



PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 19, 2026, 6:00 p.m. MT

The scheduled meeting of the Parks Committee was called to order by committee member Mike Pratt at approximately 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2026, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Committee members present in person or attended via Zoom were Mike Pratt, Michael Partin, Sandra Shelton, Michael Braden, Tyler Whitaker and Tom Thompson; Andrew Maeda – excused.

Others present in person or via Zoom were Casey Mordhorst, Al Haun, Dan Cummings, Ethan Saunders, Michael Miller and Antonio Sunseri, Argus Observer.

Michael Pratt led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

This Agenda was posted on March 17, 2026. Copies of the agenda and minutes are available on the city's website at www.ontariooregon.org.

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. WHITAKER AND SECONDED BY MR. PARTIN TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED: MICHAEL BRADEN – YES; TYLER WHITAKER – YES; SANDY SHELTON – YES; MICHAEL PARTIN – YES; MIKE PRATT – YES; MOTION PASSED 5-0-2 (THOMPSON & MAEDA – EXCUSED)

ADOPTION OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 19, 2026

RESOLUTION, ACTION &/OR MOTION:

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. WHITAKER AND SECONDED BY MR. PARTIN TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING, FEBRUARY 19, 2026: MICHAEL BRADEN – YES; TYLER WHITAKER – YES; SANDY SHELTON – YES; MICHAEL PARTIN – YES; MIKE PRATT – YES; MOTION PASSED 5-0-2 (THOMPSON & MAEDA – EXCUSED)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

GREENWORKS-GREENSPACE MASTER PLAN DRAFT

- Green Works is the contractor working with us on the green space master plan.
- Please attend and promote the open house. It will be an in-person public event, probably in the summer.
- Part of the grant is to purchase and locate several trees across the city in a way that makes the most positive impact for the community.
- A city monitoring analysis that is going to understand the overall conditions. A tree inventory that's going to identify species, health and maintenance issues.
- The tree canopy analysis is looking at your current coverage of tree canopy and that's broken up by census data.
- Land coverage in tree canopy, and this is an aerial, high resolution aerial photography.
- Ontario is in what is called the Columbia tomato region; to grow in this type of environment you have to be really strategic and careful about the type of trees and conditions you're creating for them.
- Next steps – tree inventory, vulnerability assessment, and we can include some really basic, clear maintenance, cleaning, watering guidelines, full chain installation details.

- We want to provide guidance for the future; if people are planting street trees they can reference this in general. It takes both public and private partnerships to keep the country healthy. Use this as a city guide for managing your public infrastructure.
- We will meet the city council in the next month or so, repeat this presentation and get their feedback on the process before starting to prepare for the open house in the summer.
- Then work with the community to finalize the plan and get its implementation.

MOORE PARK MASTERPLAN - TOM

- Breaking the plan into three phases:
 - Phase 1 – Connecting sidewalks, behind the stage up against the fireplace and solon locations
 - Phase 2 – Signage, art benches and tables
 - Phase 3 – Fencing, landscaping and tree installation.

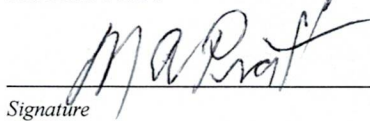
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- Study completed on previous dump site has no major issues.
- Took all information to the city council, and now time to bring in the committees for discussion.
- The image provided was out of the master plan, however, does not mean this is exactly what we want.
- Would like to join a partnership with the recreation district and the schools. Similar to the swimming pool, where the city helps get it built, then lets them take it over to retain it.
- Keep this on your agenda as a talking point and hopefully the recreation district will make some meetings and be involved in it. It should be part of recreation.

ADJOURN ~ 7:15 P.M.

Committee members moved and seconded **TO ADJOURN**: Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:



Signature

(Chairman Michael Pratt, Vice-Chairman Michael Partin)



Date

APPROVED AUG 20 2026