

**City of Ramsey**  
**Agenda**  
**Park and Recreation Commission**  
**Thursday May 12, 2011**  
**6:30 pm**  
**Sweet Bay Boardwalk**  
**16067 Rhinestone Street NW**  
**(off the end of the cul de sac)**

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Citizen Input**

**3. Approve Agenda**

**4. Approve Minutes**

1. Approve Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes date April 14th, 2011

**5. Commission Business**

1. Review Park and Trail Plan Map
2. Discuss Eliminating the Name 'Rhinestone Commons', with both adjoining Park Spaces to be entitled The Draw

**6. Commission/Staff Input**

1.
  - Review Environmental Expo
  - Earth Day Planting with PACT
  - Canoes and Kayaks for Sunfish Lake
  - Status of Parking Lot to serve the Amphitheater Et. al.
  - Summer Programming in The Draw
  - Cub Scout #362 Tree planting at Elmcrest Park
  - Status of North Commons
  - Legacy Funding
  - Volunteerism
  - (Adjourn to Inspect Boardwalk)

**7. Adjournment**

**Park and Recreation Commission**

**4. 1.**

**Meeting Date:** 05/12/2011

**By:** MaryJo Warner, Engineering/Public Works

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**Title:**

Approve Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes date April 14th, 2011

**Background:**

The Park and Recreation Commission conducted its regular meeting on April 14th, 2011

**Notification:**

**Observations:**

**Funding Source:**

n/a

**Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends approval of the Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes of April 14th, 2011

**Commission Action:**

Approve Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes of April 14th, 2011

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**Attachments**

Minutes 04.14.11

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**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
CITY OF RAMSEY  
ANOKA COUNTY  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

The Ramsey Park and Recreation Commission conducted a regular meeting on April 14, 2011, at Ramsey Municipal Center, Minnesota.

Commission Members Present:      Chairperson Melody Shryock  
   Vice Chair Angela Olsen  
   Commissioner Bridgett Barr  
   Commissioner Shane Bennett  
   Commissioner Richard Chubb  
   Commissioner Andrew Fyten  
   Commissioner David Minke

Commission Members Absent:      none

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Shryock called the Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**CITIZEN INPUT**

There was none.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion by Commissioner Olsen, seconded by Commissioner Fyten to approve the agenda.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Shryock, Commissioners Bennett, Barr, Chubb, Fyten, Minke and Olsen. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

Motion by Commissioner Bennett seconded by Commissioner Barr, to approve the following Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes:

- 1) Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes dated March 10, 2011.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Shryock, Commissioners Bennett, Barr, Chubb, Fyten, and Olsen. Voting No: None. Absent: None

**COMMISSION BUSINESS**

**Case #1:      Review Collaborative between Ramsey and County on “Go-Anoka County”**

Park Supervisor Riverblood gave a demonstration of the Go Anoka County on line resource that is filled with information that identifies opportunities to engage in physical activities.

Chairperson Shryock asked if this is the mapping that they worked on from a few years ago.

Parks Supervisor responded essentially yes and also explained on the City's website under Departments/Community Development/Planning is a gGov tool that has a lot of property information as well as addresses and interactive mapping that is available to the public as well.

Parks Supervisor Riverblood also updated the Commission on the request for proposals that recently went out for canoes and kayaks for Sunfish Lake Park under the SHIP program. He also stated that if the quotes come in at a competitive rate there may be money available to purchase bicycles that would be made available to the public which would be at the parking ramp.

Commissioner Shryock asked for more information on how the system will work.

Park Supervisor Riverblood referred to the Nice Ridge Program which has been highly successful in Minneapolis and St. Paul that is a credit card system with very distinctive looking bicycles.

Commissioner Bennett asked if the [goanokacounty.org](http://goanokacounty.org) would be linked to the City website and stated it would be nice to highlight this at the Expo too.

Parks Supervisor Riverblood stated yes it is linked to the City website.

No action taken, for informational purpose.

### **Case #2      Discuss Outdoor Meeting Schedule**

Park Supervisor Riverblood asked for certain considerations in determining the outdoor meeting schedule.

