

**City of Ramsey**  
**Agenda**  
**Park and Recreation Commission**  
**Thursday July 12, 2012**

**6:30 pm**

**Peltzer Park, 7001 149th Lane NW, East of Ramsey Market and East of Kamacite Street.**  
**(in the event of inclement weather, meeting will be at City Hall in the Lake Itasca room)**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Citizen Input**
- 3. Approve Agenda**
- 4. Approve Minutes**
  1. Approve June 14, 2012 meeting minutes.
- 5. Commission Business**
  1. Recommend 2012 Parks' Capital Improvements
- 6. Commission/Staff Input**
  1. Commission/Staff Input
- 7. Adjournment**

**Park and Recreation Commission**

**4. 1.**

**Meeting Date:** 07/12/2012

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

**Title:**

Approve June 14, 2012 meeting minutes.

**Background:**

The Park and Recreation Commission held its regular meeting on June 12, 2012.

**Notification:**

**Observations:**

**Funding Source:**

n/a

**Staff Recommendation:**

**Commission Action:**

Motion to approve Park and Recreation Commission meeting minutes dated June 12, 2012.

**Attachments**

June Mtg Minutes

**Form Review**

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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 June 14, 2012, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

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

Commission Members Absent:      Commissioner Bridgett Barr

Also Present:                              Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Mark Riverblood  
   City Administrator Kurtis Ulrich  
   Intern Adam Moshier  
   Councilmember Randy Backous  
   Councilmember Sarah Strommen

**1.      CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Shryock called the Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

**2.      CITIZEN INPUT**

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood introduced intern Adam Moshier.

**3.      APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion by Commissioner Chubb, seconded by Commissioner Minke to approve the Park and Recreation Commission meeting agenda as presented.

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

**4.      APPROVE MINUTES**

**4.01:    Approve Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes dated May 10, 2012**

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

1) Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes dated May 10, 2012.

Commissioner Minke requested a revision on Page 3, the motion, to indicate: "...to recommend to City Council that up to \$40,000..."

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

## **5. COMMISSION BUSINESS**

### **5.01: Meeting Location Map, Central Park, 7925 161<sup>st</sup> Avenue NW**

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood indicated since the meeting is being held at the Municipal Center, there is no discussion on this item.

### **5.02: Discuss Parks Capital Improvement Plan**

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood presented the Parks Capital Improvement Plan and highlighted key projects. He then detailed the Elmcrest Park project, consisting of a shelter and playground equipment, noting a grant application submitted to the DNR will help fund the project.

Councilmember Backous asked about operating expenses and volunteer time to keep the Park running and clean.

Parks Superintendent Riverblood replied they will need approximately \$400,000 in construction dollars and an extra \$100,000 if the playground will be built.

Councilmember Backous expressed concern that the project has been on the list for eight years. He noted they need to coordinate with the Northern Lights Soccer Club. They are asking the Club to fund two-fifths of the program.

Discussion ensued regarding how the Commission can proceed with the project. Consensus of the Commission was the City and the Club need to get together and keep on top of the priority list.

Councilmember Strommen asked what are the next steps if they do not receive the grant.

Vice Chair Olsen asked Councilmembers from their perspective what needs to change so the project can move forward and how can the Commission help facilitate.

Discussion ensued regarding what measures could be taken to keep the project a priority.

Consensus was that the Commission would not support anything coming out of the trust fund until the building is built. It was suggested to break up the playground from the building structure.

Councilmember Backous suggested going to the next soccer board meeting for a collaborative effort. He also invited the Commission and other Councilmembers go to the July or October soccer tournament, to get a better sense of needs for the field.

Commissioner Bennett noted the Commission has been only able to do smaller projects and questioned what needs to be done to push larger projects, such as this one. He asked if the Northern Lights Soccer Club knows what is expected of them.

Consensus of the Commission was to meet with the Northern Lights Soccer Club.

The meeting recessed at 7:14 p.m. and reconvened at 7:23 p.m.

City Administrator Ulrich suggested they divide the project since \$500,000 is a large amount to approve all at once.

Parks Superintendent Riverblood suggested the Commission make a motion to accept proposals for preparing specifications. He indicated that he and Councilmember Backous saw a park building that would meet the needs of the proposed building, with modifications, and they could look into buying those plans.

