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Virtual Meeting Information

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- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER WITH ROLL CALL.**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 3. PARKS PLAN UPDATE**
City Planner Emily Adams
- 4. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. BMX Park/Skate Park/Pump Track
 - B. Gratzer Park Update
 - C. Pavement – Pave Parking Area in Main City Park
- 5. PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT**
- 6. NEXT AGENDA /ACTION ITEMS/ ROUND TABLE REVIEW**
- 7. ADJOURNMENT**

PARKS, TRAILS & OPEN SPACE PLAN

City of Orting



CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION AND SETTING

PURPOSE

The Orting *Parks, Trails & Open Space Plan* is intended to guide the acquisition of land and development of facilities for recreation and open space uses over the next 20 years. Goals, policies and capital facilities needs established in this plan are adopted into the City's Comprehensive Plan.

LOCATION

Orting is a small town located in the valley between the Carbon and Puyallup Rivers in Pierce County, Washington. The City is completely surrounded by County land and does not share a boundary with any other city or town. The main point of access is via Highway 162 which bisects the City from northwest to southeast. Orting is built on lahar deposits from Mount Rainier and has commanding views of the mountain throughout town. The City was incorporated in 1889, and today encompasses approximately 2.80 square miles, of which almost 0.1 square miles is water.

Orting is blessed with many natural features that support recreation. The rivers and gentle topography of the valley floor provide many opportunities for passive recreation. For years, residents were able to satisfy most recreation needs by using these natural resources, school facilities, and the surrounding area. However, as the City grew considerably throughout the 90s and early 2000s more parks were added within the City. Today, as space becomes limited and there are ample parks within the City, residents desire additional facilities and amenities within existing park spaces.

COMMUNITY PROFILE

In the time since the 2015 update of this plan, the population of Orting has increased from 7,290 to 9,041 people (2020 Census), an increase of 24%. From 2010 to 2020 the population increased by 34%.

Table 1.1: Population Trends

Year	Population ¹	% Change
2010	6,746	
2011	6,770	0.36%
2012	6,790	0.30%
2013	6,930	2.06%
2014	7,065	1.95%
2015	7,290	3.18%
2016	7,525	3.22%
2017	7,835	4.12%
2018	8,105	3.45%
2019	8,380	3.39%
2020	9,041	7.88%

Orting currently has a fairly even distribution of ages, with no one age group making up a large majority. All age groups are between approximately 4 and 8% of the total population. The largest outlier is those aged 80 to 84 which make up approximately 1.1% of the population and those 85+ which make up 1.4% of the population (see Table 1.2, below). This is a noticeable difference from the age distribution five years prior where 2014 saw the largest

majority of the population aged between 30 to 34 years old (17%) and 25 to 29 years old (15.1%).

Table 1.2: Age Distribution

Age	2019		2014	
	Total	Percent	Total	Percent
Under 5 years	633	7.9%	585	8.4%
5 to 9 years	670	8.4%	769	11.1%
10 to 14 years	532	6.6%	554	8.0%
15 to 19 years	497	6.2%	364	5.2%
20 to 24 years	431	5.4%	429	6.2%
25 to 29 years	526	6.6%	1050	15.1%
30 to 34 years	697	8.7%	1181	17.0%
35 to 39 years	593	7.4%	713	10.3%
40 to 44 years	482	6.0%	321	4.6%
45 to 49 years	551	6.9%	235	3.4%
50 to 54 years	650	8.1%	383	5.5%
55 to 59 years	426	5.3%	189	2.7%
60 to 64 years	372	4.6%	168	2.4%
65 to 69 years	274	3.4%	585	8.4%
70 to 74 years	310	3.9%	769	11.1%
75 to 79 years	165	2.1%	554	8.0%
80 to 84 years	92	1.1%	364	5.2%
85 years and over	111	1.4%	429	6.2%

Source: American Community Survey via data.census.gov

¹ 2010 and 2020 population counts are from the decennial census. 2011-2019 are population estimates from the American Community Survey.

The City's population is projected to increase by approximately 550 people by the year 2044.² This would result in a total population of approximately 9,591 people. This projection is a 6.1% increase over 23 years (0.265% a year), a much slower growth rate than the City has historically seen. This slower growth rate is due to the limited land that remains within the City and no anticipated annexations.

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PLAN HISTORY

In March 2003, the Orting City Council adopted the *Parks, Trails & Open Space Plan* (PTOS Plan). The PTOS Plan assessed how well parks and recreation facilities served Orting's population and described the community's vision for the future of its parks system. A number of significant outcomes followed the 2003 adoption of the PTOS Plan:

- Language from the PTOS Plan was adopted into Orting's Comprehensive Plan, including policies for capital facilities planning and policies which established Level of Service (LOS) standards for parks and trails.
- Orting's Development Regulations provided for the collection of impact fees for parks.
- Adoption of the PTOS Plan rendered Orting eligible for a variety of funding sources for parks and recreation development.

In June 2010, the Orting City Council adopted an update to the PTOS Plan. The update included a revised inventory with nearly double the 2003 park land and outlined ongoing parks planning activities. The results of these planning activities included increased river access with over 20 public access points now established. In 2015 the PTOS Plan was updated again and included an updated inventory reflecting new parks and recreation spaces acquired by the City and considered projected population growth out to 2040 to calculate future demand.

This document represents an update to Orting's 2015 PTOS Plan. It includes a new look at LOS standards given the City's lack of space to acquire new park land and considers the City's slowing growth with a project population growth out to 2044 to calculate future demand.

CHALLENGES

The Orting residential population nearly doubled in size from 2000 to 2010 and increased by approximately 2,000 people from 2010 to 2019. The population in 2020

² The 2021 Puget Sound Regional Council Growth Target forecast data estimates an additional 550 people in Orting by 2044.

was 9,041 people.³ The LOS standards established in the 2003 PTOS Plan were essential in ensuring the parks inventory grew with the population, and that new development was paying for its share through a parks impact fee. However, growth is forecasted to occur at a slower rate given the constraints on land availability.

The PTOS Plan continues to evaluate existing resources that the City feels should be included as part of the parks planning process; for example, incorporating potential river access points as identified in Orting’s Shoreline Management Program into the Capital Facilities Element, or addressing community access to school recreational facilities.

Additionally, an effort has been made to reduce redundancies between the PTOS Plan and other adopted City plans, therefore some text has been removed and replaced with references.

PROCESS

The Parks Board, City Council, and the public have contributed to the update of this plan.

In keeping with past methodologies, the PTOS Plan uses an equitable method of ensuring that all new growth addresses its proportionate share of the impacts on parks and recreation by collecting mitigation fees based on those impacts. This requires the following steps:

- 1) An updated assessment of current and future demand for open space and recreation facilities that balances numeric data with public opinion and participation;
- 2) An updated inventory of the “supply” of existing land and facilities that accommodates the demand;
- 3) Level of Service (LOS) standards for land and facilities meeting the community’s needs and preferences for parks and recreation;
- 4) A plan for the location and phasing of new improvements over time; and
- 5) A financing/capital improvements plan.

This results in an updated PTOS Plan that is incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan and also used to continue to secure outside funding. Since impact fees can only be used to fund projects resulting from new demand, the City must find other sources to fund projects and activities, including park maintenance, which result from existing demand. These include grants, bonds, and levies.

³ 2020 decennial census count.

The Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) is the state agency that provides grant funds to local governments to fund the planning, design, and construction of facilities. To qualify for RCO funding, the City needs a certified plan that documents the items listed below and shows that the public was involved in preparing the plan. The 2015 update ensured the City’s eligibility through 2022, and the 2022 update maintains the City’s eligibility for another six years through 2028.

The following chart shows the relationships between the state requirements for planning for parks and recreation within the Growth Management Comprehensive Plan and an RCO certified plan. Public involvement is required in both cases. This document meets both requirements.

GMA Parks Element	RCO Certified Parks Plan
Goals and Policies	Goals and Objectives
Level of Service Standards	Goals and Objectives
Inventory of Existing Facilities and Capacities	Inventory
Forecast of Future Needs	Demand and Need Analysis
Proposed Locations and Capacities of New Facilities	Capital Improvement Program
6-Year (Minimum) Financing Plan	Capital Improvement Program

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The PTOS Plan has undergone multiple phases of public involvement. The first public involvement process in 2003 was designed to ensure that Orting residents had the opportunity to shape the initial plan. After adopting the plan in March 2003, the City and the Parks Commission sustained continuous public outreach efforts for the development of Gratzler Park and North Park. Additional public outreach was conducted throughout the 2010 and 2015 update processes.

The most recent outreach effort was launched in the summer of 2021 to gather public input for the 2022 update. The outreach effort included an online survey and attending the weekly farmer’s market at North Park with a City booth to distribute information and receive public feedback. The history of public involvement and the recent outreach efforts are described in detail in Appendix A: Public Outreach and Communication.