Chairperson Shryock agreed with Park Supervisor Riverblood's suggestions as follows.

May - Sweetbay Boardwalk

June - Central Park Joint Meeting with City Council

July - The Draw

August – Sunfish Lake Park

September – Boat Landing and Pier at Mississippi West

### **Case #3      Define Environmental Expo Planning and Participation**

Park Supervisor reviewed the staff report and the purpose of this case is to discuss scheduling coverage for the Expo.

Chairperson Shryock reviewed what she had on the coverage schedule for the morning shift.

## **COMMISSION/STAFF INPUT**

Park Supervisor Riverblood reported that the HRA will be discussing the sale of lots relating to North Commons.

The future park and trail plan mapping will be on the May agenda.

He is working with Pact Charter School on an earth day planting project at Rhinestone Commons.

The concert series will kick off the season with Big Walter Smith June 23 with Wells Catering providing for the event.

On Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 7:00 Pact Charter High School band and choir will be performing at the amphitheatre. On May 16<sup>th</sup> the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will have a concert called On the Radio. Other events on June 30<sup>th</sup> will be a Sailing in the COR event from 4:00 to dusk. The farmers market starts July 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Fyten, seconded by Commissioner Barr to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Motion carried.

The Park and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mark Riverblood  
Parks Supervisor

Drafted by Mary Jo Warner  
City of Ramsey Public Works Secretary

**Park and Recreation Commission**

**5. 1.**

**Meeting Date:** 05/12/2011

**By:** Mark Riverblood, Engineering/Public Works

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**Title:**

Review Park and Trail Plan Map

**Background:**

On average of once per year, the Park and Recreation Commission updates the Park and Trail Plan Map to remain current with proposed park and trail needs, and to reflect any projects that go from 'proposed' to 'existing'. The newly completed boardwalk connecting the SweetBay Ridge subdivision to Ramsey Boulevard is one such example.

**Notification:**

**Observations:**

In addition to the updating purposes above, two other points are to be noted. The first is that over the years, feedback from residents (especially now that the web is used as a primary information gathering tool), has been that the Park and Trail Plan map (generated for planning), can confuse users who are looking for trails, or places to recreate. Some person's are looking at tracks of open-space shown on our map like 'Deerwood Park' - and are envisioning a developed park space. In other cases, dotted lines denoting proposed trails are sometimes mistaken for existing trails.

To correct this situation, staff is proposing separating the planning portions of the map out, and having a 'User Map' and a distinct Park and Trail *Plan* map. Further, with the 'GoAnokaCounty interactive map linked to the City's web page, residents may find more detailed information than what can be found by viewing a 'static' map.

The second point referred to above, is that the City is in the process of a Comprehensive Plan Amendment with Metropolitan Council, and the Park and Trail Plan (the planning map), will be revised for this reason also.

Additionally, as a general point of communication, it is important to inform the public when ever these mapping changes are made – that the Park and Trail Plan is for long-range planning, and is intended to provide conceptual guidance to prospective developers. The intention of the city is not to condemn land for parks or trails, but to work with willing sellers or land developers.

At the time of this case preparation, proposed map revisions are being performed for Commission consideration. Therefore a proposed Park and Trail Plan map is not available at this time

**Funding Source:**

None required - this map updating is for planning purposes.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends perusing the existing Park and Trail Plan map (attached) for any and all corrections, including proposed trail needs, proposed parks - as well as noting inaccuracies if any. Staff will bring to meeting, a map with suggested revisions.

**Commission Action:**

Motion to approve the City of Ramsey's Park and Trail Plan map - Based upon discussion.

