



Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA – MINUTES

April 07, 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:

Secretary:

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

Quorum? Yes

ITEM 1 President's Report

A number of comments have been shared by the community on how well the Egg Hunt went; also heard from a family who are thankful for the DeMolay Sandspit park, as they have seen whales multiple times from the park in recent weeks.

ITEM 2 Executive Director's Report

Director of Operations, Brynn Grimley, provides brief presentation on behalf of Executive Director Bujacich.

Introduction of new staff members joining PenMet in March: Gerard LeGrange, Facility Specialist and Summer Johndrow, IT Intern.

Recent Teen Flashlight Egg Hunt and Specialized and Adaptive Egg Scramble, both held at Harborstone Field, as well as the Spring Egg Hunt at Sehmel Homestead park were very successful; thanks to our staff and generous sponsors.

New Veteran's Walking Club program kicked off its inaugural walk on a rainy day earlier this month; the Board's generous support to sponsor this program, making it free for participants is greatly appreciated.

Summer Camp registration is underway, with over 1,100 already complete; overall camp fill rate is currently at approximately 38%.

ITEM 3 Special Presentations – None

ITEM 4 Board Committee Reports

4a. Park Services Committee – Met 3/27/26

Discussion of progress on DeMolay Sandspit project design, permitting and accessibility as well as need for clear public communication, potential seasonal security measures as site transitions.



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Discussion of Signage Master Plan progress, additional stakeholder outreach.

Butterfield Forrest is on track for June opening, pending completion of cultural resource review and maintenance tasks.

Review ongoing maintenance priorities to ensure safe, high-quality parks.

Next meeting scheduled for 4/24/26.

4b. Finance Committee – Has not met since last meeting

4c. Recreation Services Committee – Has not met since last meeting

4d. Campaign Committee – Met 3/27/26

Capital Campaign 99% complete; working on raising last \$14,000 of \$4 million.

Discussion of PenMet Parks Foundation and District priority alignment; review of PenMet Parks Foundation first 'Pillars of Service.'

Next meeting scheduled for 4/24/26.

4e. External Committees

Tomorrow morning's YMCA Advisory Board meets tomorrow to celebrate outgoing Executive Director Efrain Gonzalez; hear update on interim plan.

ITEM 5 Public Comments:

NO SPEAKERS

ITEM 6 Minutes

6a. Approval of March 17, Study Session Meeting Minutes

6b. Approval of March 17, Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner moved to adopt the Minutes as presented.
Commissioner seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

ITEM 7 Consent Agenda

7a. Resolution C2026-004 Approving Asset Names for Certain PenMet Parks Recreation Center Campus Facilities

7b. Resolution C2026-005 Approving Vouchers from February and March 2026

Commissioner moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.
Commissioner seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Unanimously approved. Motion carried

ITEM 8 Unfinished Business – None

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



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9.3a Resolution RR2026-002 Adopting Policy P20-101: Amended Rules for Park Use

Commissioner moved to adopt the Minutes as presented.
Commissioner seconded.

Director of Park Services, John Laughery, provides brief presentation, noting history of adoption and amendments; significant change and evolution of industry trends, best practices, emerging park use since last update; updated amendment reviewed and approved by Legal.

Staff recommends approval.

Board Comment: Appreciates the review and presentation; believes the update will help capture and address needs and issues; we will still likely need to examine and evaluate measures for enforcement; appropriate park use rules and regulations are prominently posted currently and still regularly see things like off leash dogs, fireworks, unauthorized e-bikes and others.

Second reading will be at the April 21, 2026 meeting.

ITEM 10 Comments by Board

Participated, with family, in the Great Sasquatch Hunt at SHP last week and had a great time; the park was in great shape, saw lots of others participating; kudos to Rec and Maintenance staff for a great event and for keeping our parks beautiful;

Also have heard from other neighbors and community members who are really enjoying the Great Sasquatch event; they are engaged and excited to play.

Commissioner Nixon will attend the next meeting remotely.

ITEM 11 Next Board Meetings

April 21, 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 Adjournment Time: 6:19 pm

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Approved By the Board on April 21, 2026


William C. (Billy) Sehmel, Board President


Kurt Grimmer, Board Clerk


Attest: Amanda Walston, Board Secretary