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**PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
CITY OF ONTARIO OREGON
THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025, 6:00 PM, MT
[Zoom Link](#)**

Pursuant to the Public Meetings Laws and Rules within the Oregon Revised Statutes, the Parks Committee has the authority, ability, and standing to take action on any items on the Agenda, or add items to the Agenda, during a meeting, as long as all public meeting notice requirements have been met.

1) CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call: Marc Berg _____ Michael Braden _____ Andrew Maeda _____ Tyler Whitaker _____
Vice-Chair Michael Partin _____ Chair Mike Pratt _____ Sandy Shelton _____

Council Liaison _____ City Manager/Community Development Director _____ Public Works Director _____

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

This Agenda was posted on August 19, 2025. Copies of the Agenda are available at City Hall and on the city's website at www.ontariooregon.org.

3) MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA

4) MOTION TO ADOPT MINUTES

A) June 19, 2025

5) PUBLIC COMMENTS Citizens may address the Parks Committee; however, the Parks Committee may not be able to provide an immediate answer or response. Out of respect to the members and others in attendance, please limit your comment to three (3) minutes. Please state your name and city of residence for the record.

6) DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) Grant update ODF UCF - Michael Braden
- B) Grant discussion DLCD CGI - Michael Braden
- C) Rotary Park physical fitness equipment update - Mike Partin
- D) Lion's Park equipment update - Mike Pratt

7) CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS AND EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

8) ADJOURN



**PARK'S
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday June 19, 2025, 6:00 p.m. MT**

The scheduled meeting of the Park's Committee was called to order by Commissioner Michael Pratt at approximately 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 19, 2025, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Committee members present in person were Mike Pratt, Marc Berg, Michael Braden, Tyler Whitaker & Sandy Shelton; Andrew Maeda and Michael Partin were excused.

Others present in person were, City Manager Development Director Dan Cummings
Public Works Director, Casey Mordhorst.

Michael Pratt led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

This Agenda was posted on June 17, 2025; copies of the agenda and minutes are available at the Public Works Headquarters and on the city's website at www.ontariooregon.org.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Laura Hiramatsu, representing Revitalize Ontario, came to comment.

<https://revitalizeontario.org/>

They would like to participate more with the parks committee. Specifically, they would like to adopt the Moore Park or contribute somehow. She asked about a financial obligation or the process to join.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 17, 2025

RESOLUTION, ACTION &/OR MOTION

**THE MOTION WAS MADE BY MICHAEL BRADEN SECONDED BY TYLER WHITAKER TO
ADOPT THE APRIL 17, 2025, MINUTES: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Moore Park – Dan Cummings

- Elaborated on the options to “adopt” the Moore Park.
- They would have the right to rename this park, if Revitalize Ontario took on some ownership.
- The Parks Committee could discuss further about adding another club to the committee.
- Or they could adopt the park with activities such as cleanups or project ideas.
- Dan also explained how the city matching funds could be added to this park, if an organization was to request it.

RESOLUTION, ACTION &/OR MOTION

NO RESOLUTION, ACTION &/OR MOTION

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Michael Braden gave an update on the ODF Trees grant. The signing of the contract has been delayed. Everything is being reviewed by the Dept. of Justice (for legal sufficiency review). Once the contract is finalized, the city will organize the TAC technical advisory committee. Michael Braden, Marc Berg, and Tyler Whitaker all volunteered to be a part of that committee.
- Casey Mordhorst from JACOBS commented on the number of tree-related businesses, who have been emailing him. Mostly, software companies, designed to capture and record the tree inventory. Michael Braden commented that ODF wants us to use their Tree Plotter software for the inventory.
- Casey also had some updates on the budget. Several initiatives were approved for the parks this year, including \$100,000 budgeted for items, such as sidewalks. Beck Pond is slated to have an ADA ramp installed down to the water (from the parking lot), as well as a floating dock placed in the water, for fishing in the pond.
- Laxson Rotary Park - The basketball court was resurfaced. Some neighbors commented that it was a peculiar blue color.
- Lanterman Park - Casey reported that the center of the park has not had any watering for the past two weeks. A sprinkler pump needed to be replaced, and two contractors were unable to come do repairs. The pump is now replaced, and the sprinklers are back on. Two newer trees are dead. Two are close to dying. The ten trees south of the pavilion were the most affected. Kiwanis club went out this weekend and watered all the trees. But they will need several weeks of observation.
- Marc and Michael are collecting names of landscapers, designers, arborists, and local enthusiasts who want to be a part of the upcoming tree plantings.

ADJOURN

RESOLUTION, ACTION &/OR MOTION

**THE MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY MICHAEL BRADEN AT 6:21PM;
SECONDED BY SANDY SHELTON: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR July 17, 2025, AT 6:00PM.

Approved:

Signature

Date

(Chairman Michael Pratt, Vice-Chairman Michael Partin)

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