

Green Team BOD Report

Our meeting of 6/16/26 covered the following:

The search continues for a speaker to bring information to the park concerning Night Skies on the Olympic Peninsula and how the park might support birds navigating their migratory paths.

It was suggested that the lights on the common buildings could be put on motion detectors both saving some utility costs and reducing light pollution. Tanya will be approached concerning feasibility.

We agreed that the large holly tree in the woods east of the upper trash containers should be cut in the manner suggested by Powell prior to the Fall berries to prevent the spread of this invasive species. Sherri M and Jackie L will dry the wood to use for carving projects.

Jackie W has obtained the trail guide booklets created by Judith W, found a source of plaques that will last and will be using the logs already cut as stands to hold the plaques. Additionally, she is looking into ways of making the booklets available in a waterproof container for people to look at while hiking the trail.

A brief discussion concerning recycling followed. After the BOD decided the current operation no longer works due to changes in Jefferson County, we had an online discussion where we agreed to suggest a task force. We emphasized the importance of trying to get something new in place ASAP while the issue is fresh. The park has invested in this; it is keeping with our park values, and once it stops, inertia may set in and make it hard to restart.

New business covered:

1. Solar for the new septic—if wind or solar energy could run our new septic system, it will save us energy and have a system that functions during power outages (especially long-term if there is an earthquake or tsumani).
2. Discussion of the points for a new SOS on soaps and cleansers.
3. Information gathered by Sherri M concerning the huge energy use by data centers and their effects on the environment. Information for alternative ways of doing searches, taking notes, and the like would be educational for the park.