PARKS, TRAILS & OPEN SPACE PLAN



City of Orting

CHAPTER 2: EXISTING CONDITIONS & INVENTORY

INTRODUCTION

The City’s park system consists of 19 parks (public and private), three trails, multiple wetland/natural areas, and three schools with associated playfields. The City also offers recreational programming based on demand including tot’s soccer, dance, tumbling, baseball, adult softball, volleyball, art, and dog training.

Schools are also an important resource for recreation and open space. Orting School District (OSD) fields can be used by the public for a rental fee, as available. OSD also gets priority access to the fields at Gratzner Park and prepares the fields (chalk lining, etc.) for use by the middle school and junior varsity teams primarily. There is a large demand for the Gratzner Park baseball fields, with the City having to turn teams (usually youth baseball teams) away at peak times. There are, however, other nearby facilities available to the Orting community including the Lion’s Club fields located southeast of the City.

New facilities at the parks have been designed to accommodate special population needs in terms of access and recreation opportunities. Most recently with the addition of an ADA “spinner” in the main City Park in the summer of 2021.

The residents of Orting are the primary beneficiaries of these parks and recreational services, although surrounding unincorporated Pierce County and nearby cities’ residents benefit as well. Tables below summarize existing parks facilities and recreational programming participation rates.

PARKS, TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE INVENTORY

Table 2.1 summarizes the existing (2021) inventory of City and other public land and facilities. These resources are mapped in Figure 2.1.

Table 2.1: 2021 Inventory of Public Parks, Trails and Open Space

PUBLIC	Park/Facility Name	Area (Acres)	Trail Length (Miles)	Features	# Fields	# Courts
		Memorial Park	0.60		Plantings, Bench, Memorial Rock	
	Triangle Park	0.19		Plantings, Bench, Walkway		
	Three Corners Park	0.19		Plantings, Bench, Walkway		
	Rainier Meadows	0.92		Big Toy, Grassy Area, Half Court, Walkway, Bench		0.5
	Williams Park	0.23		Plantings, Picnic Table, Benches		
	Calistoga Park	6.3		Baseball Field, Big Toy, Parking, Benches, Dog Park	1.0	
	City Park	7.2		Basketball Court, Gazebo, Big Toys, Restrooms, Shelter Area, Benches, Picnic Tables, Horseshoes Pits, Grassy Area, Parking		1.0
	Whitehawk Park	4.0		Half Court, Big Toy, Picnic Tables, Grass T-Ball Field	0.5	0.5
	North Park	1.3		Brick Area, Bollards, Benches, Shelter Building		
	Charter Park	7.6		Skateboard Area, BMX Area, Benches, Picnic Shelter		
	Gratzer Park	17.5		Ballfields (2), Parking, Wetlands, Multi-Purpose Field, Walking Path, Big Toy	3.0	
	Calistoga Levee Wetlands	56.2		Wetlands, Open Space, River Access		
	Carbon River Landing	27.2		Wetlands, Open Space, River Access		
	Rainier Meadows Wetlands	3.2		Wetlands, Open Space		
	Village Green Wetlands Park	40.2		Wetlands, Open Space, River Access		
	Foothills Trail		2.3	Benches, Viewpoints		
	Puyallup River Levee Trail		3.0	Viewpoints, River Access		
	Carbon River Levee Trail		2.6	Viewpoints, River Access		
	Total	172.8	7.9		4.5	2.0

PRIVATE PARKS AND OPEN SPACE INVENTORY

Citizens regularly use additional recreational facilities in and near Orting that are institutionally or privately owned, such as school recreational facilities and Lions Park. The private parks and school facilities within City limits are considered in the

demand and need analysis in Chapter 3 as the public can arrange to access these facilities through fees or request forms.

Table 2.2 summarizes the existing (2021) inventory of privately owned park and recreation facilities, and descriptions of the facilities are provided below.

Table 2.2: 2021 Inventory of Private Parks and Open Space

	Park/Facility Name	Area (Acres)	Trail Length (Miles)	Features	# Fields	# Courts
SCHOOL DISTRICT	School-Parks					
	Orting High School/OES	14.9		Big Toys, Track, 3 Ball Fields, Football & Soccer Field, Restroom, Covered Paved Area	3.0	
	Orting Middle School	12.6		1 Ball Field, Football & Soccer Field, Stadium	3.0	
	Ptarmigan Ridge Elementary	4.3		Grassy Area, Covered Paved Area, Big Toy		
	<i>Total</i>	<i>31.8</i>			<i>6.0</i>	
PRIVATE	Private Neighborhood Parks					
	Village Green Crescent Park	0.49		Big Toy, Half Court		0.5
	Village Green Park	2.19		Picnic Tables, Grassy Area		
	Village Green South Entrance	1.41		Grassy Area, Basketball Court, Shelter, Benches		1.0
	Hidden Lakes Parks (Multiple)	4.48		Benches, Picnic Tables, Water Feature, Half Courts (2), Big Toy		1.0
	Rivers Edge Parks (Multiple)	1.17		Benches, Half Courts (2), Big Toy		1.0
	Village Green North Entrance Sign	0.23		Plantings, Bench		
	Village Green South Entrance Sign	0.04		Plantings		
	<i>Total</i>	<i>10.01</i>				<i>3.5</i>

Orting School District

The School District currently owns and operates outdoor play fields, playgrounds and indoor recreation facilities (gymnasiums). The public can reserve School District facilities through the School District’s website. Rental costs apply for some of the fields (some are free to use) and there is also insurance and COVID requirements for all School District facilities. Although these facilities are available for public use, school programming fills nearly all of the existing capacity.

Residential Developments

There are three residential developments with private parks that are maintained by homeowner's associations: Hidden Lakes, Rivers Edge, and Village Green. During 2021, public outreach at the Farmer's Markets anecdotally indicated the private parks are well used, but mostly by those who live within walking distance (in the neighborhood). This is seen in the 2021 survey results as well with "proximity to your home" being the number one selection for respondents when asked what factors were important when choosing a park to visit.



A mini-park in the River's Edge neighborhood

The Hidden Lakes planned unit development, located on the south side of the Puyallup River, includes multiple mini-parks offering a basketball court, play area, benches, and picnic area. Two of these parks include surface water detention ponds.

The Rivers Edge subdivision includes two mini-parks providing play areas, basketball courts, and benches.

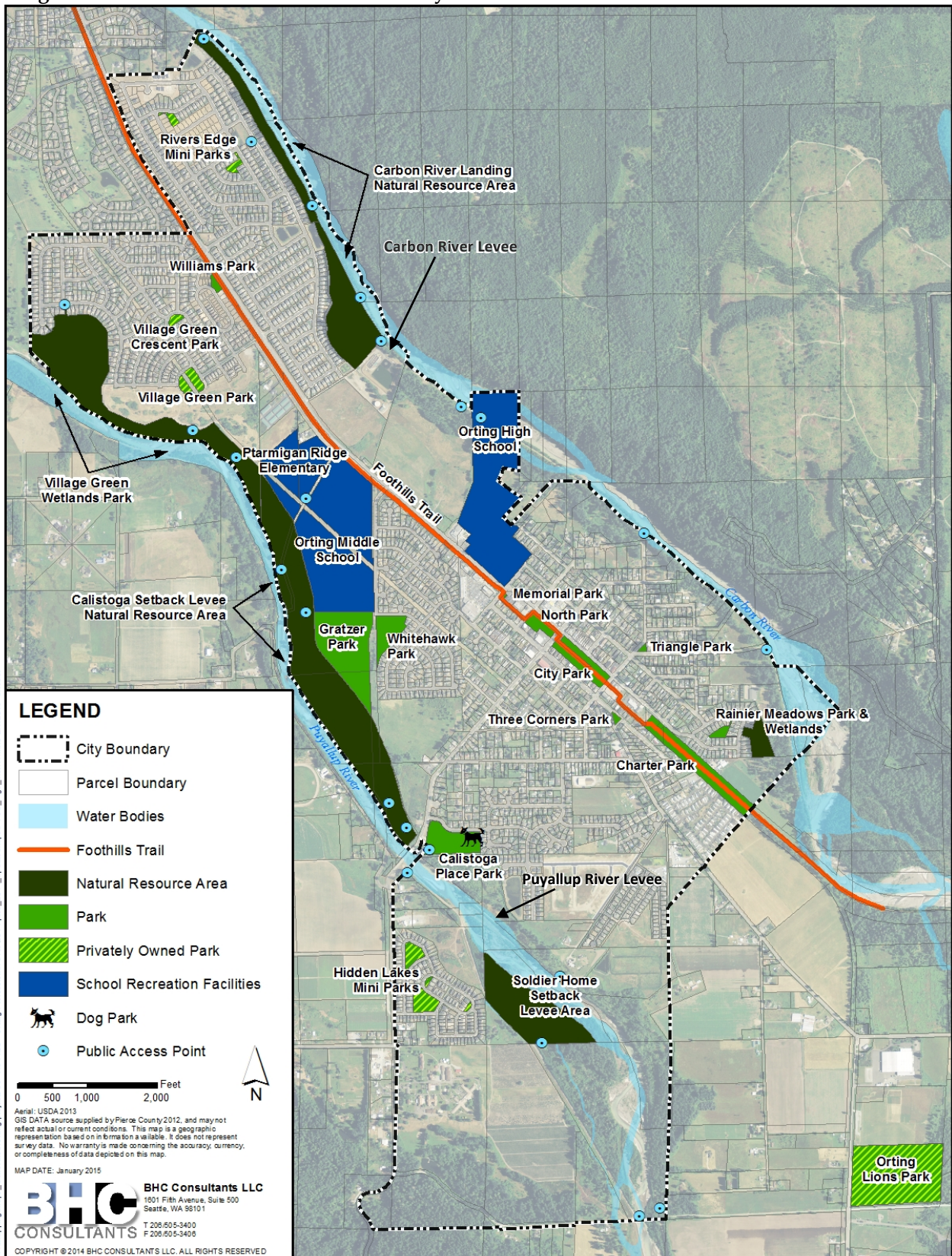
The Village Green planned unit development includes two mini-parks (Village Green Park and Crescent Park) in addition to small dedicated open spaces at either entrance. The planned unit development also included a trailside park which was dedicated to the City as Williams Park and is currently well-used by visitors of the Foothills Trail.

