Winners
 - Maintenance and Operations Team recognition as summer season opens
 - Natural Resources – Forest Diversity Planting at PGFHP
 - State Appropriations Funding
 - Planning – Gordon Park Master Plan
 - Capital Improvement
 - Concluded community engagement re: Kola Kola and will be presenting next month along with engagement from Gordon Park
 - North Gateway Trailhead Parking at PGFHP – celebratory event May 2nd – details to follow
 - Synthetic Turf bids on Gordon 1 Field closed – looking to have completed by end of July before Fair season
 - South Kitsap Regional Park – prepping to apply for grant through RCO Youth Athletic Facilities grant

VI. Sub-Committee Reports

None

VII. District Representative Reports – ([Reports from 01:13:28 - 01:25:25](#))

- Jen Skalbeck (North District):
 - Comment on joining virtually vs. in person
 - Conversation with Kingston Youth Sports Association about their user groups and concerns about lack of field space in the NK District. Having to use CK fields or are partnering with schools.
 - Saving comments regarding Kola Kola park for until after survey results are released
 - Thank Parks Dept for North Gateway opening, exciting for users with some limitations

- Kingston Parks, Trails, and Open Spaces Committee about trail work parties this quarter. There is a feeling they could do more if there was more direct support from the County on those volunteer tasks with materials being provided.
- Lisa Hurt (North District):
 - Comment – my car was vandalized at main PGFHP parking lot
 - Discussion regarding EMBA contract that was just approved; expediency creates misrepresentation of necessary environmental protections and facts. Critical area ordinances are not being adhered to.
- Jessica Rice (South District):
 - Visited Banner Forest a few times in the last month. Got comments from users that map on website, as using the trail the map was confusing. They ended up using a different app. Some trails were unmarked.
 - South Kitsap Regional Park – so excited for this development with funding. The lighting improving at some point is phenomenal. There has been a lot of vandalism, nice to think there will be more lighting and turf.
 - Barriers on the playground side, put up because someone was driving on grass with car – put up hastily, there are still major divots in the grass from the installation. Should be fixed – I will put on see click fix. Concerning safety wise for families and small kids.
 - Good comments from a non-profit that was using the parks. Working with Scott has been phenomenal. Kudos to Scott and the team.
- Tom Coleman (Central District): No report
- Dawn Dockter:
 - Trails – lots of rogue trails in a lot of parks, maps might not be up to date, but people should also realize they shouldn't be on all of those trails
- Larry Walker (South District):
 - Nothing personally, but that app is Maprika and it's a lot more user friendly

VIII. Public Comment – ([Comments from 01:25:39 – 01:34:55](#))

- Bradley Barry, EMBA, comment on Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park
- Carol Price, comments on Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park.
- Don Willott, comment on Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park
- Martha Burke, question on Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park

IX. Adjournment

- *Larry Walker – moved to adjourn the meeting*
 - *Seconded by Linda Berry-Maraist*
 - Discussion: None
 - 7 votes received, motion passed unanimously
 - Motion carried and meeting was adjourned.

Parks Advisory Board Meeting Attendance

PAB MEMBERS	STAFF
Lisa Hurt – North	Alex Wisniewski – Director
Linda Berry-Maraist – North	Jaycee Brown – Office Support Specialist
Larry Walker – South	Chuck Cuzzetto - Public Relations & Communications Coordinator
Dawn Dockter – South	
Jessic Rice – South	
Jen Skalbeck – North	
Lisa Hurt – North	
Tom Coleman – Central	