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Attachments

Existing Park and Trail Plan

Form Review

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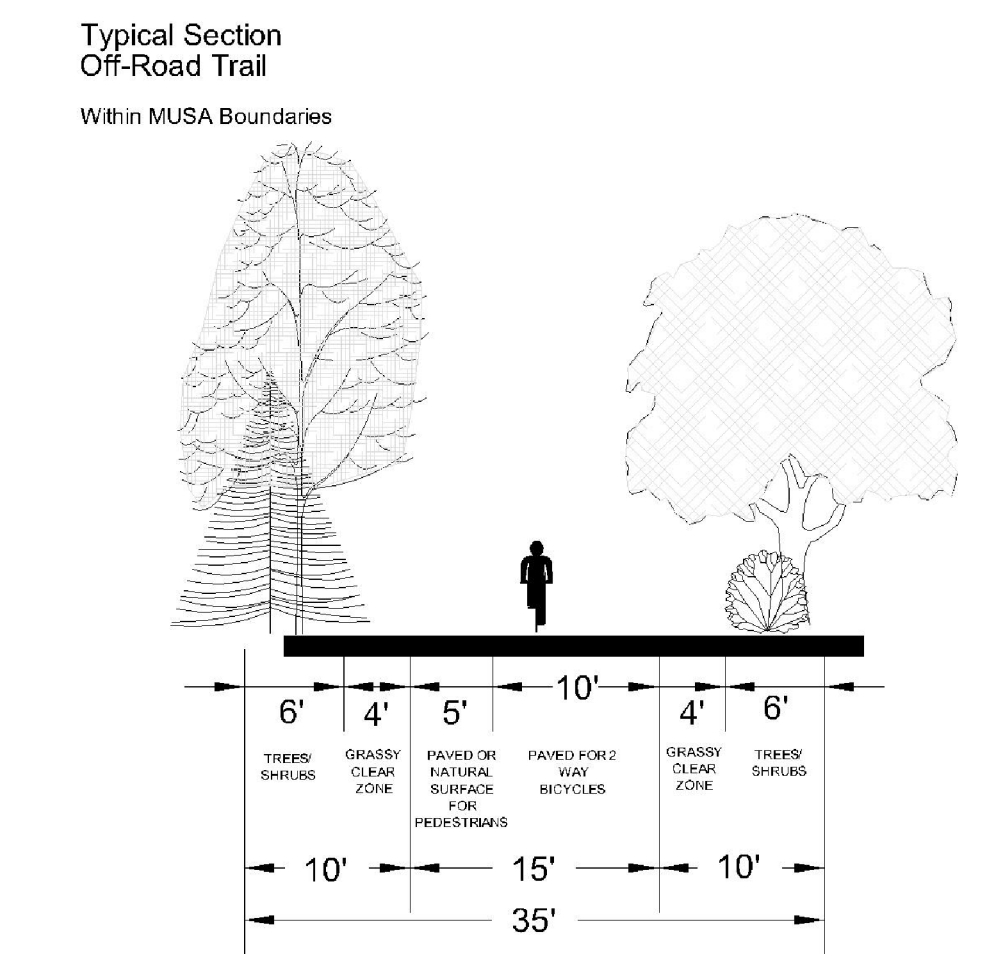
