

Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission

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PIPRC Meeting Minutes: Monday June 8, 2026 @ 3:30 PM

In Attendance: Chair Tim Frick, Comms Lisa Baile, Kevin Balmer, Cecilia Suh, Paul Kubik, Connie Sears, CRD Area Director Paul Brent

Staff: Ben Symons (Maintenance), Rob Fawcett (Projects Coordinator), Melody Pender (CRD), Matthew Coutts (admin)

Regrets: Comms Carolyn Cartwright-Owers, Andrea Mills, Justine Stark (CRD)

1. Call to Order: 3:31 pm

2. **Territorial Acknowledgement:** Provided by Chair Frick.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

MOTION: That PIPRC approves the June, 2026, agenda as submitted.

M - Comm Suh S- Comm Balmer

Outcome: **Carried**

4. **Approval of Previous Minutes**

MOTION: That PIPRC approves the May meeting minutes as submitted.

M- Comm Balmer S- Comm Baile

Outcome: **Carried**

5. **Delegation(s):** None attended

6. **Correspondence and Business Arising**

6.1 Chair Report - Tim Frick - Summary of plan of action and project in progress.

6.2 Correspondence - No correspondence of significance.

7. **Operations**

7.1 Maintenance Ben Symons: Maintenance on parks ongoing through summer and major projects are preparing next steps The Magic Lake dock construction will get underway in the next few weeks. PIPRC may need to rally volunteers to help move the dock to the lake.

Shingle Bay reviewed for volleyball court location, Ben confident there will be minimal issues should we move forward. Selected location not believed to have an impact on local flora or fauna.

Thieves Bay Park soccer net is falling into disrepair, Ben recommended we purchase a new net to replace it. Chair Frick clarified that Maintenance can cover

minimal purchase cost of a net from its budget without board approval.

Ben flagged concern about the Enchanted Forest fairy doors, which brings the attention of those who would leave tchotchkes and decorations that end up as litter. The fairy door exhibit was spearheaded by a school group, Tim will flag the issue for PIESS rep Liis Graham.

Discussion turned to kayak launch options on South Pender, and touched on the benefit of improving kayak launch access island wide.

8. Projects

8.1 Capital Projects Rob Fawcett

Determined that acceptable wood for Thieves Bay Pavillion cannot be sourced from Pender and Projects will connect potential sources on Vancouver Island.

The bouldering wall group is nearing its fundraising target and is confident in the final stages being finished. Rob Fawcett recommended we order the construction of the bouldering wall.

Moving Around Pender is preparing next steps for the Einars Hill Trail project and on track to start construction this summer. PIPRC has already approved a partnership with MAP that allows them to access the rock necessary

CRD Kiosk is almost ready for construction and to be placed at the end of Schooner Way - School Trail, at Danny Martin Park.

9. Finance & Communications

9.1 Treasurer's Report - Full report pending final review and will be presented at the next meeting.

9.2 Communications -

9.2.1 Social Media update

Discussion about being more active on Facebook, with conversation about guidelines highlighted the issue of the comment section. Agreed posts should urge commenters to attend public meetings, and provide Pender Parks email address. Comm. Sears volunteered to help manage social media with the understanding comments will be closed.

9.2.2 Pender Post report

The CRD has submitted a summary on the policy on dogs in parks. Chair Frick will be included in a writeup, which can include Magic Lake dock project update as well as Enchanted Forest litter issue.

10. New Business

10.1 MLPOS Speed Limit at Danny Martin Park

Motion THAT PIPRC supports the Magic Lake Property Owners Society's desire to seek a 30 KPH Park Zone designation for Danny Martin Park.

M - Baile S - Comm Sears

Carried

11. In Camera

MOTION: THAT the Pender Parks and Recreation Commission close the meeting pursuant to Section 90-1(e) of the Community Charter (land acquisition) and that CRD staff be allowed to attend and invite staff to attend.

M- S-

Carried

Time In: 4:26 pm Time Out: 4:44 pm

11. Next Meeting Date: July 13, 2026, at 3:30 pm

12. Adjournment:

MOTION: THAT PIPRC adjourn the meeting

M- Comm Sears S- Comm

Carried

Meeting closed: 4:56 pm