Lions Club

The Orting Lions Club owns and operates a 25-acre site called "Orting Lions Community Park" located southeast of the city limits. This site provides fields for organized t-ball, baseball, softball, and soccer activities, primarily programmed by leagues. The leagues take care of field preparation, and use is subject to a fee. The Lions Club has made several field improvements since the last plan update in 2015, including the installation of a sprinkler system and new dirt infields. The installation of field lighting is a long-range goal. Most field development is completed with volunteer labor.

Figure 2.1 on the following page shows the locations of all the existing sites, both public and private, within Orting.

Figure 2.1: Current Parks and Trails Inventory



Recreation Programming

The City of Orting offers dance, various sports, and other program options. All registrations are paid directly to the City via check or online registration. Registration is handled by City staff. There has not been a formal Parks and Recreation Department in the City since 2020 when the Parks and Recreation Director position was eliminated. A part-time position for events and activities is being added as part of the 2022 City budget.

Programs offered in 2019 and 2020 included:

- Dance
- Tumbling
- Tots Soccer
- Baseball
- Adult Softball
- Volleyball
- Painting
- Dog Training
- Daddy-Daughter Dance

Previously offered programs not currently done include pitch-hit-run competition, CPR/First Aid classes, movies in the park, giant slip-n-slide, karate, and family health-nutrition-fitness class. Offerings are impacted by volunteers, participation (classes are cancelled if a minimum number is not met), and in the recent years, COVID-19 regulations.

Registration numbers for 2019 and 2020 are shown below by program type. The participation numbers for 2020 were impacted by COVID-19 or in some instances the activity was completely cancelled/refunded.

Dance Programs

Dance classes are offered year-round. They are offered on various times and days of the week with each season having multiple start dates. For instance, the 2019 fall schedule included:

Classes (September 9, 2019 - December 2, 2019)

- Pre-Ballet: Monday 4:15pm - 5:15pm
- Tap & Jazz 1: Monday 5:15pm - 6:15pm
- Tap & Jazz 2: Monday 6:15pm - 7:15pm
- Adult Jazz: Monday 7:15pm - 8:15pm

Classes (September 13, 2019 - December 6, 2019)

- Pre-Ballet: Friday 9:30am - 10:15am
- Pre-Ballet & Tap: Friday 10:15am - 11:15am

Table 2.3 - Dance Class Participation

Classes	2019 Total Participation	2020 Total Participation
Winter	32	26
Spring	22	56
Summer	17	Not offered
Fall	41	Not offered
Total	112	82

Sports Programs

Adult softball was offered in 2019, but not in 2020 (due to COVID-19). In 2019 there were nine teams registered, the City does not have data on the rosters/participants numbers.

In 2019, volleyball continued to be offered in the fall. It is broken down into two age groups. Due to COVID-19 it was not offered in 2020.

Figure 2.4 - Volleyball Participation

Age Group	2019 Total Participation
3 rd – 5 th Grade	11
6 th – 8 th Grade	16
Total	27

Three types of baseball are offered in the spring each year: coach pitch, t-ball and pee-wee t-ball. All were offered in 2019 and 2020, however the 2020 leagues had to be cancelled, and all participants refunded due to COVID-19.

Figure 2.5 - Baseball Participation

League	2019 Total Participation	2020 Total Enrollment
Coach Pitch	10	13
T-Ball	10	22
Pee Wee T-Ball	7	22
Total	27	57

Tots soccer (ages 3 to 5) is typically offered in both the spring and fall in the City. For the 2021 the season included 10 games, played on Mondays and Wednesdays at Whitehawk Park, and registration costs \$55.00. In 2019 and 2020 participation numbers were as follows.

Figure 2.6 – Tots Soccer Participation

Classes	2019 Total Participation	2020 Total Participation
Spring	63	19
Fall	34	Not offered
Total	97	19

Gymnastics tumbling is offered for three age groups pre-k (3 to 5 years), elementary (kindergarten to 2nd grade), and youth (3rd to 6th grade). It is offered every season. In 2019, the spring and summer sessions included multiple time slots for the pre-k age group.

Figure 2.7 – Tumbling Participation

Classes	2019 Total Participation	2020 Total Participation
Winter	11	22
Spring	33	6
Summer	22	Not offered
Fall	15	Not offered
Total	81	28

Other Programs

Painting classes are offered monthly by the City. In 2020 the class only occurred in February. Kids painting had six participants. Family painting had a total of 14 participants. No classes were offered in 2019.

Dog training classes are offered year-round. Classes are split into puppy and dog classes. In 2020 the classes only occurred in February with 6 puppy participants and 4 dog participants, for a total of 10 participants. 2019 numbers are as follows.

Figure 2.8 – Dog/Puppy Training Participation

Month	Class	2019 Participation
January	Puppy	3
	Dog/ Advanced	3
February	Puppy	6
	Dog/ Advanced	6
March	Puppy	3
	Dog/ Advanced	3
April	Puppy	8
	Dog/ Advanced	10
May	Puppy	8
	Dog/ Advanced	6
June	Puppy	7
	Dog/ Advanced	3
July	Puppy	5
	Dog/ Advanced	8
August	Puppy	3
	Dog/ Advanced	5
September	Puppy	9
	Dog/ Advanced	2

Month	Class	2019 Participation
October	Puppy	3
	Dog/ Advanced	3
November	Puppy	3
	Dog/ Advanced	10
December	Puppy	10
	Dog/ Advanced	0
Total	Puppy/ Dog/ Advanced	127

PARKS, TRAILS & OPEN SPACE PLAN



City of Orting

CHAPTER 3: DEMANDS AND NEEDS ANALYSIS

INTRODUCTION

This chapter goes over the demands and needs of the City's parks, trails and open space system. It begins with the outreach effort results to create an understanding of the community's desires. The chapter then describes the new Level of Service (LOS) standards and how the application of the LOS standards for parks, trails and open space result in land acquisition and development costs. These costs are met by a combination of tax revenues in the general fund, grants, dedications, and impact fees.

- Under state law and city ordinance, developers of new residences are responsible for meeting the demand for facilities and services that are created by the growth that they generate. This may come in the form of impact fees, land dedication, or site improvements negotiated during the permit process.
- In the case of current shortfalls of park land, trails, or recreation facilities resulting from city growth, but not addressed by prior developer fees or contributions, public funds will be necessary to pay for land acquisition and facilities.

The *Parks, Trails, and Open Space Plan* (PTOS Plan) establishes the basis for City policies and regulations aimed at creating a long-term funding program for these needs.

Demands and Needs Analysis

The 2021 local public opinion survey and farmer's market outreach were utilized to identify shortfalls within the existing inventory, as well as improvements and new amenities park users would like to see. The outreach occurred from May 31 - August 31 of 2021.

Farmer's Market Outreach

The City conducted public outreach at the farmers markets which occurred every Friday from 3pm to 7pm at North Park. The City had a booth which informed the public about a multitude of topics but had an emphasis on the parks plan update and engaging with the public to receive feedback and input on the City's parks system.

There were two main participant activities to gather tangible input at the market. The first activity was a dot board. This asked participants to put a dot sticker on their favorite or most used park within the City. At the end of the summer the dots were tallied, the results are as follows.

