



Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 17, 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:

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 – none

ITEM 2 Executive Director's Report

Executive Director, Ally Bujacich, provides brief presentation **noting registration** for youth Spring sports is fully open, with 530 athletes currently enrolled in all four sports including indoor soccer and girls' volleyball, which are new, in addition to flag football and baseball.

First of quarterly Family Fun Nights, featuring a Glow theme, at the Rec Center was very popular. With 750 in attendance, this far exceeded the estimated 200, and highlights a demonstrated need in our community for recreational opportunities. Staff are evaluating resources, frequency and planning for future events, with the next night scheduled for 5/8/26, theme to be announced.

Demolition of existing structures at Sunrise Beach and Wollochet Bay Estuary begin this week and will make way for future structures to accommodate a variety of activity, as recommended in the Caretaker's Assessment report published last year.

ITEM 3 Special Presentations

3a. December 2025 Financial Report

Director of Finance, Jessica Wigle, provides a brief presentation, reviewing budgeted and year-to-date revenue and expenses for December 2025

Board Question: Recreation Revenue Fund shows we were under the budgeted amount for Sports and Fitness for the year; any significant reason? **Answer:** Will look into and provide more specific data to the Board, but it is likely due to the Rec Center opening in July, as opposed to scheduled April opening; aquatics programming was also originally scheduled for 2025 but was pushed out to 2026.

Board Question: Sports and Fitness expenses also appear to be under budget for the year, are reasons along same lines? **Answer:** Staff will



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gather specific data on that as well, but typically when we come in under revenue, we see similar trend in expenses. Next Study Session will be an update on Rec Center Operations; we will likely see a decrease in expenses due to not standing up those programs until further into the year.

Board Comments: That is very helpful, appreciate the information. When looking at this from a sustainable revenue perspective, the reason and correlation between lower revenue and less expenses makes good sense.

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** – None to report

ITEM 5 Public Comments:

NO SPEAKERS

ITEM 6 Minutes

6a. Approval of February 3, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Roll Call Vote: Unanimously approved. Motion carried.

ITEM 7 Consent Agenda – no items

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

9.2a R2026-004 Authorizing the Executive Director to Sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Gig Harbor Women's Mutual Association DBA Gig Harbor Women's Co-Op

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

Executive Director Bujacich provides brief presentation, including background and project summary, noting alignment with Strategic Plan and Parks, Recreation, Open Space (PROS) Plan goals to strengthen strategic partnerships and help provide more opportunities for our community. Gig Harbor Women's Co-Op (GHWC) provides community benefit through service opportunities for its 400+ membership and has worked collaboratively with PenMet serving our community with their support of several



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projects and events, including Scarecrow Festival, Halloween events, Pierce County Trails Day and lunch preparation for our mobile rec program. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was developed by both parties and formalizes our partnership, outlining our shared responsibilities and commitments. Staff recommends approval.

Board Comments: Fully support this partnership, having volunteered on multiple occasions alongside GHWC; Will be a great opportunity and partnership.

Roll Call Vote: Unanimously approved. Motion carried

9.3 Two Reading Resolutions Requiring Two Readings for Adoption – none

ITEM 10 Comments by Board

Family and friends attended Family Fun Glow Night, came back with rave reviews; thrilled, as a District, to offer so many opportunities for all different ages, abilities and interests; thanks to staff for putting it on, and looking forward to more opportunities like this.

Noticed on social media, a post from a family that attended their first ever semi-pro soccer game, watching South Sound FC at the Rec Center, and they were overjoyed to be able to experience that here in their own community.

ITEM 11 Next Board Meetings

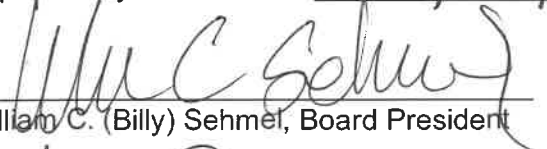
March 3, 2026 - Study Session at 5:00 pm and Regular Meeting at 6:00 pm at PenMet Parks District Headquarters - 2416 14th Ave NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335

ITEM 12 Adjournment Time: 6:21 pm


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Approved By the Board on 03/03/2026


William C. (Billy) Sehmel, Board President


Kurt Grimmer, Board Clerk


Attest: Amanda Walston, Board Secretary