



Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District (Key Pen Parks)

ADOPTED MINUTES

Board of Park Commissioners

Monday, July 14, 2025 @ 7:00 PM

Meeting Room, Key Peninsula Fire Protection District 16, Station No 47
1921 Key Peninsula Hwy NW, Home WA

1, 2, 3. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call

Executive Director Tracey Perkosky called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: President Linda Parry, Vice President Ed Robison, Clerk Kip Clinton, Commissioner Shawn Jensen, and Commissioner Mark Michel

4. Meeting Agenda Approval

Clerk Clinton requested to add to New Business on the agenda as “13b Discussion on 18 acres of land owned on 144th St NW (Poleline Rd). Commissioner Jensen moved approval of the amended agenda. Seconded by President Parry. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Special Presentations

- a. Executive Director Perkosky presented a certificate of appreciation to Sarah Harwell on behalf of the Board of Park Commissioners for her wonderful partnership as the Key Peninsula Little League Players Agent and contract liaison.
- b. Executive Director Perkosky gave an update on upcoming events.

6. Public Comment

Sami Jensen expressed her appreciation for the Commissioners who assisted at the Family Fun Fest event and appreciated the extended Scott Gallacher Memorial Spray and Play Park hours that day.

7. Approval of Minutes

a. *Regular Meeting of June 9, 2025*

Recommended Action: Approve Meeting Minutes

Previously submitted changes were submitted by Commissioner Jensen to correct the vote count.

MOTION: Clerk Clinton moved approval of the regular meeting minutes for June 9, 2025, as corrected. Seconded by Commissioner Jensen. Motion carried 5-0.

b. *Special Meeting of June 16, 2025*

Recommended Action: Approve meeting minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner Jensen moved approval of the special meeting minutes for June 16, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Michel. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Financial Report

None due to timing of Pierce County monthly closeout and staff vacation.

9. Executive Director Report

Director Perkosky provided a written report which was augmented by a short update on the decision to prohibit grills in parks due to high fire danger. Vice President Robison asked about any fireworks for July 4th.

10. Board Committee and Advisory Council Reports

- a. *Land and Improvements Committee* – None
- b. *Trail Committee Update* – Next meeting is scheduled for July 21st.

11. Unfinished Business

- a. *Direction on Potential Land Acquisition Adjacent to Key Central Forest*

Director Perkosky provided a short presentation on the item. There was discussion on price of nearby properties for sale and zoning.

Staff Recommendation: Provide direction on potential land acquisition on land adjacent to Key Central Forest and indicate which item(s) are removed from the 2025 Goal list to add this work if the acquisition is desired.

DIRECTION: Board is not interested in this parcel at this time, but the Director should monitor it and if the landowners are interested in negotiating to reach out to the District.

12. Public Hearing

- a. *Public Hearing on If Key Pen Parks Should Endorse Pierce County Fire District 16 Proposition 1 – EMS Levy and Adoption of Resolution R 2025-06*

Director Perkosky gave a short presentation on the item including a correction to the title and resolution that this was a Levy Lid Lift and not a new levy.

President Parry opened Public Comment at 7:15 PM.

Sami Jensen spoke in support of the levy lid lift and encouraged the Board to support it.

President Parry closed Public Comment at 7:16 PM

Staff Recommendation: Provide direction on the next steps including approval of Resolution R 2025-06.

MOTION: Vice President Robison moved approval of Resolution R 2025-06 with the corrected title, "A Resolution of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District to Endorse the August 5, 2025, Pierce County Fire District 16 Emergency Medical Services Levy Lid Lift," and changing all references of "levy" to "levy lid lift". Seconded by Commissioner Michel. Motion carried 3-0-2 (Jensen and Clinton, abstain).

13. New Business

a. Direction on Creation of a Park Ambassador Program for the Remainder of 2025

Executive Director Perkosky gave a presentation on the item. Vice President Robison stated that this program has been needed for a long time. Commissioner Jensen requested that the program design be brought back to the Board.

Staff Recommendation: Approve the creation of the new manager position and direct staff to bring a budget amendment to the August meeting.

MOTION: Vice President Robison moved to bring back to the Board the program design and budget amendment to the next Regular meeting. Clerk Clinton seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Discussion on 18 Acres of Land Owned on 144th St NW

Clerk Clinton spoke on opening the discussion on whether the District should maintain ownership of this parcel, which was a tax title purchase for \$2,900. It currently does not serve a purpose for the District and for the Board to consider divesting, It is zoned Parks and Recreation.

Vice President Robison spoke about access issues on the road due to disputes with Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU). There is no expense to the District as we are not maintaining the property. Original plan to swap the land for timberland or trails on 144th St NW. Commissioner Michel spoke of benefits such as access to nearby privately owned trails or as portion of future regional trails.

DIRECTION: Take no action to divest of the parcel at this time. Consider adding to 2026 budget to explore right of way options with TPU and Pierce County for trails.

14. Executive Session

a. Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) 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.

b. Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(f) To receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee. However, upon the request of such officer or employee, a public hearing or a meeting open to the public shall be conducted upon such complaint or charge.

President Parry read the Executive Sessions into the record. Executive Session began at 7:39 PM with a return time of 8:05 PM. It was extended to 8:10 PM and again to 8:15 PM. President Parry reconvened public session at 8:15 PM and reported that Executive Session was concluded and no decisions were made. Vice President Robison made a motion to extend a final offer for the Zeren property at \$2,700,000 and "as-is". Seconded by Clerk Clinton. Motion carried 5-0.

15. Other Minor Matters

Clerk Clinton shared an update on the Key Peninsula Advisory Commission (KPAC) meeting for July 24th.

16. Good of the Order/Comments by Board Members

Clerk Clinton commented on the successful Family Fun Fest event and President Parry concurred.

17. Next Meeting

Regular Meeting on August 11, 2025, in the Meeting Room at Key Peninsula Fire Protection District 16, Station No 47, 1921 Key Peninsula Hwy NW, Home WA 98349.

18. Adjournment

Adjourn at 8:19 PM

Respectfully submitted by Executive Director Perkosky.

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Adopted: Regular Meeting, August 11, 2025

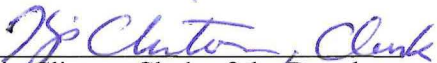
Ayes: Parry, Jensen, Michel, Robison, Clinton

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

Attest:


Kip Clinton, Clerk of the Board