Table 3.1: Farmer's Market Dot Activity Results

Park Name	Date and Votes Received						Total
	6/11*	6/18	7/16	7/30	8/27		
Village Green Neighborhood Parks	n/a	2	3	3	1	9	
Charter (Skate) Park	6	4	4	4	7	25	
Puyallup River	10	11	4	3	6	34	
Carbon River	n/a	12	5	2	1	20	
Foothills Trails	10	22	11	5	4	52	
City/ Main Park	21	21	31	16	9	98	
Gratzer Park	2	0	0	1	0	3	
Calistoga Park	6	5	6	6	4	27	
North Park	2	3	1	1	1	8	
Whitehawk Park	6	4	7	7		24	
Calistoga-Dog Park	n/a	4	2	3	4	13	
Rivers Edge Neighborhood Parks	n/a	1	1	2	0	4	
Rainier Meadows Park	n/a	1	2	3	1	7	
Williams Park	1					1	
3 Corners Park	0					0	
Triangle Park	3					3	
Memorial park	2					2	

* The parks listed on this board (the first) were different from the subsequent weeks and included Williams, 3 corners, Triangle and Memorial Parks and did not include Village Green, Rivers Edge, or Rainier Meadows

From the results it is clear that City Park is the most heavily used park in the City, with 98 participants indicating it is their most used/ favorite park. This is followed by the Foothills Trail with 52 votes, Puyallup River with 34 votes, Calistoga Park with 27 votes, Charter (skate) Park with 25, and Whitehawk Park with 24 votes.

The second activity asked people to provide input through writing on a sticky note what improvements they would like to see at specific parks, or for the parks system as a whole. Input received is as follows (categorized alphabetically) with numbers in parenthesis representing the number of additional times this suggestion was made:

- 3 corner park improvements
- Activities for kids in dog park
- Adult features
- Bathroom at Calistoga (+3)
- Bathrooms (+1)
- Bigger skate park
- BMX track improvements (+1)
- Carbon River Access
- Cement walkway between Calistoga and Puyallup River
- Community pool (+4)
- Different play surfacing other than wood chips
- Dog park on North end of town
- Drinking fountain at skate park
- Drinking fountain near City park
- Drinking fountains (+1)
- Extra ball fields at Gratzner
- Fountains/ water features at parks
- Graffiti/ chalk clean up
- Kid stuff/ toys
- Large light show at City fountain
- More ADA for older residents
- More playgrounds
- More swings
- New play chips
- Obstacles at dog park
- Pickle Ball Courts (+1)
- Puyallup River Access (+1)
- Remote control car park
- River Access (+2)
- Seating/shade at dog park
- Shade/more trees at Whitehawk (+1)
- Shade shelters at parks (+1)
- Shelter/shade at Calistoga (+1)
- Small kid toys at City Park
- Splash Pad/ Park (+12)
- Summer activities/ programming
- Tennis courts (+1)
- Toddler area at city park
- Volleyball
- Wind chimes
- Zipline (+6)



City Administrator Scott Larson and Public Works Director Greg Reed at the first Farmers Market of the season on June 11, 2021.

The idea that was most frequently put forth was for a splash pad/park to be added to the parks system in the City. Calistoga Park was the park that received the most requested improvements including shade/shelter at Calistoga and the dog park, permanent bathrooms, and paving the walkway between the park and the Puyallup River access. Other ideas that received support to be implemented at a park within the City included a zipline, community pool, improved river access, BMX

track improvements, pickle ball and tennis courts, drinking fountains at parks, bathrooms at parks, and additional shade at multiple parks.

Survey Results

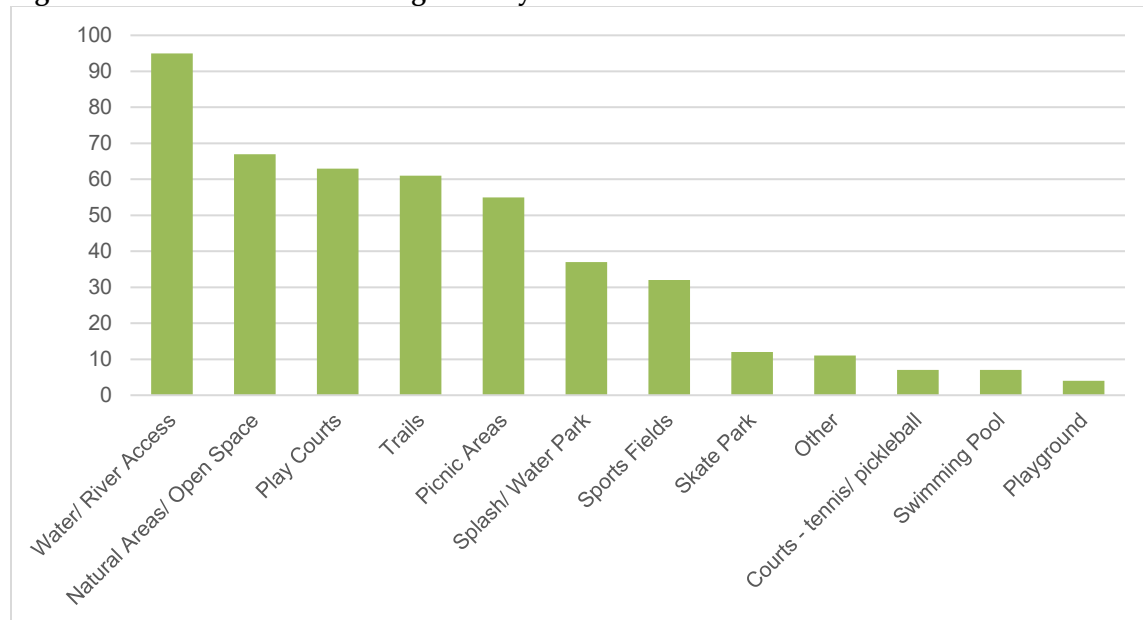
A public opinion survey was open over the summer. It was advertised on the City’s website, Facebook page, and at the farmer’s market. The survey included 17 questions, and asked participants to complete the survey as if in a non-COVID-19 time (when parks were operating and maintained as they typically had been prior to COVID-19). The survey focused on garnering input on how participants currently use the parks, what drives their selection of which parks to use, their impressions of the park, as well as input on whether the parks system meets their needs and, if not, how it could be improved.

The survey was open from May 31 to August 31, 2021. A total of 182 responses were collected. The most common age group of those who responded was 35 to 44, followed by 25 to 34 and 45 to 54. The majority of respondents (80% or 145 people) reported having children in their household. 76% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that Orting’s parks, trails and recreation opportunities are an important reason for staying in Orting.

When asked what types of park facilities they used, the top three responses were trails (159), water/river access (155), and natural areas/open space (133). This was followed by picnic areas, play courts, sport fields, the skate park, and playgrounds.

Respondents were asked what they would like to see more of, selecting up to three choices, 178 responded with the following:

Figure 3.1: Which of the following would you like to see more of?



When asked which city owned park, they used the most, the results matched what was found at the Farmers Market in that the main City Park and Foothills Trail as the most heavily used followed by Calistoga Park. That question was followed up by asking what activity users participate in at the parks the most, allowing participants to select all answers that applied. The top two answers were leisure (walking, relaxing, etc.) and activities (playground, jogging, etc.).

Figure 3.2: In the last two years, which parks and facilities have you used (select all that apply)?