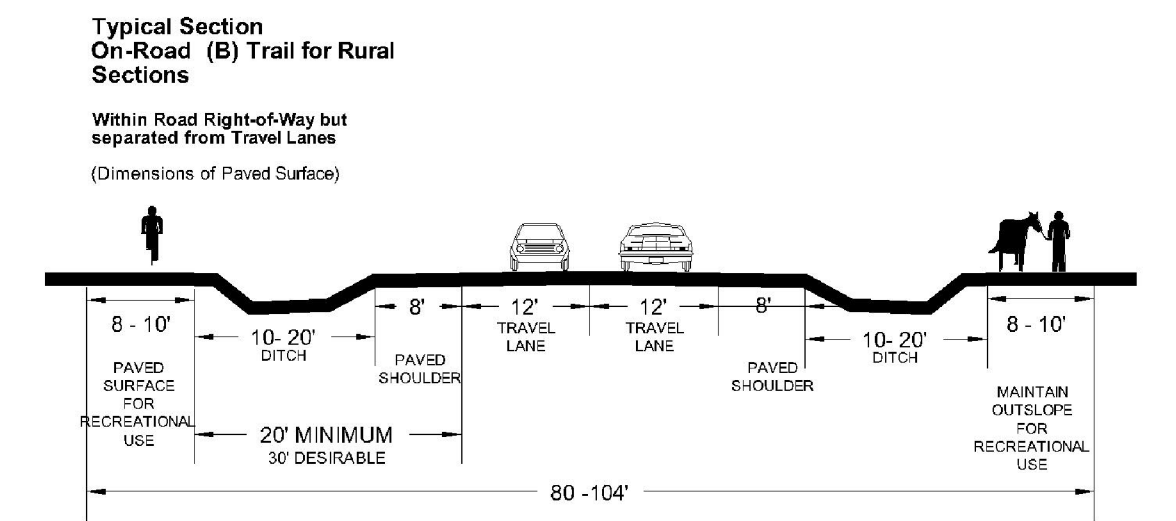
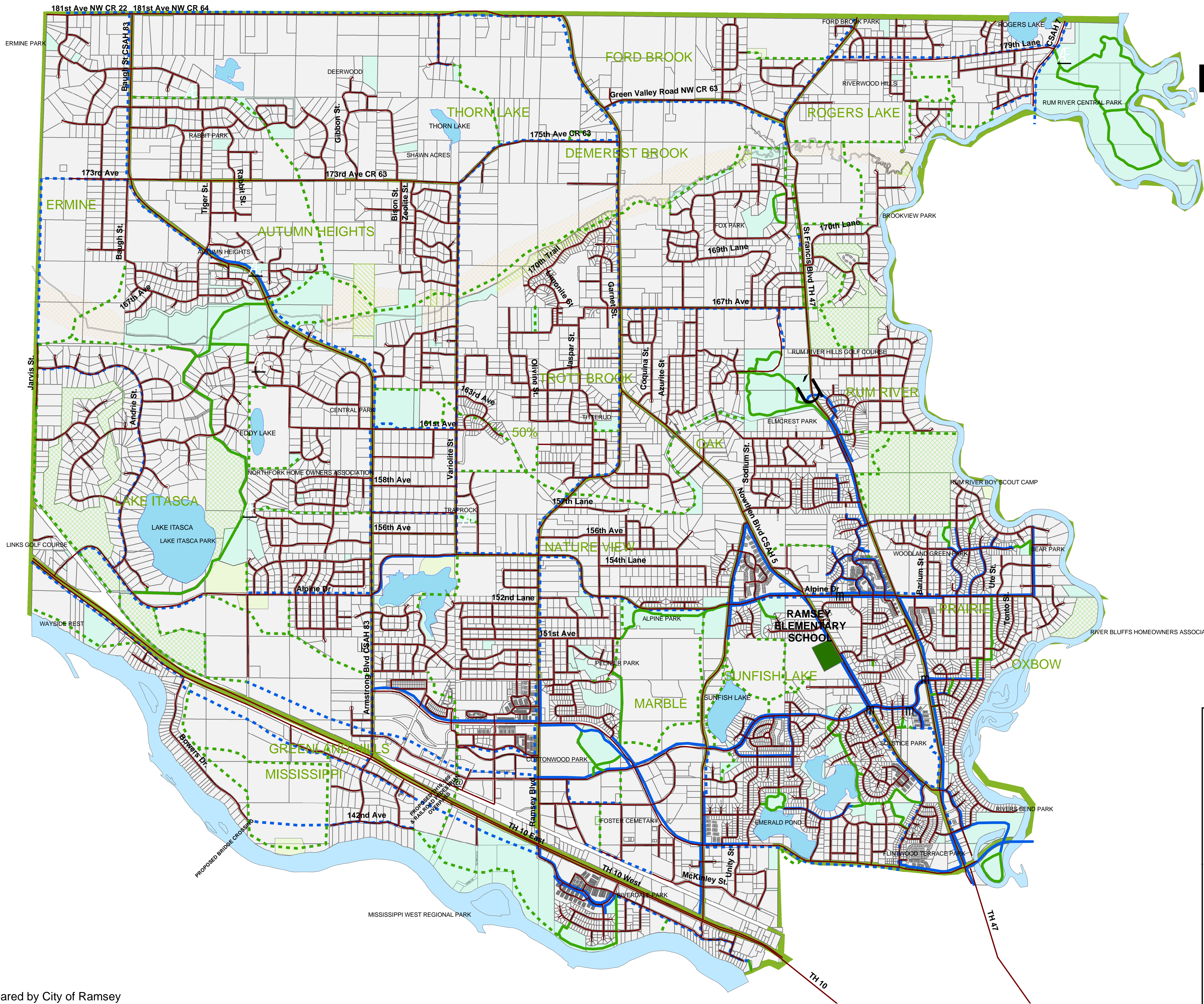
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# City of Ramsey Existing/ Proposed Parks and Trails