Councilmember Strommen asked about Park Legacy Fund grants for this project.

Councilmember Backous suggested having an educational kiosks to tap into Legacy Funds.

Motion by Commissioner Minke seconded by Commissioner Bennett, to ask staff to move forward for options to get the building designs completed in a cost effective and timely manner.

Commissioner Olsen offered a friendly amendment to direct staff to move forward on the building plans for Elmcrest Park after seeking Council approval and input from the Soccer Association.

Chairperson Shryock stated since they are still developing a partnership with the Club, she suggested they have control over the structural design and development.

Commissioner Minke asked Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood to put together a project plan and note in what areas the Commission can assist.

Riverblood stated he would have the project plan for the July meeting.

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

Chairperson Shryock asked any further discussion on the Capital Improvement Plan.

Parks Superintendent Riverblood stated the plan is primarily a planning document and will go to Council for adoption.

### **5.03: Recommend Park Dedication for North Commons**

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood presented the development plan for COR Three and the North Commons park area. He requested the Commission make a recommendation to Council to approve via a cash contribution, which will go into the Park Trust Fund.

Commissioner Minke questioned if the intended dollars will be satisfied as the lots are sold.

Riverblood noted that the HRA is playing the role of developer and the land will pay for itself, but over time.

Discussion ensued regarding playground equipment for the park and consensus of the Commission was to first entertain the Elmcrest Park improvements.

Councilmember Backous stated a park [for North Commons residents] was promised when the developer came in.

Motion by Commissioner Minke, seconded by Commissioner Fyten, to recommend to the City Council that Park Dedication and Trail Fees be satisfied by cash in lieu of land dedication for North Commons.

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

### **5.04: Discuss Partnerships and Fee-Supported Recreational Opportunities**

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood asked for dialogue on what they thought about exploring recreational needs, which are not met in the community, if supported by fees. For example, the City could advertise canoe shuttle service whereby people would meet at the park and paddle down to a designated landing. With the shuttle service, they wouldn't have to do anything with canoes, somebody will take them. He asked if the City should be exploring fee-supported recreation.

Commissioner Olsen questioned staffing levels.

Riverblood suggested in this example, a seasonal worker could manage the program and if there are enough users it would be fully self-sustaining. He suggested, as an alternative, to partner with somebody that already has an established program. He added the cost needs to pay for the program or it would be cancelled.

Chairperson Shryock questioned the purpose, whether it is to serve residents or to get money.

Discussion ensued as to whether the City can initiate another program at this time.

Consensus of the Commission was to continue the conversation in the future and to start thinking about what opportunities residents are seeking and what is the process.

## **6. COMMISSION/STAFF INPUT**

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood updated the Commission regarding trail grants.

Riverblood highlighted the 2012 programming, and also noted the number of canoe access cards is at 258, with 93 given this spring alone.

Chairperson Shryock stated there will be another cable spot next week and asked the Commission to provide canoe areas to highlight.

Parks Superintendent Riverblood discussed community service hours for high school kids, indicating a framework volunteer program is being put together for better organization.

Commissioner Olsen requested, moving forward, they receive Park & Recreation weekly updates as they are sometimes unprepared for resident questions.

Councilmember Strommen requested Council reexamine the purpose of the weekly update communication.

Commissioner Minke questioned tonight's exchange with Council and its productivity. He asked how the joint meeting can be improved moving forward. He suggested a work session where they can jointly discuss and structure the agenda to share vision, goals, and budget.

Commissioner Chubb noted Happy Days are September 8 and 9. He suggested the Commission run the bingo tent for the night of September 8. Bingo equipment was discussed and it was noted the proceeds go to the City main fund.

Motion by Commissioner Chubb, seconded by Commissioner Bennett, to recommend the Park and Recreation Commission run the bingo tent for Happy Days on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Bennett amended the motion to include Park and Recreation Commission signage.

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

City Administrator announced that Parks Supervisor Riverblood has been promoted to Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Chubb, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried.

The Park and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mark Riverblood  
Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent

Drafted by Cheryl Felix  
*TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.*

## Park and Recreation Commission

5. 1.

