
Meeting Date: June 2, 2025

Subject: Adopt-A-Park Program

Attachments: Resolution 2025-38, Exhibits A-C, and Administrative Policy 2005-10 Volunteer Policy

Presented by: Heidi Riojas, City Clerk and Gary Kroll, Public Works Supervisor

Approved for Agenda by: Dan Ford, City manager

Discussion:

City of Toppenish is responsible for a large amount of area, including public parks, rights-of-way, cemeteries, etc. which are maintained by the City of Toppenish Public Works Department.

The City of Toppenish recognizes the benefits that parks can provide to the community and in an effort to build a sense of connectivity, the City believes that community volunteers are a critical element in supplementing and supporting the work of employees resulting in a stronger, more healthy and sustainable community.

The City of Toppenish seeks greater consistency, coordination and expansion of volunteer opportunities via an “Adopt-A-Park” program – focusing on longer-term commitments by volunteers in maintaining a particular public property within the City while streamlining the process so that neither the City nor interested volunteers feel overwhelmed

The policy will:

- Establish parameters for the oversight and support of the City’s “Adopt-A-Park” maintenance program;
- Streamline the opportunity for volunteers to work with the City for the betterment of the community;
- Establish expectations amongst and between the City and interested volunteers in accepting a longer-term maintenance commitment of public property;
- Identify the general scope of maintenance tasks that may be performed by volunteers.

Recommendation:

Consider approving proposed Resolution 2025-38 at a future meeting to establish the Adopt-A-Park Program.