



Director Report: October 11, 2021, for 4:00 pm Advisory Board meeting on October 14, 2021

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- Youth Basketball has been postponed until Oct. 19th due to Covid concerns. We will reassess as we get closer to this date.
- We have hired Colin Perry as our new Groundskeeper! He has worked alongside our past 2 Groundskeepers since 2019 and has proven to have a great handle on what the community wants and needs. He shows great initiative and is always ready to jump in and help where needed – a true asset to our team! We are all very excited to have him with us in this role – congratulate him next time you see him!
- We have a great gym use schedule, thank you to Julie Anderson! We have basketball, pickleball, Open Gym basketball, hockey, Ragnarok Roller practice. Indoor Park, Bounce Castle events...We keep a close eye on Covid but are able to maintain our current schedule as we can. Some larger crowd events we do close, in accordance with Covid numbers.
- We have a generous Aquatic schedule, with something for everyone! Our pool party requests are picking up and are quite more popular than I recall them being! Always still **looking for LG's** to fill in the gaps for when our current students/LG's travel for school sports – if you know anyone wanting to pick up a few hours per week, send them in Scott Burts direction: sburt@petersburgak.gov. Thank you!
- Have been receiving continued conversations with patrons about their wants and desires – doing our best to accommodate as these come in. This includes keeping equipment going, lighting issues, park maintenance, etc.
- Electrical engineers are preparing for our “Electrical Fix” and are working with Scott and School to minimize any impacts/shut-downs of pool during the repairs. UPDATE: this is now scheduled for January 2022 due to lack of needed equipment and parts.
- Our new Maintenance Technician starts with us on Oct. 19th!! We are very excited to welcome Keith Anderson! We have been taking advantage of Sam Jackson and local contractors to take care of our bigger needs until Keith can get settled into his new position and get acquainted with our facilities.
- We are planning our annual **Halloween Hustle** again! This will be hosted in our gym (as we can, safely) on Saturday, Oct. 30th from 4p-6p. **Volunteers needed!** If you know anyone who would like to assist, please send them to Julie Anderson at janderson@petersburgak.gov. Thank you!
- Also coming up is our annual **Winter Wonderland!** Planning will commence in November. We like to follow tradition, but had to change things up last year. From what we heard, our event was well received by the community and are looking to follow the same path! Any input would be great to receive by the end of October!

- Eagles Roost staircase has been removed as they were a danger to our community members. I will be working with OBI and hopefully others to get them rebuilt. The cost of lumber and lack of employees has hindered our ability to fix them this year, as stated by us and OBI this summer.
- Sandy Beach Improvements have been completed and look great, offering more parking and safer walking in and around the shelter and road.
- Met with Forest Service at Sandy Beach about shell midden areas to avoid and preserve in any future projects.
- Outlook Park will be getting Ty Cummins attention with a new ramp railing this fall. He will be keeping his work in theme with current structure – stained yellow cedar and sturdy, rounded railings.
- Working on getting a light placed at the Ice Skate Pond. A generous donation has been made, plus volunteerism, making this possible. Colin and I are working with PMPL and Rock-N-Road to look at different options.

Fall is a very busy time at Parks and Rec, please remember that if you come across anyone who would like to jump in and volunteer anywhere – we have plenty of opportunities!

Have a wonderful fall!