**Meeting Date:** 07/12/2012

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

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**Title:**

Recommend 2012 Parks' Capital Improvements

**Background:**

The primary discussion at the June 14th, 2012 joint meeting hosted by Park and Recreation Commission with City Council was the Parks' Capital Improvement Plan and also recommending Park Dedication for the COR Three plat which includes the park space known as North Commons. The preponderance of the CIP discussion included the building and playground for Elmcrest Park - with the North Commons item including a discussion on the priority of the playground for that new neighborhood.

**Notification:**

**Observations:**

The essence of the aforementioned analysis on the CIP, was that all three projects have a demonstrated need within the community, and each (the park building at Elmcrest, the playstructure there as well, and the play equipment for North Commons), are the subject of some expectation by residents - either at the neighborhood level or in the case of Northern Lights Soccer (NLS), by a large cross-section of Ramsey.

The discussion in June also concluded that it was difficult to 'rank' the priority of these projects, as they are different in their nature and need, or they are interrelated as in the case of the park building and adjoining playstructure at Elmcrest Park.

Using the above 'obstacle' as an opportunity, staff investigated the proposition of purchasing two playstructures at the same time for two different parks. The findings reveal that perhaps as much as 8 to 13 percent may be saved by this approach. If the price point for the play equipment at Elmcrest were \$75k and the proposed playstructure at North Commons were \$40k - the savings may be approximately \$15,000.

Another aspect of the discussion included the acknowledgment that the Park and Recreation Commission and Northern Lights Soccer need to work together closely throughout the planning process for Elmcrest's park building - and establish a realistic goal of cash contributions by the club, and also what NLS would be responsible for in terms day-to-day maintenance during the soccer season. A well-attended meeting occurred on June 24th, 2012 between NLS, Anoka Ramsey Athletic Association (ARAA) officials and members of the Commission. The outcome appeared to yield general consensus on a funding plan and amount, and recognition that a formal maintenance commitment would need to be organized for submittal to City Council to credibly move the park building project forward.

One part of the cash contribution by NLS may be to reimburse the City for the plans and specs after the building is completed. Advancing the plans and specs as a first step has the value of assuring the club has 'skin in the game' but moreover addresses many important questions like identifying the estimated building construction cost, annual operational expenses and most importantly, building design and utility. It is understood that representatives from NLS will be at the Commission's July meeting to more fully develop this collaborative.

Attached is a proposal that addresses the process of developing the plans and specifications for the Elmcrest Park building, as well as related attachments.

Should the Commission and Northern Lights Soccer come to agreement on some of the details in the above approach, the next step may include a discussion at a City Council work session to obtain direction to formalize the

collaborative - perhaps as a Joint Powers Agreement between City Council and ARAA.

As the intention would be to progress these three 2012 Capital Improvement projects as one initiative, it may be useful to establish two or more Park and Recreation Commission members to work outside of the monthly meeting format to inform and select the proposed playstructures for the park and also present the projects (including the park building) at the next available City Council work session.

Funding Source:

None required at this time - however, the Park Trust Fund (present balance of approximately \$1.9 million) is expected to be a funding source, together with a contribution by NLS for a portion of the park building.

Staff Recommendation:

Commission Action:

Based upon discussion

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Attachments

architect cover letter

scope of services

similar projects

fee proposal

Miller Park example

background on NLS & building need

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Form Review

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June 26, 2012

Mr. Mark Riverblood  
Parks & Asst. Public Works Superintendent  
City of Ramsey  
7550 Sunwood Drive NW  
Ramsey, MN 55303

SUBJECT: Proposal for Professional Services  
Ramsey Park Building

Dear Mr. Riverblood:

We appreciate your invitation to submit this proposal for the new Park Building at Elmcrest Park in Ramsey, MN.

As an Architect for Cities such as Eden Prairie, Maple Grove, Medina and Plymouth, we have gone through similar processes of analysis and study, using input from user groups and outside consultants to develop programs and design solutions for projects similar to yours.

We will bring to your project an added value that includes efficient use of time and resources, creation of a knowledgeable yet user friendly environment for Staff and Community involvement and a vision for the long term. Our 45 years of Community based architecture combined with 28 years of hospitality expertise will deliver a building and design that will bring delight to the users.