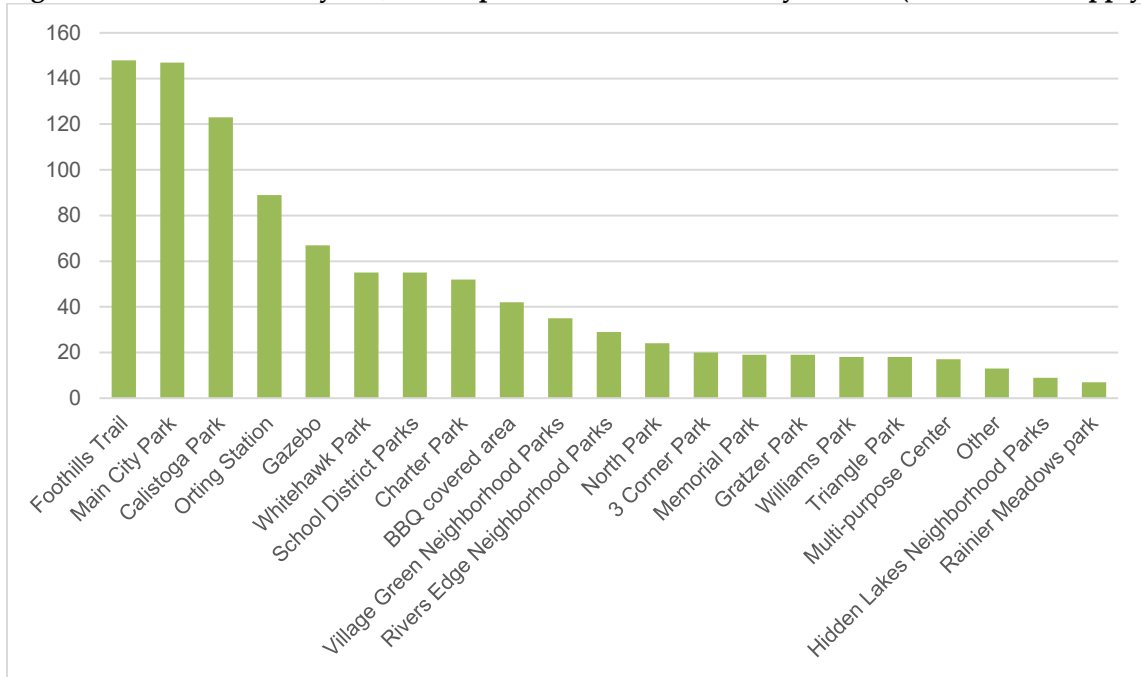
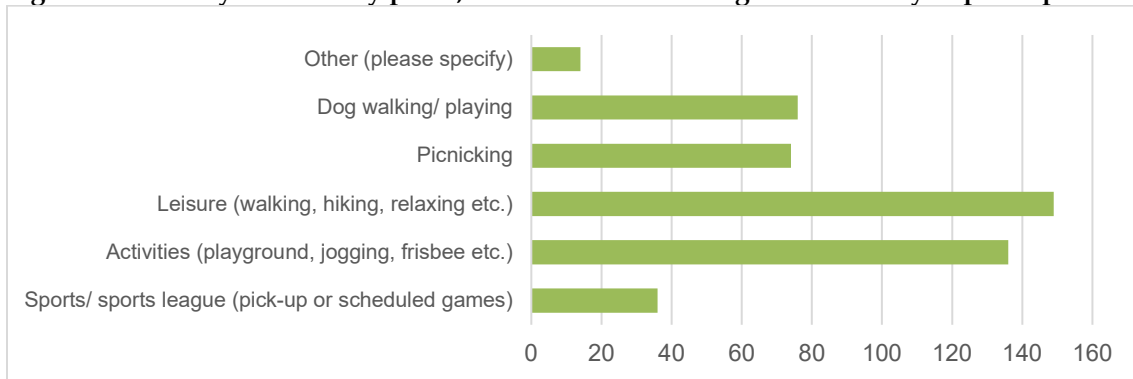


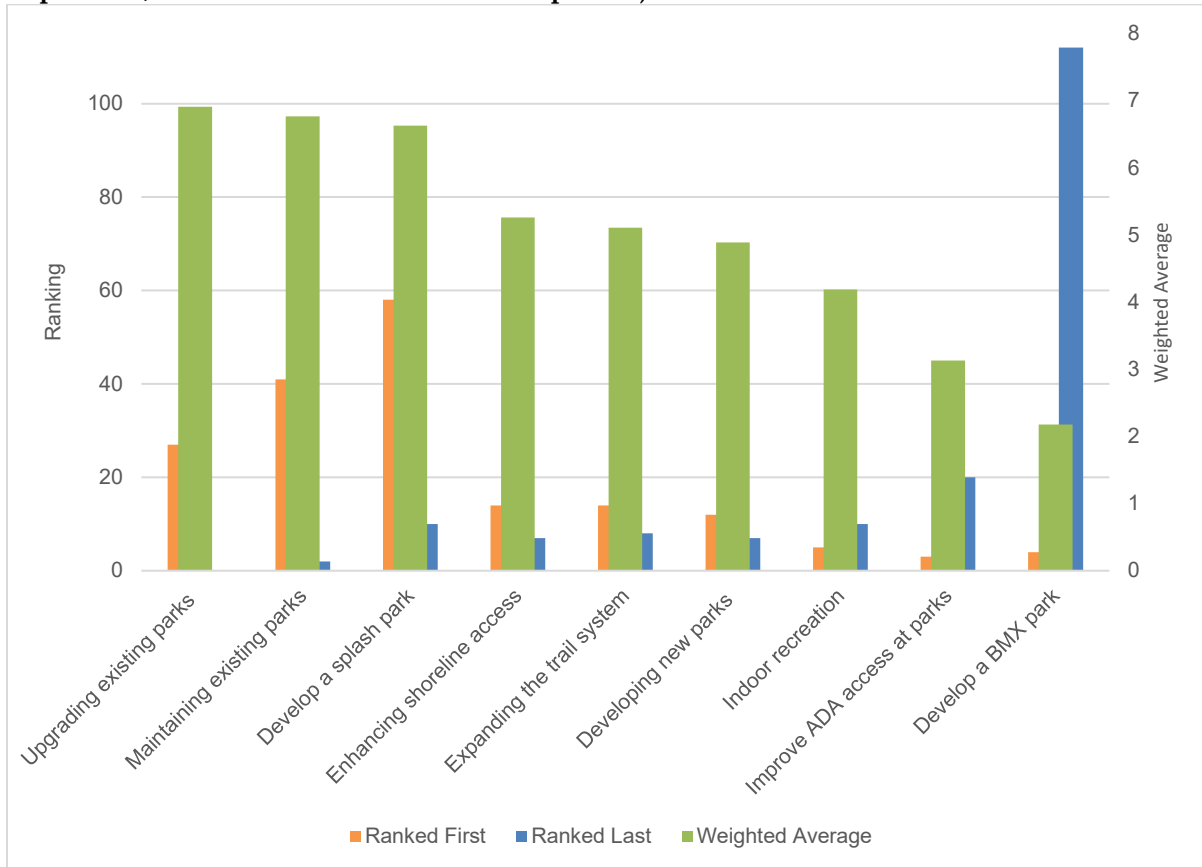
Figure 3.3: When you visit City parks, which of the following activities do you participate in?



Question 11 of the survey was evaluated by three different metrics. The question asked participants to rank nine items from most (1) to least (9) important to them based on what the City should focus its parks efforts and funding on. Developing a splash park was most frequently ranked as the most important by respondents followed by maintaining existing parks and upgrading existing parks. Developing a BMX park was most frequently ranked as the least important item on the list by

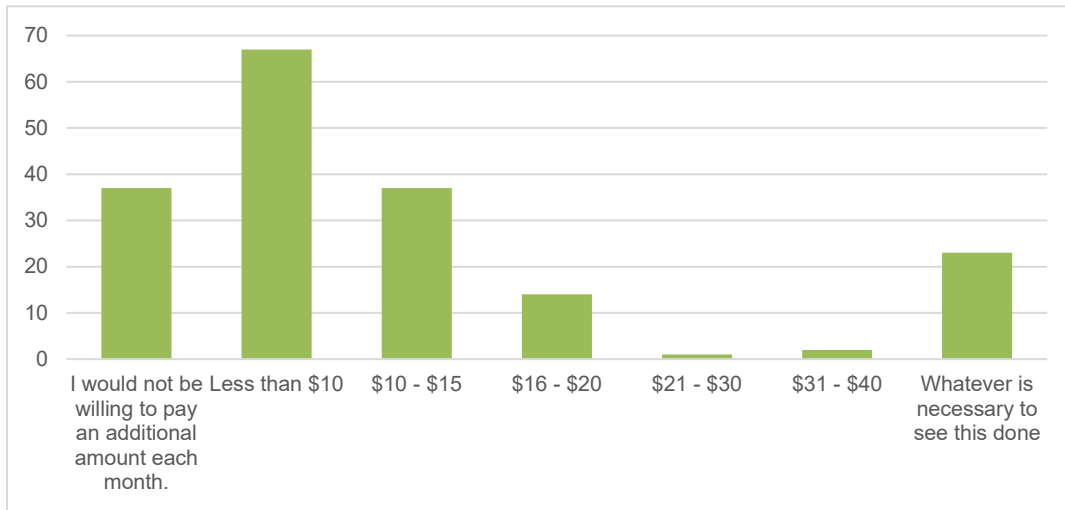
participants. The weighted average scores resulted in upgrading existing parks being the most important followed by maintaining existing parks and developing a splash park as the top three most important items.

Figure 3.4: What should the City focus its parks efforts and funding on (rank in order of importance, with number one as the most important)?



One of the last questions of the survey asked participants if they would be willing to pay a certain amount of money each month in order for the City to get a multi-use park and/or recreation center. The majority of respondents indicated they'd be willing to pay less than \$10/month for such a development.

Figure 3.5: How much would you be willing to pay per month (through a bond, or tax increase) for a multi-use park and/or recreation center?



Participants who indicated they were willing to pay per month for a multi-use park and/or recreation center, were then asked on a subsequent question what they would most like to see at a multi-use park/recreation center. The highest ranked answer (both in weighted average and ranking) was a swimming pool, followed by a community/civic center, playground, athletic/play fields, indoor gym, and open space.