### Legend

<b>Map Symbols</b>	<b>Existing Trails</b>
Underpass	Off-Road
Proposed Underpass	On-Road (Separated)
Crosswalk	<b>Proposed Trails</b>
Existing Trailhead	Off-Road
Fire Station	On-Roadway (separated)
City Hall	Conservation Easements
Proposed Trailhead	<b>Parks</b>
	Quasi-Public
	Existing Parks
	Proposed Park
	TROTT BROOK SPECIAL PROTECTION CORRIDOR
	Ramsey Recreation Districts

**Park and Recreation Commission**

**5. 2.**

**Meeting Date:** 05/12/2011

**By:** Mark Riverblood, Engineering/Public Works

**Title:**

Discuss Eliminating the Name 'Rhinestone Commons', with both adjoining Park Spaces to be entitled The Draw

**Background:**

As the Commission is aware, considerable discussion occurred leading up to the name of the park area encompassing the amphitheater within the COR. (A part of this may have been due to the tendency to add the word "park" after the name "Commons". A similar tendency exists for Rhinestone Commons, the location of the ballfield, immediately adjacent to what is now known as The Draw.)

Mid-summer 2010, City Council approved a Resolution naming the park space on either side of the Rhinestone bridge The Draw. The purpose of this case is to recommend a similar renaming Resolution for the reasons discussed below, and in the attached draft Resolution.

**Notification:**

**Observations:**

During the planning process leading up to obtaining bids for the parking lot in 'Rhinestone Commons' that will serve all the adjoining park spaces and uses, future park and way-finding signs were discussed. It became apparent that having differing names for adjacent parks is somewhat confusing and not useful.

In that there is no 'investment' in the name 'Rhinestone Commons' to date, the consensus of staff is to simply rename the park "The Draw." This will add efficiency and simplicity to the sign construction and siting process, and save costs - while eliminating public confusion when searching for the park(s) for the first time.

**Funding Source:**

This case does not recommend or implicate any direct expenditures.

**Staff Recommendation:**

**Commission Action:**

Motion to recommend Resolution 11-05-XXX, renaming 'Rhinestone Commons,' to "The Draw"

**Attachments**

Resolution renaming Rhinestone to The Draw

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**RESOLUTION #11-05-XXX**

**A RESOLUTION RENAMING A PUBLIC PARK WITHIN THE CENTER OF RAMSEY**

**WHEREAS**, access to parks, natural resources, open space and recreation areas, are essential to the quality of life, health and welfare of the City of Ramsey; and

**WHEREAS**, municipal park systems play an ever-important role in providing a diversity of needed recreational opportunities to individuals and families; and

**WHEREAS**, the city of Ramsey's COR, with its parks, trails and public spaces provide the connected and vibrant fabric that are also key to continued economic vitality; and

**WHEREAS**, one of these parks adjacent to the Draw will have a parking lot that will serve the amphitheater and having one name for the adjoining parks within the COR eliminates confusion and simplifies signage and wayfinding; and

**WHEREAS**, this park with its amenities and centralized location will be an important attraction and destination; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAMSEY, ANOKA COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA:**

That, the City of Ramsey hereby renames the park area north of 145<sup>th</sup> Avenue and west of Peridot Street from being formerly known as 'Rhinestone Commons' to: ***The Draw***.

The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

none

and the following abstained:

none

and the following were absent:

none

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the Ramsey City Council this day of, 2011.

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Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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City Clerk

**Park and Recreation Commission**

**6. 1.**

**Meeting Date:** 05/12/2011

**By:** Mark Riverblood, Engineering/Public Works

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**Commission Action:**

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