Please review the attached information and contact us with any questions or comments you may have, we look forward to meeting with you to discuss your project in depth.

Sincerely,

BISSONNETTE ERICKSON ARCHITECTS, LLC

Del Erickson, RA, NCARB

Bruce P. Bissonnette, AIA

# Work Plan/Scope of Services

## PHASE I

### **Initial Work Phase/Program**

- Review existing program/budget
- Update program issues with City Staff
- Meet and receive input from user groups
- Review code and city planning requirements
- Develop written program/design objectives incorporating input and project concerns
- Finalize schedule

### **Schematic Design**

- Prepare concept plans and design alternatives
- Prepare rough cost analysis related to concept alternatives
- Review with City Staff to finalize design concepts, including reconciliation of septic system design (by City Staff) with sustainability specifics and cost objectives
- Prepare schematic plans, elevations, and computer generated 3D diagrammatic illustrations.
- Design and system narrative to establish approach for design development
- Establish preliminary cost estimates
- Present to City Staff and others as appropriate

### **City of Ramsey responsibility:**

Provide geotechnical information, environmental impact information, program information and availability for meetings and interaction with the design team.

## PHASE II

### **Design Development**

- Update design concept as approved and modified and review with City Staff
- Prepare design development plans with proposed structural, mechanical and electrical systems illustrated in CADD form explaining design and appearance character and image
- Prepare outline specifications of materials and systems
- Prepare final preliminary cost estimate
- Prepare annual energy consumption estimate
- Review with City Staff at appropriate intervals to keep abreast of project, incorporating input as part of team.
- Present to City for approval to proceed with construction documents

### **City of Ramsey responsibility:**

Meetings and interaction with the design team for review and approval of design concepts and Council approval to proceed with construction documents.

## **PHASE III**

### **Construction Documents**

- Review with City Staff. Finalize design concerns and modifications
- Prepare final construction and bid documents in CADD form
- Review options for contract methods with City
- Prepare construction specifications
- Prepare final cost estimate
- Present to City for approval to bid

### **City of Ramsey responsibility:**

Meetings and interaction with the design team and input regarding conditions of the contract and bidding and procurement information and City approval to issue for bidding and permitting.

## **PHASE IV**

### **Bidding and Construction Administration**

- Attend pre-bid conference
- Review bidding questions and issue clarifications to bidders
- Review bids with City and make recommendations on award
- Attend preconstruction conference and progress meetings at project site
- Review and approve shop drawings and material selections; incorporating input from City Staff as appropriate
- Provide job site observation and reports at intervals appropriate to project construction phase and progress
- Review and approve monthly payment request
- Provide final inspection with Owner and issue punch list
- Review completion of punch list and sign off of contractors
- Approve final pay request and issue certificate of completion
- Review warranties and perform walk through with City prior to one year occupancy

### **City of Ramsey responsibility:**

Approval of bid packages. Provide public notice information. Provide location for receipt of and opening of bids. Meetings and interaction with the design team. Review and approval of finish schedule for colors, materials and systems. Participate in final inspection and acceptance of project.

## **Unique Qualifications**

### **Depth of Experience with Community Based Projects**

Del Erickson has over 45 years experience working with community organizations which include cities, counties, state, schools, youth associations, YMCA's and the Girl Scouts. His experience provides clients with considerable, relevant experience that will be applied to this unique project as a recreational facility of importance to the community.

### **Small Firm with Active Principal Involvement**

We are a lean firm, whose principals are involved throughout the process. Our hands-on approach maintains continuity of client and design objectives through final project completion. We have a reputation for efficient, cost effective services that provide full value at competitive fees.

### **Sustainable Practices**

We have pioneered many sustainable practices in our designs since the 1980's and continually incorporate appropriate and cost effective solutions in our work. While we encourage the use of as many sustainable building components as possible, we also realize that in every project an underlying issue is building cost, both first and operational, therefore life cycle analysis, value engineering, and reuse and recycling are thoroughly studied as is user friendly lighting control systems and HVAC systems that is easily adjustable to meet the varying occupant load and time of day usage. Our firm and major consultants have LEED certified personnel providing appropriate sustainable design.