LEVEL OF SERVICE

The Level of Service (LOS) standards provide the means for assessing and monitoring the capacity of city land and facilities to meet the demand of the citizens. The LOS standards in the City, up until this update, has relied on park type, categorizing parks as “neighborhood”, “mini” or “community” and combining all additional facilities under one standard for “fields and courts”. This approach was simple but had inherent flaws – mainly not reflecting how parks are actually used. For instance, City Park was classified as a neighborhood park, when it actually functions as a community park. The previous 2015 plan update indicated that the community was satisfied with the quantity of available parks and open space but wanted to see overall enhancements to the park system in the form of added features and improvements to existing facilities. A similar trend was seen with the 2021 survey responses with results indicating citizens most want to see the current parks upgraded (most popular response) and maintained (second most popular response). As the City has limited space for additional parks it is appropriate to focus on metrics associated with facilities and amenities rather than park acreage per 1,000 population. This does not require adding park acreage and reflects the needs of the community shown in the responses to the community survey.

The new LOS standards used the benchmarks in the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) data and similar communities, as well as community feedback from previous surveys (such as in the last update when value was expressed for open space and natural areas; therefore a LOS standard of 14 natural resource acres per 1,000 population was established and maintained in this update) to establish appropriate standards in the plan update. As updated, the LOS standards are:

Table 3.2: Parks and Facilities Level of Service

Type of Facility	LOS (facilities/population)
Softball/ Baseball Field	1/2,000 (softball) 1/2,000 (baseball)
Multi-Use Rectangular Field (e.g. soccer, football, lacrosse)	1/3,500
Basketball Courts (Two half courts are equivalent to one court)	1/3,500
Tennis/ Pickle/ Racquetball Courts	1/4,000
Playground/ Big Toy	1/1,000
Special Facilities (e.g. skate park, splash park, BMX park)	1/5,000
Trails	.25 miles/1,000
Natural Resource Areas/ Open Space	14 acres/ 1,000
Parkland	8 acres/1,000

EXISTING AND FUTURE DEMAND

Current demand is determined based on the LOS standards and the current population. This demand is existing, and any deficiencies cannot be addressed by new impact fees. The 2022 demands are below.

Table 3.3: Parks and Facilities Current Demand

Type of Facility	LOS (facilities/ population*)	Demand	Current Supply**
Softball/ Baseball Fields	1/2,000 (softball) 1/2,000 (baseball)	4.52 4.52	4 3
Multi-Use Rectangular Field	1/3,500	2.58	3
Basketball Courts	1/3,500	2.58	7
Tennis/ Pickle/ Racquetball Courts	1/4,000	2.26	0
Playground/ Big Toy	1/1,000	9.04	10
Special Facilities	1/5,000	1.81	2
Trails	.25 miles/1,000	2.26	7.9
Natural Resource Areas/Open Space	14 acres/ 1,000	126.56	126.8
Parkland	8 acres/1,000	72.32	59.29
*Based on 2020 census population of 9,041			
** Includes private parks and school facilities			

According to **Puget Sound Regional Council population forecast data**, Orting's population is expected to reach 9,591 by the year 2044, a forecasted increase of 550

residents. These demands (the third column in Table 3.5) are only associated with forecasted growth and do not account for current unmet demand for parks and recreation facilities. Most of the future demand should be addressed through facility donations, impact fees, or other sources of funding. In planning for demand and needs, it is also important to consider how operations and maintenance of new facilities will be funded. Typically, this can be done through the general fund, or sometimes through levies and users’ fees. Here too, partnerships should be considered, such as using the resources of the school district to provide services or requiring homeowners’ associations take care of facilities within their communities.

Table 3.5 - Future Demand, 2044

Type of Facility	2044 Demand Total	2044 Demand Associated with Growth
Baseball Field	4.80	0.27
Softball Field	4.80	0.27
Multi-Use Rectangular Field	2.74	0.16
Basketball Courts	2.74	0.16
Tennis/ Pickle/ Racquetball Courts	2.40	0.14
Playground/ Big Toy	9.59	0.55
Special Facilities	1.92	0.11
Trails	2.40 miles	0.14 miles
Natural Resource Areas/Open Space	134.26 acres	7.70 acres
Parkland	76.72 acres	4.40 acres

CURRENT NEEDS

The US Census has showed the City’s population to be 9,041 in 2020. **The Puget Sound Regional Council estimates the City’s population to increase by 550 to 9,591 by the year 2044.**

Table 3.5 lists Orting’s current parks and recreation needs, presenting the demand, the current supply (based on the 2021 inventory), and the resulting surplus or need.

Table 3.5 - Current Needs

Type of Facility	LOS (facilities/ population)	Demand	City Supply	Private/ School Supply	Surplus (Need)
Softball/ Baseball Field	1/2,000 (softball)	4.52	2	2	0
	1/2,000 (baseball)	4.52	1	2	(1)
Multi-Use Rectangular Field	1/3,500	2.58	1	2	1
Basketball Courts	1/3,500	2.58	5	2	5

Type of Facility	LOS (facilities/ population)	Demand	City Supply	Private/ School Supply	Surplus (Need)
Tennis/ Pickle/ Racquetball Courts	1/4,000	2.26			(2)
Playground/ Big Toy	1/1,000	9.04	9	1	1
Special Facilities	1/5,000	1.81	2		0
Trails	.25 miles/1,000	2.26	7.9		5.64
Natural Resource Areas/Open Space	14 acres/ 1,000	126.56	126.8		0.24
Parkland	8 acres/ 1,000	72.32	49.0	10.26	(13.03)

Based on 2020 population of 9,041

Based on new growth, the current needs and existing shortfalls according to the LOS standards are:

- Adding tennis/pickle/racquetball parks to the City’s parks and facilities inventory as there are currently none.
- An additional baseball field is needed to meet the level of service demands, which has also been expressed as a community need as seen through the current reservation of fields demand.
- An increase in overall parkland throughout the City, through dedication of neighborhood spaces
- Continued improvements and updates to parks, fields, courts, and children’s play areas and equipment.

COST ANALYSIS

The following indicates the range of costs that are associated with the current needs. These are based on the following assumptions:

- **Land** - Pierce County Assessor’s 2021 land values of 21 vacant parcels in and around Orting were investigated (four in the County surrounding the City, and 17 within City limits). In accordance with state law RCW 84.40.030, the land is valued at 100% of its true and fair market value taking into consideration the highest and best use of the property. These parcels range in size from less than one fourth of an acre to over 48 acres. The assessed value in dollars per acre ranges from \$15,246 to nearly \$750,000 in the heart of the City. The average cost per acre is \$289,635. Site development costs vary considerably depending upon the types of facilities and finishes used.

- **Fields** – Development costs vary based on a number of factors including activity, site constraints, vegetation, materials, and field amenities. A range of a \$650,000 to \$800,000 is anticipated dependent on the factors listed.
- **Courts** – Development costs vary based on activity, site constraints, vegetation, materials, and land acquisition. In looking at comparable estimates for other jurisdictions, it is assumed an average development cost of \$260,000 per field or court located within a park applies.

There are many variables such as actual land parcels configuration, location, etc. that impact costs. The important point illustrated here is the amount of land and associated costs that would be required to achieve the proposed LOS. Methods to finance would be the City general fund, bonds, levies, grants, or donations. In all cases except for grants and donations, the source of the funding would be taxes.

IMPACT FEES

For future growth to “pay its fair share,” impact fees must be based on the adopted LOS and a realistic estimate of the cost of land and facilities necessary to meet the demand. The fees are adopted by City ordinance into the development code and can be amended periodically to reflect cost escalation or other factors that change over time. The park impact fee was updated as part of this process to \$1,492 per new household.

OTHER FUNDING

In order to finance current land acquisition and facility development needs, the City must initiate fund-raising through debt financing such as bond issues or levies, federal, state, or county grants, and private contributions. Partnerships with the Orting School District and the Lion’s Club should also be pursued.

Orting is also fortunate in having dedicated volunteers who help with these responsibilities. This important contribution should be fostered in the future.

Grants are also available, with the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) being a large administrator of such. The RCO oversees a range of park and recreation grants, a major one being the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) – Recreation which provides funding for parks and recreation facilities such as local parks, trails, athletic facilities and more. The completion of this plan fulfills the planning requirement that allows Orting to qualify for the WWRP grant.

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE COSTS

While this chapter deals primarily with capital costs and revenues, annual budgeting must acknowledge the City's responsibilities related to the operation and maintenance of parks and facilities, as well as providing recreation programs. The City has budgeted \$101,630 for 2022 parks supplies and services expenditures. Given the current inventory of 59.3 acres of total park land, the anticipated average cost per acre is \$1,713.41. This value excludes capital expenditures, salaries/wages/benefits, and transfers. As total park acreage increases, the annual budget should increase proportionately.

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CHAPTER 4: GOALS AND POLICIES

Parks, trails, open space, and recreation goals and policies are consistent between the PTOS Plan and the Orting Comprehensive Plan. Updated policy language will be recommended to the Planning Commission and incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan during the 2022 annual comprehensive plan update. Goals and policies listed below are numbered as they appear in the Comprehensive Plan.

