



Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

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REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES

April 21, 2026, 6:00 PM

PenMet Parks District Headquarters - 2416 14th Ave NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335

Call to Order Time: 6:00 PM

Commissioner Roll Call:

	Present	Excused	Comment
William C. (Billy) Sehmel, President	x		
Kurt Grimmer, Clerk	x		
Steve Nixon	x		Via Zoom
Maryellen (Missy) Hill	x		
Laurel Kingsbury	x		

Quorum? Yes

ITEM 1 President's Report

We welcomed the Names Family Foundation, who held their annual retreat here at the Rec Center; also met with some Gig Harbor City Council members regarding collaboration opportunities; also met with member of Gig Harbor Peninsula (GHP) Youth Sports Coalition to discuss sports and partnership opportunities; enjoyed a pleasant time with family, biking along the Cushman trail.

ITEM 2 Executive Director's Report

Executive Director, Ally Bujacich, provides brief presentation.

Introduction to new staff member, Sarah Thompson, who joined PenMet as an Accounting Specialist with the Finance Department in April.

April 22 marks first day of the Peninsula Art League (PAL) Spring member show at Rec Center, featured on PAL Art Wall; all are invited to reception Thursday, 5-7 p.m. at the Rec Center; juried show runs through June 22.

Outdoors For All Adaptive cycling center, located between Rec Center and Cushman Trail, opens May 1; riders seven and up can enjoy free, onsite day use of adaptive cycles from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. on a first come first served basis; recent pop-up event featured Outdoors For All adaptive cycles during part of our adaptive Egg Scramble.

Board Comment: Stopped by the pop-up event to say hello and thank them for bringing equipment and saw joy on the faces of those attending.

ITEM 3 Special Presentations

3a. January and February 2026 Financial Report

Director of Finance, Jessica Wigle, provides a brief presentation, reviewing budgeted and actual year-to-date revenue and expenses for January and February 2026.



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Board Question: Does the Recreation Center revenue include any earnings from District Headquarters? **Answer:** No, District Headquarters are separate.

Board Question: Do we have last year's numbers for comparison of the athletic fields, Sehmel Homestead Park (SHP) and other facilities? **Answer:** Yes, we will include those as part of First Quarter review.

Board Comment: If we don't see movement soon regarding Madrona Links Golf Course operations, an amendment sooner rather than later would be helpful to provide clarity in future financial reports.

ITEM 4 Board Committee Reports

- 4a. **Park Services Committee** – Has not met since last meeting.
- 4b. **Finance Committee** – Has not met since last meeting.
- 4c. **Recreation Services Committee** – Has not met since last meeting.
- 4d. **Campaign Committee** – Has not met since last meeting.
- 4e. **External Committees**

Initial meeting was held with representatives from PenMet Parks, Peninsula School District, Pierce County, City of Gig Harbor, Fire Department and KeyPen Parks regarding initial conversation about blue zone and environmental longevity.

YMCA Advisory Board Committee met and celebrated Executive Director Gonzalez's work as he is departing for San Diego to accept a position at another YMCA. Tom Taylor YMCA is rapidly recruiting for a replacement.

ITEM 5 Public Comments:

No Speakers

ITEM 6 Minutes

- 6a. **Approval of April 7, 2026 Study Session Minutes**
- 6b. **Approval of April 7, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner moved to adopt the minutes as presented

Commissioner seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried.

ITEM 7 Consent Agenda

- 7a. **Resolution C2026-006 Authorizing Submission of Recreation And Conservation Office Grant Applications**

Commissioner moved to adopt the consent agenda as presented

Commissioner seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried.

ITEM 8 Unfinished Business



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**8a. RR2026-002 Adopting Policy P20-101: Amended Rules for Park Use
(second reading)**

This item was moved and seconded on April 7th, 2026.

No further presentation by staff; No further board discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried.

ITEM 9 New Business

9.1 Purchasing Resolutions Requiring One Reading for Adoption – None

9.2 Single Reading Resolutions Requiring One Reading for Adoption – None

9.3 Two Reading Resolutions Requiring Two Readings for Adoption – None

ITEM 10 Comments by Board

Compliments for Outdoors for All; awesome program we are glad to be partnering with; thrilled they are hosting services and equipment here, as their second location and only site in Pierce County; looking forward to seeing the new program and smiles.

Park Use Rules noted a first reading on 1/6/26, should be corrected to show reading on 4/7/26 meeting. Staff notes agenda contained a typo and confirmed the first reading was held 1/6/26; minutes corrected accordingly.

Excitement for the pickleball tournament coming up at the Rec Center; connected with a few local pickleball players who shared tips for more confident play.

ITEM 11 Next Board Meetings

May 5, 2026 - Study Session at 5:00 pm and Regular Meeting at 6:00 pm at PenMet Parks District Headquarters - 2416 14th Ave NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335

ITEM 12 Executive Session

12a. The Board of Park Commissioners will now meet in executive session for a period of 60 minutes to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (b).

The estimated length of time for the executive session is 60 minutes.

The Board is not expected to take final action following the executive session.

The board is starting executive session at: 6:30 PM

The board ended the executive session at: 7:30 PM

ITEM 13 Adjournment Time: 7:30 PM

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Approved By the Board on May 5, 2026

William C. (Billy) Sehmel, Board President

Kurt Grimmer, Board Clerk

Attest: Emily Murphy, Board Secretary