### **Durable Public Buildings**

We recognize that public building can have extra challenges in maintenance and durability. Materials and finishes need to be durable yet aesthetically interesting. We know the importance of durability of materials, that are accessible to the public and users as well as mechanical and electrical systems that require minimum maintenance and have long life.

### **On Budget on Time**

As a firm we value your time, and your budget. With our knowledge of current construction costs and trends in the region we start the process from the very beginning of making sure an organized and fiscally responsible approach is taken that will yield ultimate value for your project. Our cost estimating has been within 5% of final cost and we have never had a project not proceed because we could not design within budget.

### **Availability**

We are prepared to start immediately and devote necessary resources and personnel to serve the community of Ramsey and the needs of this project.

## **SIMILAR PROJECTS**

### **Miller Park Softball Field Building, Eden Prairie, MN**

- Central resource, toilet, storage and concession building located between backstops of four softball fields in Miller Park.
- Area: 3,000 s.f. plus 6'-0" roof overhang on all four sides.
- Wood roof construction, energy block walls of local manufacturer, energy efficient heat and ventilation systems via cupola with natural vent capabilities, high efficiency lighting, low flow plumbing fixtures and recycled plastic toilet compartments and countertops.
- A indoor/openable breezeway for indoor and outdoor access to tournament office, toilets and concession
- Project Cost: \$350,000

### **Three Park Shelters; Prairie View Park, Edenvale Park, Forest Hills Park, Eden Prairie, MN**

- Park shelters providing picnic shelter, warming/multi-use space and toilet facilities for ball field, playground and ice rink.
- Area: 1,200 s.f. enclosed plus open roofed picnic area (600 s.f.)
- Wood roof construction, energy block walls of local manufacturer, energy efficient systems and recycled materials; windows provided natural light and security screened ventilation for year round use
- Project Cost: approximately \$235,000 each

### **Miller Park Baseball Building, Eden Prairie, MN**

- Baseball field shelter and Association building with toilets, maintenance storage, concessions, picnic shelter with second floor storage and Baseball Association space with view to two Little League fields.
- Area: 1,500 s.f. first floor, 900 s.f. second floor and 600 s.f. of covered picnic area.
- Wood roof construction and second level floor system, energy block walls of local manufacturer, energy efficient systems and recycled materials
- A indoor/openable breezeway for indoor and outdoor access to tournament office, toilets and concession
- Project Cost: \$300,000

## FEE PROPOSAL

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### Scope of Work

- **Phase I – Site Review/Concept/Program Study and Schematic Design** estimated to be approximately 20% of fee.
- **Phase II – Design Development**, for work as approved, approximately 15% of fee.
- **Phase III – Construction Documents** for work as approved, approximately 40% of fee.

**Estimated fee through plans and spec's is approximately 75% of fee or \$20,000 to \$22,500.**

- **Phase IV – Bidding and Construction Administration** for work as bid and contracted, approximately 25% of fee.

**The overall fee budget for all services will be negotiated on the basis of 8% to 8.5% of construction cost, adjusted by final scope of work; hourly not to exceed \$28,500 based on estimated construction budget of \$300,000 to \$350,000.**

Our basic services will be based on AIA B151 Contract which includes complete architectural, structural and mechanical and electrical engineering. Civil engineering, landscape architecture, surveying, staking, as-built documents, special inspections for structural and utilities are additional services and some will be provided by City.

#### Architectural

Principal Architect	\$125/hr
Project Architect	\$100 to \$110/hr
CADD	\$75 to \$85/hr

#### Structural Engineering

Principal	\$160/hr
Structural Engineer	\$100 to \$110/hr
Designer	\$80 to \$100/hr

#### Mechanical & Electrical

Principal	\$145/hr
Project Manager / Engineer	\$90 to \$125/hr
Designer / CADD Technician	\$90/hr

Reimbursable expenses, including but not limited to, filing fees and outside reproduction of graphics shall be reimbursed at actual cost plus 10%.