The 2022 PTOS Plan changed policy language to more accurately reflect community values and incorporate input received during the public involvement process. For instance, it was clear through outreach that City Park is the most well-loved and heavily used park in the City. Therefore, a new policy (CF 6.6) has been added to create a master plan for the park to guide future additions and amenities to ensure a comprehensive vision is in place for the park.

Capital Facilities

Goal CF 3 Ensure that the continued development and implementation of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) reflects the policy priorities of the City Council.

Policy CF 3.3 Policy CF 3.3 establishes the Level of Service (LOS) standards for City facilities and services including water supply, sanitary sewer, fire protection, police, and parks.

Parks, Trails and Open Space LOS: The following level of service standards shall apply to land and facilities:

Type of Facility	LOS (facilities/population)
Baseball/Softball Field	1/2,000 (softball) 1/2,000 (baseball)
Multi-Use Rectangular Field	1/3,500

<i>(e.g., soccer, football, lacrosse)</i>	
Basketball Courts <i>(Two half courts are equivalent to one court)</i>	1/3,500
Tennis/ Pickle Ball/ Racquetball Courts	1/4,000
Playground/ Big Toy	1/1,000
Special Facilities <i>(e.g., skate park, splash park, BMX park)</i>	1/5,000
Trails	.25 miles/1,000
Natural Resource Areas/ Open Space	14 acres/ 1,000
Parkland	8 acres/1,000

Goal CF 6 Develop a system of parks and recreation facilities that is attractive, safe, and available to all segments of the population.

Policy CF 6.1 Mitigate impacts on parks, trails, and the recreation system from new growth based on impact fees, land dedication, and/or facility donations based on the level of service standards.

Policy CF 6.2 Cooperate and coordinate with the school district, other public agencies and private groups through the use of interlocal agreements and contracts to meet the recreation needs of the City.

Policy CF 6.3 Support continued development of the Foothills Trail and related links and parks for bicycles, pedestrians and equestrians, running through Pierce County to Mount Rainier National Park.

Policy CF 6.4 Develop a network of parks, open space and trails throughout the city for pedestrians, bicycles and equestrians, with priorities on:

- a. The dedication and development of lands which would link with the Foothills Trail, the downtown parks, the Puyallup and Carbon River waterfront corridors and a linkage across the Carbon River to the Cascadia trail system,
- b. Maintaining and improving the accessibility, usability, and safety of Orting’s parks and trails, and
- c. Sustaining community-wide efforts to improve public access to the Carbon and Puyallup Rivers at those points along the banks which best fulfill the criteria for education, accessibility and restoration as outlined in the 2009 Shoreline Master Program.

- Policy CF 6.5** Future park plans or remodels should prioritize barrier-free equipment additions, such as wheelchair swings, adaptive spinners, or the like where none currently exist.
- Policy CF 6.6** Create and periodically review and update a Master Plan for City Park to provide for cohesive development of the park.
- Policy CF 6.7** Work with Pierce County and applicable agencies to identify and help mitigate impacts to Calistoga Park.

Land Use: Open Space and Recreation

- Goal OS 1** The Recreation/Open Space Land Use Category is intended to acknowledge and protect the City's public parks and open spaces through public and private initiatives including incentives, transfer of development rights, public land acquisition, greenways, conservation easements, and other techniques.
- Policy OS 1.1** The Recreation/Open Space district is for areas devoted to public recreational facilities such as parks and trails and areas that have been preserved as open spaces through a variety of open space programs.
- Policy OS 1.2** Recognize the important recreational and transportation roles played by regional bicycle trail systems, and support efforts to develop a coordinated system of greenway trails throughout the region.
- Policy OS 1.3** Promote the use of property tax reductions as an incentive to preserve desirable lands as a public benefit and encourage and support the participation of community-based non-profit organizations offering options and alternatives to development in the interest of preserving desirable lands as a public benefit.

To learn more about the content of the Comprehensive Plan, please contact City Hall or view the full document online at the City's website.

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CHAPTER 5: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

A capital improvement program (CIP) identifies projects, approximate timeline, costs, and potential funding sources for various investments in the acquisition, development, or improvement of parks and recreation facilities for the next six-years. The six-year timeline is dependent upon variables such as funding availability, grants, Council budget process etc. Revisions may occur if opportunities arise to develop facilities or sites not on this list. Generally, these projects are those that have been identified as the highest priority through public outreach, parks board meetings, staff knowledge, and City Council input. In developing this list, the input listed above is taken into consideration as well as potential grant funds/ cycles, ongoing maintenance required attached to projects, staff capacity, land availability, and funding.

Table 5.1 lists capital facility and improvement projects for the next 6-years.

Table 5.1: Capital Facility and Improvement Program

Project	Year	Cost Estimate	Funding
Emergency Evacuation Bridge	2022-2027	\$9,000,000	Grants, General Fund, REET
Gratzer Park Wetland Mitigation	2022	\$20,000	General Fund, REET, Impact Fees
City Park Gazebo Renovation	2022	\$3,000	General Fund, REET, Impact Fees
Fountain Improvements	2022-2024	\$15,000	General Fund, REET, Impact Fees
City Park Master Plan	2023	\$35,000	Grants, General Fund, REET
Whitehawk Boulevard Trail Spur	2024-2026	TBD	Grants, General Fund, REET
City Park Parking Lot Paving	2024-2026	\$605,000	Grants, General Fund, REET, Impact Fees

PSE Power Line Easement Trail	TBD	\$800,000	Grants, Impact Fees, General Fund, REET
Splash Park	TBD	\$400,000	Impact Fees, Grants, Donations, General Fund, REET
Baseball Field	TBD	\$650,000 - \$800,000	Impact Fees, Grants, Donations, General Fund, REET
Pump Track	TBD	\$85,000 - \$175,000	Grants, Impact Fees, Donations, General Fund, REET

PLANNING ACTIVITY

This section describes the projects listed in the CIP table, above.

Multiple of the projects listed in the previous plan’s Capital Facility and Improvement Program have since been completed. Ones that are partially complete or currently underway are shown in the updated CIP as they have additional phases that require funding. The CIP also includes new projects that emerged as priorities from the public outreach.

Completed Projects

- **Calistoga Park Improvements**

A big toy, swings and other park equipment were installed by the Public Works Department and volunteers in 2019. Phase II of improvements is on hold due to County work on the Jones Levee.

- **Calistoga Setback Levee Trail**

From Calistoga Park there is access to the Puyallup River levee trail for the public to enjoy, it includes river access at points along the trail.

- **Gratzer Park Phase II**

This includes a multi-use rectangular field, walking path, and big toy and is under construction as of fall 2021.

Current PTOS CIP Projects

- **Emergency Evacuation Bridge**

This project involves the construction of a bridge spanning SR 162 near Rocky Road NE. The City has a grant for two-thirds of the funding for the project (\$6 million) and is looking for the additional \$3 million in funds. This bridge will provide a safe pathway for Orting citizens and will enhance the City’s disaster preparedness.

- **Gratzer Park Wetland Mitigation**

Phase I was installed by the City's contract engineer at Parametrix and the Public Works Department in spring 2021. Phase II will be completed within the next year. The City hopes to have a school group or volunteer group complete the mitigation planting associated with Phase II.

- **City Park Gazebo Renovation**

A new roof was put on the gazebo after the last PTOS plan update. The next phase is pressure washing and painting the gazebo which is slated to occur in 2022.

- **Fountain Improvements**

Improvements are planned for the fountain on the western corner of Washington Avenue and Calistoga Street at North Park. Upgrades to the fountain, would include concrete stamped to look like river rock, upgrades to the fountain and columns for water to shoot out of, a possible brick wall that would double as extra seating, and a plaque that would acknowledge donors of the original structure.

- **City Park Master Plan**

City Park is the most heavily used park within Orting. In the public outreach, it was clear it was a favorite park amongst most residents as well as people who live outside of town. Desired improvements for the park include adding a toddler play area, replacing the play surface, potentially locating the splash pad within the park, an additional water fountain, restroom updates and more. A Master Plan will express the City's overall vision for the park, identify necessary and desired improvements, and allow the park to be updated in a cohesive manner rather than through ad-hoc improvements.

- **Whitehawk Boulevard Trail Spur**

This project would extend the Foothills Trail spur that currently exists east of the Orting Middle School and runs parallel to Whitehawk Boulevard. This project is to extend the trail spur south to Calistoga. It is planned to occur as part of the Whitehawk Boulevard Extension project.

- **City Park Parking Lot Paving**

The majority of the parking lots associated with the City's parks are not paved. The Parks Board has indicated paving the parking lots is a priority and places City Park at the top of its list. Paving will aid in the City's efforts to be ADA friendly. Costs include the paving, landscaping, and stormwater facilities (detention/retention and water quality).

