



**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON
PARKS BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 10, 2025**

Regular Meeting - 6:30 PM

I. GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM

- 1. Flag Salute**
- 2. Roll Call**

Present:
Chair Brigid Taylor
Vice Chair Sandy Schill
Board Member Alex Earl
Board Member John Rafanelli
Board Member Jessica Pace
Board Member Elianna Galvan

Excused: Board Member Beth Bicknell

A motion was made and passed to excuse Beth Bicknell's absence.

- RESULT:** **Adopted (5-1)**
MOVER: Board Member Rafanelli
SECONDER: Board Member Earl
AYES: Chair Taylor, Board Member Earl, Board Member Rafanelli, Board Member Pace,
Board Member Galvan
NAYS: Vice Chair Schill
ABSTAIN: None

3. Late changes to the agenda

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone requesting to speak to the Board regarding all items not subject to a specific Public Hearing may come forward at this time. Please state your name and limit comments to three minutes. Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Minutes from the August 13, 2025 Meeting**

A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2025 Parks Board Meeting.

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| RESULT: | ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS) |
| MOVER: | Board Member Schill |
| SECONDER: | Board Member Pace |
| AYES: | Chair Taylor, Vice Chair Schill, Board Member Earl, Board Member Rafanelli, Board Member Pace, Board Member Galvan |

IV. BUSINESS

1. Bee City USA: Process, Requirements, and Considerations - Corey Crownhart, Park Manager

An overview of the Bee City USA framework highlighted the environmental and community benefits of participation, including biodiversity support, partnerships, and positive visibility. Bee City USA is a national certification program of the Xerces Society that recognizes cities for their commitment to pollinator conservation. The program encourages habitat creation, reduced pesticide use, and public education to support native bees and other pollinators.

2. Staff Introduction: Ryan Thamert, Director of Public Works, and Miranda Lange, Public Works Infrastructure Deputy Director - Corey Crownhart, Park Manager

Corey introduced Ryan Thamert, Director of Public Works, and Miranda Lange, Public Works Infrastructure Deputy Director, to the Parks Board. Ryan and Miranda are assuming their new roles and overseeing the City's public works operations, with the parks division as a key component.

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VI. STAFF REPORTS

Corey announced the park name for Paradise Pointe would be Storybook Hollow, and there would be a ribbon cutting in the fall. Construction has started on the pump track at Boyse Park.

VII. FROM THE BOARD

VIII. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.



Kim Strickler, Parks Board Clerk



Brigid Taylor, Chair