7/29/2010 9:16am

## NORTHERN LIGHTS SC FACTS

### ABOUT US

NORTHERN LIGHTS SOCCER CLUB, CELEBRATING ITS 25TH YEAR IN 2010, IS DEDICATED TO BRINGING A HIGH LEVEL OF SOCCER TO THE YOUTH IN THE ANOKA, RAMSEY, ANDOVER, COON RAPIDS AND SURROUNDING AREA. WE FOCUS ON TRAINING OUR PLAYERS TO BECOME QUALITY PLAYERS WHILE GAINING LIFELONG LESSONS AND EXPERIENCES. WE ARE COMMITTED TO DEVELOPING STRONG COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR PLAYERS, FAMILIES, COMMUNITY BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS. WE ARE CONTINUING TO GROW AND DEVELOP WINNING TEAMS OVER TIME, WITHOUT COMPROMISING OUR BELIEFS AND VALUES.

NORTHERN LIGHTS SOCCER CURRENTLY SERVES 1700 COMMUNITY MEMBERS BETWEEN ITS FALL AND TRAVELING PROGRAMS. THE PROGRAM CURRENTLY HAS 15 VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE MEMBERS, TWO FULL TIME PAID EMPLOYEES AND 10 PAID TRAINERS/COACHES.

*200 Volunteer Coaches*

SOCCER HAS GROWN QUITE CONSIDERABLE IN THE LAST 5 YEARS IN THE US. SOCCER IN THE MIDWEST HAS STAYED ON A 2-3% INCREASE EVERY YEAR. IN THE 2010/2011 SOCCER SEASON 71,668 MINNESOTA KIDS PARTICIPATED THE WORLD'S MOST POPULAR SPORT, WITH ONLY MICHIGAN AND ILLNOIS HAVE A HIGHER NUMBER OF REGISTRATED PLAYERS.

I'M VERY PLEASE TO SAY NORTHERN LIGHTS SOCCER CLUB WAS AWARDED THE NORTH BOYS DISTRICT TOURNAMENT AND THE STATE WIDE U9/U10 FALL JAMBORRE FOR THE LAST 5 YEARS.

- I HAVE ATTACHED A BREAK DOWN OF THE FINANCIAL IMPACT TO THE COMMUNITY

### CURRENT CONCERNS

OTHER COMMUNITIES HAVE ALREADY BUILT DOME FACILITIES EG.. MAPLE GROVE, ST. MICHAEL AND ANDOVER (WHICH HAS CONTACTED US TO PARTNER WITH THEM)

FUTURE INCREASE IN BUILDING AND LABOR COST BY PUTTING OF THE PROJECT TO A LATER DATE

**Districts:**

105 teams ranging from U11 to U19 boys.

Approximate number of attendees from throughout the State - 5000 people from Thursday - Sunday

Gross profit from the 4 day tournament is approximately \$8000.00

*Extra* expenses due to no building at Elmcrest:

- Tent \$975.00
- Extra bathrooms and washing stations \$970.00
- Extra garbages \$428.00
- Temporary Anoka County food permit \$30.00
- Machine rental from ARAA concession stand \$200.00
- Extra concession supplies due to no water (ie: water jugs, cleaning supplies, etc) \$200.00

**Jamboree:**

164 teams ages U9 & U10

Approximate number of attendees from throughout the State - 6500 people in one day

Gross income from the one day tournament is approximately \$11,000.00

*Extra* expenses due to no building at Elmcrest:

- Tent \$975.00
- Extra bathrooms and washing stations \$970.00
- Extra garbages \$428.00
- Temporary Anoka County food permit \$30.00
- Machine rental from ARAA concession stand \$200.00
- Extra concession supplies due to no water (ie: water jugs, cleaning supplies, etc) \$200.00

\$5606.00 to be redirected toward maintance of the new facities

# ELMCREST PARK SHELTER

# • D E B U T •

## NORTHERN LIGHTS SOCCER CLUB (NLS)



Soccer was first organized in Ramsey in 1985 under the non-profit organization known as the Ramsey Youth Athletic Association. It began as a recreational program for ages 3 to 12 with a mission to teach local youth good sportsmanship, teamwork and the game of soccer. A competitive program for ages 7 to 19, now known as "Northern Lights Soccer Club" (also known as "traveling soccer"), was added in 1999. It quickly grew from a single team of 16 players during its inaugural season to 36 teams and 507 players from 38 different cities in the 2010 summer season.

