

1 **Clatsop County Recreational Lands Planning and Advisory Committee**
2 **Regular Meeting**

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4 **MINUTES**

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6 **Thursday, July 27th, 2023**
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8 Members Present: Tom Sayre (TS), Lynne Leland (LL), Steve Ferguson (SF), Brad Catton (BC),
9 Mike Hinton (MH)

10 Member Absent: None

11 Commissioner Liaisons Present: Pamela Wev (PW)

12 Public Present: None

13 Staff Present: Steve Meshke (SM), Erica Keyser (EK)
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15 **Welcome and Call to Order**

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17 Chairperson called the committee meeting to order at 1302.
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19 **Agenda Approval**

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21 Agenda was approved.
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23 **Minutes**

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25 The minutes for June 29, 2023 were approved as presented.
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27 **Public Comment**

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31 **Parks Report**

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33 SM shared the Westport County Park Caretaker has completed her contract and found another
34 place to go. The new host is traveling this way and should be at the park in early August.
35 Topsoil for the Westport playground should arrive in late August to September. SM has an
36 updated state approved contract for playground equipment companies.
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38 All parks are receiving annual summer maintenance. The shelters at Cullaby Lake are busy with
39 reservations. August weekends are booked and most of September as well. Cullaby had a slight
40 blue-green algae bloom. The wind pushes it around the lake. Parks staff checks in everyday
41 with SM on the condition of the lake water. MH commented on wetland blue line streams that
42 feed into West Lake. He's concerned about streams allegedly filled in by property owners and
43 the use of herbicide possibly feeding blue green algae in local lakes.
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45 **Member Recommendation to BOC Discussion**

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47 Members started the discussion for recommendations for the Board of Commissioners work
48 session, in the fall, concerning the Parks direction and Parks Master Plan update. Each member
49 had time to share thoughts and ideas. Members will record their thoughts, send to EK for
50 compilation and present at the next meeting. Discussion highlights included need for the Plan to
51 be updated, use of consultants for various aspects of the parks, community engagement,

1 regional connection, and meeting the recreational needs of Clatsop County taxpayers and
2 visitors. TS questioned, because of the geographical location of parks in the county, should the
3 focus be on regional park funding or smaller neighborhood parks? Are all the regions getting
4 adequate attention? Should the County hire a consultant to look at properties that could be
5 purchased or held for future County Park use.

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7 **Committee Member Reports**

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9 SF: None

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19 **Commissioner Report**

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23 **Next Meeting**

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27 **Adjourn**

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29 As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 15:00

30 Respectfully Submitted,

31 *Brad Catton*

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33 Brad Catton, Chair