



City of Chelan

**Parks and Recreation Advisory
Board Meeting
July 16, 2026**

BOARDMEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Boardmembers:

Janet Heg
Brad Nelson
Linda Reister

Staff Present:

Parks and Recreation Director Audrey Cooper

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:15pm.

2. AGENDA CHANGES

None.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Items not on the agenda. Time limited per the President.

Debra Taylor from Swanson Gulch shared that Don Morse Park on the evening of the drone show on July 5th had overflowing trash cans, dirty bathrooms, and some restrooms were locked.

Vicki Martz from Lakeside shared about jet ski activity at Lakeside Park around the new T-Dock and that dogs were observed in the park over the holiday weekend.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Athletic Facility Use & Fees Policy

Parks Board reviewed and discussed the draft Athletic Facility Use & Fees policy presented by Director Cooper. The board provided feedback on the criteria which determines eligibility for discounts in fees with consideration for both home location of participants and level of financial scholarship awarded to participants. The board requested Director Cooper to incorporate their feedback into the policy and bring it back for review at a future meeting.

B. Chelan Gorge Park User Group Engagement Discussion

Parks Advisory Board President Reister asked the board if they support her reaching out to the leagues that currently use the Chelan Gorge Park fields to get their input on improvements that can be made to the facilities in the short term. There was support from the Board to proceed with the outreach.

Director Cooper stated that the current recreational use agreement with the PUD for Chelan Gorge Park is expiring at the end of 2026. This agreement has been in place since 1996, with multiple amendments to extend the agreement by 5-10 year increments. The board recommended the City amend the agreement and extend the lease at least five years. Boardmember Heg asked if the agreement could be amended again later if the City made improvements to the park and wanted a longer term lease.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Parks and Recreation Month Proclamation

Director Cooper shared the Proclamation made by Mayor McCardle during the July 14th, 2026 City Council Meeting for Parks and Recreation Month and that staff were recognized and appreciated this week.

6. PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR AND CITY STAFF COMMENTS

Director Cooper gave updates on parking over the 4th of July Weekend, woody debris clean-up efforts on the beaches, recent grant applications, and the City's budget schedule for the remainder of the year.

7. BOARD COMMENTS

Boardmember Heg asked about the benefit of jet skis using the docks at Lakeside Park and requested the board to consider the prohibition of motorized watercraft at Lakeside Park. Boardmember Heg asked about improving the signage regarding when dogs are permitted in the park and for Parks staff to consider conflict management training if the City chooses to hire park security internally in 2027.

Board President Reister asked for an update on the requests from City Council regarding the Golf Course following the June Joint meeting.

Councilmember Chitty shared a meeting with the Tribes and City staff regarding potential collaboration on the installation of signage along the Lakeside Trail.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.

MOTION:	I move to adjourned the meeting.
MOVER:	Boardmember Janet Heg
SECONDER:	Boardmember Brad Nelson
AYES:	Boardmember Janet Heg, Boardmember Bard Nelson, Boardmember Linda Reister
NAYS:	None
RESULT:	Motion Passes

**The meeting was adjourned
at 6:35 P.M.**

**Date
Approved:**

Audrey Cooper
Parks and Recreation Director

[NAME]
Chair