In 2006, the Anoka Youth Athletic Association merged their youth multi-sport association with Ramsey Youth Athletic Association, and the program was renamed the Anoka Ramsey Athletic Association. Northern Lights Soccer Club (NLS) continues to operate within the non-profit legal organization known as Anoka Ramsey Athletic Association.

Northern Lights Soccer Club has produced five Minnesota Youth Soccer Association State Champions and 11 State Champion Runners-Up. In 2007, the Anoka High School boys' varsity soccer team – comprised almost exclusively of NLS members – won the Minnesota State High School League Class 2A State Championship. They were the first north-metro boys' soccer team to win a High School State Championship.

Over the years, Northern Lights Soccer Club has continuously remained responsible stewards of the funds under its control. Fees have historically been maintained at levels lower than similar clubs in surrounding areas, and the Soccer Club has applied for and received five grants for various projects. A program was established to provide funds to underprivileged families so that no child is turned away simply because of financial difficulty.

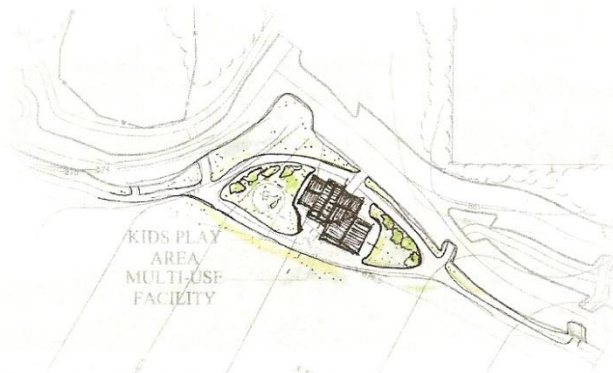
### Contents:

#### Soccer in Ramsey

#### Details of the Park Shelter

#### Accomplishments, Special Events & Opportunities

#### Membership & Demographics



Overall conceptual site plan showing proposed park shelter building, paved and green areas



## SOCCKER IN RAMSEY

### Elmcrest Park Building Stakeholders:

- The City of Ramsey
- Surrounding Neighborhoods
- Anoka Ramsey Athletic Association
- Local Businesses
- Players and their families
- Coaches
- Volunteers

Elmcrest Park has emerged as the home of Northern Lights Soccer Club. Many events have been hosted at the park which bring visitors from many cities in the metro area as well as places as far away as St. Cloud, Bemidji and Duluth. In July 2010, Elmcrest Park will host the North District Boys Tournament for the fifth consecutive year. This tournament brings over 6,000 visitors to the City of Ramsey over the three-day period. In 2009, Northern Lights Soccer Club was awarded a two-year contract to host the Fall Jamboree for 9- and 10-year-olds. This one-day event draws over 8,700 visitors to the city.

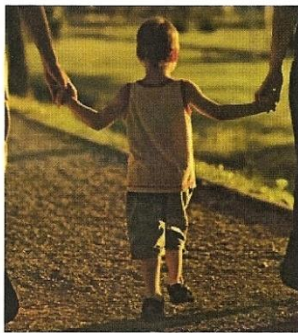
Much has been accomplished in the 25 years of soccer in Ramsey to serve the city and teach the game of soccer. With hundreds of involved families, dedicated volunteers and an ever-growing reputation as one of Minnesota's premiere soccer clubs, the future of Northern Lights Soccer Club is bright.

### Why a Building at Elmcrest Park?

Many opportunities to host events that would bring visitors and commerce to the city are lost simply because of the manpower and expense required to host them. Without a building, tents, restrooms and storage, facilities must be rented, and volunteers are required to move concessions back and forth. This not only taxes the volunteer base – making it difficult to host more than one event per year, but also it cuts into the profit – making it impractical or impossible to host larger events.

Meeting space for large groups is scarce within the city. A building at Elmcrest Park could provide meeting space for youth groups, senior groups and civic organizations.

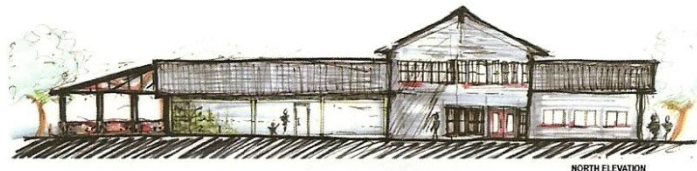
A building at Elmcrest would sit adjacent to well traveled trails that would provide restrooms, drinking water and a rest area along the trails.



