

**Park Commission Chairperson:** Krista Fleming

**Members:** Amy Pellegrini, Dicker Cahill, Carolyn Whittlesey, Robert Afzal, Nancy Daltas

**Mayor:** Katy Kinney Harris

**Town Attorney:** Emily Romanenko

**Clerk-Treasurer:** Bonnie Ritter

**Deputy Clerk:** Austen Wilcox

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Park Commission Chairperson, Krista Fleming

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL:** Park Board Members, Amy Pellegrini, Dicker Cahill, Carolyn Whittlesey, Robert Afzal, Nancy Daltas

4. **APPROVAL OF/AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**

5. **MINUTES**

- August 27, 2024 Special Park Commission Meeting

6. **STAFF REPORTS**

7. **APPEARANCES/PUBLIC COMMENT**

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8. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

8.1 – Points Drive Sign Project

8.2 – Maintenance/General Updates

8.3 – Park Benches

8.4 – Fountain Research

8.5 – Tree Selection Planting at Town Hall

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

**TOWN OF YARROW POINT  
TOWN PARK COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
August 27, 2024  
7:00 p.m.**

The Town Park Commission of the Town of Yarrow Point, Washington met in regular session on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Town Hall.

**PARK BOARD PRESENT:** Chair Krista Fleming, Park Board Members, Robert Afzal, Nancy Daltas, Carolyn Whittlesey, and Amy Pellegrini

**PARK COMMISSION ABSENT:** Dicker Cahill

**STAFF PRESENT:** Deputy Clerk Austen Wilcox

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Fleming called the Park Commission meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Motion by Park Commission Member Afzal, seconded by Park Commission Member Pellegrini to approve the agenda as presented.

**VOTE:** 5 for, 0 against. Motion carried.

**5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** Motion by Park Commission Member Whittlesey, seconded by Park Commission Member Daltas to approve the July 20, 2024, special minutes as presented.

**VOTE:** 5 for, 0 against. Motion carried.

**6. STAFF REPORTS**

**7. APPEARENCES/PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments.

**8. REGULAR BUSINESS**

**8.1 – 2025 Budget Request**

The Commission discussed the proposed 2024/2025 work plans, budget and mission statement.

**8.2 – Points Drive Sign Project (in place of town entry)**

A landscape architect was consulted, and they are working on a proposal. The sign will get pressure washed and re-stained. Resident Alan McGinnis will be consulted regarding the condition of the sign.

**8.3 – Maintenance (mulch, etc.)**

Commissioner Whittlesey is researching mulch options for the landscaping along the pathway on 92<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE.

Commissioner Daltas discussed overhanging foliage in need of trimming near the 92<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE roundabout.

**8.4 – Park Benches**

The Commission discussed syncing up with Wetherill Nature Preserve Committee that is considering replacing benches in the Preserve. The Commission discussed potential bench locations and commemorative options.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Park Commission Member Pellegrini, seconded by Park Board Commission Member Afzal to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

VOTE: 5 for, 0 against. Motion carried.

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Chair, Krista Fleming

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Attest: Austen Wilcox, Deputy Clerk

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## Tree Selection for Planting at Town Hall

We are looking to plant one tree to fill this space (see below) and to meet the Tree City Application requirement for this year. I spoke with Andy Crosset, the town arborist, showed him the photos of the spot for the future tree and asked for recommendations on trees that are:

- Native to the area
- Takes into consideration climate change & town canopy
- Medium-sized tree when fully grown
- A tree with seasonal interest and/or flowering may be interesting to consider



View from Town Hall Parking lot



View from path looking up to street

Here are 4 trees Andy suggested (I removed the Garry Oak as it seemed too big):



### Cascara

- This small native tree boasts small flowers and purple fruit that feed many native birds. While it's frequently overlooked, it's a highly adaptable tree that will work well in a woodland setting or in a smaller yard. Its foliage turns brilliant yellow in autumn.
- Deciduous tree that has dark green, oval-shaped leaves with prominent veins that turn yellow in the fall
- It is a fairly slow grower and maxes out around 25'.
- Cascara trees are resistant to many pests



### Pacific Dogwood

- Pacific dogwood is a deciduous tree growing up to 20 meters tall (66 feet) with a smooth dark bark. Leaves are oval, pointed at the tip, 4-10 cm (1.6-3.9 inches) long, deep green in color, and have parallel veins.
- Creamy white flowers with a greenish center that bloom in the spring and sometimes again in the fall
- The main disease is anthracnose, which is caused by a foliar fungus that causes leaf spotting and defoliation



### Mountain Hemlock

- Some consider the Mountain Hemlock to be the best native conifer for a small garden since it's an attractive medium sized evergreen tree.
- Very slow grower
- A medium-sized needled, coniferous, evergreen tree that has a narrow width but can mature to heights of 30 to 100 feet. It has a conical or pyramidal crown, dense foliage, spreading branches, and the leading shoot may be tilted. The bark is grayish-black to reddish-brown and is fissured and scaly.



### Native (Western) Larch

- Larch trees are large, deciduous coniferous trees
- They have thick, scaly, cinnamon-colored bark, and their needles are pale green and stiff
- In the fall, larch trees turn a striking yellow-amber color, and then drop their needles for the winter.
- Since it is a deciduous conifer, residents might mistakenly believe the tree is dead when it loses its needles. It can also get pretty tall, 100' range. It has striking fall color though