- **PSE Power Line Easement Trail - Safe Routes to School**

Puget Sound Energy (PSE) owns right-of-way through Orting that contains a major power line. The right-of-way could be improved to form a connector

trail between parks and Orting Middle and Elementary Schools (see the map in Figure 5.1). Trail improvements will be contingent on a liability agreement between PSE and the City of Orting. The Washington State Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School program may be a potential funding source. Winning projects must demonstrate that the necessary groundwork has been laid to complete the project within the two-year grant cycle.

- **Splash Park/Pad**

A splash park, or spray pad, is a recreation area for water play that has little to no standing water. This was a popular desire heard from the public both through the survey and the farmers market outreach. It was also part of the previous parks plan update. A location for such a park would need to be identified by the City and Parks Board. The item would include design and construction. The cost presented in Table 5.1 is an estimate that can vary based on size of the splash pad, and number of features. The cost does not include land acquisition (it is assumed this would be located in an existing City park) and is based on the City of Puyallup's spray park estimate which includes 8 spray features, seating, site work, water and drainage service. It is important to note the cost listed is just the capital cost, maintenance of the splash park is estimated between \$50-\$100k annually.

- **Baseball Field**

Baseball field reservations are made through the City. Staff has indicated that teams are often turned away, especially at popular times, as the fields are all booked. Additionally, the LOS metrics indicate the City does not have a sufficient number of baseball fields. This item includes identifying a location, design, and construction of a field in an existing park.

- **Pump Track**

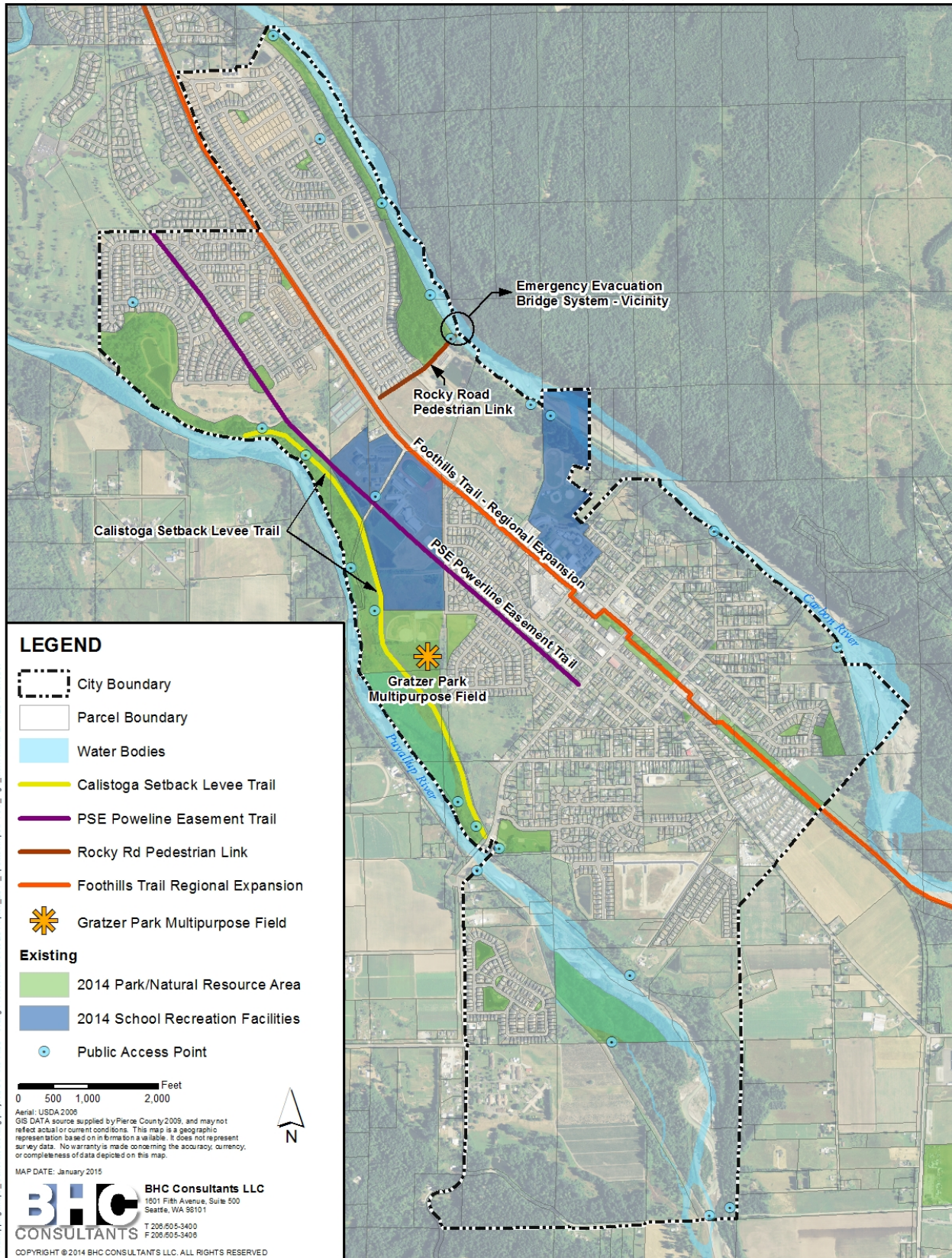
A pump track is a looped sequence of rollers and banked turns designed to maximize the biker's momentum so that minimal pedaling is necessary. The Parks Board has been working on adding a pump track to the existing BMX Track at Charter Park (the skate park). The Board received presentations on the construction of such a park, which is recommended to be asphalt rather than dirt due to climate challenges. Grants are available such as the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) Grant. The NRPA grant is a competitive grant for which the City would need to provide a user engagement and design plan, which costs approximately \$7,500 to complete. The range shown in the CIP table includes design and construction of a smaller version up to a larger, higher end version.

Potential Future Projects

Other preferences emerged from the public outreach. While they did not make it into the CIP, it is good to be aware of these preferences for future plan changes, or if applicable grant funding is available. They include:

- Improve river/ shoreline access.
- Additional shade, through trees or structures, at parks; specifically, Whitehawk and Calistoga.
- Increase indoor recreation opportunities.
- Improve ADA accessibility at all city parks.

Figure 5.1: Parks, Trails & Open Space Planning Activity in Orting





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ORTING PARKS ADVISORY BOARD

104 Bridge St S. Orting, WA 98360

November 3, 2021, 6:30pm - Virtual

Orting Parks Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER WITH ROLL CALL.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

No public comments.

3. PARKS, TRAILS, AND OPEN SPACE PLAN UPDATE.

City Planner Emily Adams briefed on the Parks, Trails, and Open Space Plan. She stated that she is finalizing the parks plan and that her goal is to bring a full park plan to council in January or early February. City Planner Emily Adams briefed on the Capital Improvements Program, Current PROS Capital Improvements projects, and potential future projects.

4. OLD BUSINESS.

A. BMX Park/Skate Park/Pump Track.

Chair Jason Linkem briefed that there are no new updates on the project.

Action: Move to December meeting as an agenda item.

B. Gratzer Park Update.

City Clerk Kim Agfalvi briefed that construction at Gratzer Park has been completed and that they now working on the punch lists.

Action: Move to December meeting as an agenda item.

C. Pavement – Pave Parking Area in Main City Park.

City Clerk Kim Agfalvi briefed that paving the main City park is in the Parks Plan that City Planner Emily Adams is working on, and that Engineer Maryanne Zukowski is working on cost analysis for the project.

Action: Move to December meeting as an agenda item.

D. Fountain upgrades in North Park.

City Clerk Kim Agfalvi briefed that the fountain upgrades are included in the Parks Plan that City Planner Emily Adams is working on. Board discussion followed.

Action: Move to December meeting as an agenda item.

E. Land Acquisition – Behind Hidden Lakes Development.

City Clerk Kim Agfalvi briefed that Pierce County is no longer willing to donate the land behind Hidden Lakes to the City of Orting, but that they are willing to grant easement to the land if wanted.

Action: Drop from future agendas.



F. Sign for ADA Spinner.

City Clerk Kim Agfalvi briefed on the proposed sign for the ADA Spinner. She stated that Public Works is working on getting the sign from Valley Sign, and once it has been received it will be installed.

Action: Drop from future agendas.

G. Swing Sets.

City Clerk Kim Agfalvi briefed that the CGA Committee would like Parks Advisory Board input on installing new swing set equipment in the City parks. Committee discussion followed, and it was decided that all parks already have swing sets.

Action: Send back to CGA Committee with no recommendations for new swing sets.

H. Meeting minutes September 1, 2021.

The meeting minutes of September 1, 2021 were approved.

5. PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT

6. NEXT AGENDA /ACTION ITEMS/ ROUND TABLE REVIEW

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.

Kimberly Agfalvi, City Clerk

Jason Linkem, Chair