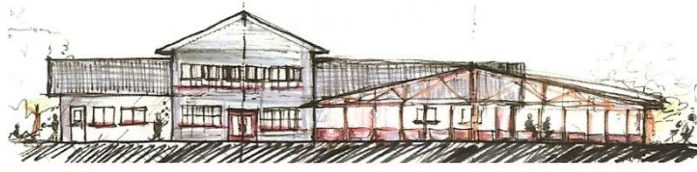
Elmcrest Park has a wide variety of activities to offer area youth.



Youth organizations look forward to serving you from Concessions!



NORTH ELEVATION



SOUTH ELEVATION

North and south elevations of the proposed park shelter

# DETAILS OF THE PARK SHELTER

The project consists of site and architectural design and documentation for the construction of a new public park shelter and pavilion at Elmcrest Park in Ramsey, MN. The existing site includes parking, paved trails and soccer fields (south of the proposed park shelter). The full build-out of the site will include the

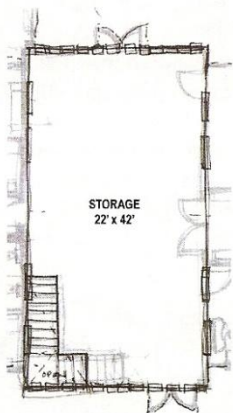
park shelter, pavilion, children's play area and landscaping around the shelter. The park shelter building will be used during all seasons of the year in support of area youth athletic programs. It is anticipated that the facility will be constructed during the 2011 construction season.

## BUILDING PROGRAM

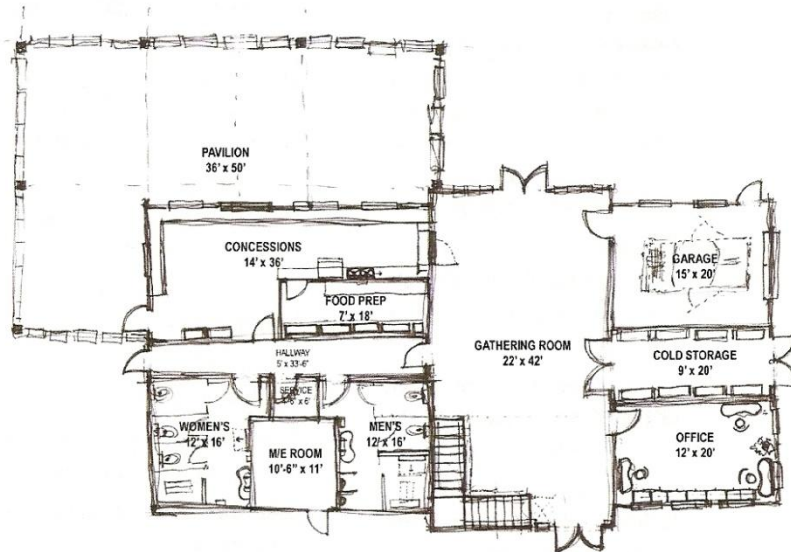
<u>Floor 1:</u>	
Pavilion	1296 SF
Concessions	378 SF
Food Prep	126 SF
Restrooms	
Men's	192 SF
Women's	192 SF
Mechanical/Electrical Room	116 SF
Service	30 SF
Gathering Room	924 SF
Garage	300 SF
Cold Storage	180 SF
Office	240 SF

<u>Floor 2:</u>	
Storage	924 SF

TOTAL: approx. 5065 SF



Schematic second floor plan of park shelter (above)



Schematic ground floor plan of park shelter (above)



# ACCOMPLISHMENTS, SPECIAL EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

## Why Now?

Construction costs are at their lowest point in years, and the need for low-cost, local recreation are in demand now more than ever.

## Accomplishments

- 2000- Applied for and received \$100,000 grant (awarded the maximum amount) through Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission and the State of Minnesota's "Mighty Kicks" grant. This grant was used to develop soccer fields at Elmcrest Park.
- 2007 - Anoka High School Boys Soccer Team wins MN State High School League Class 2A State Championship. This was the first time a north-metro high school won a state soccer championship in class 2A. These players were almost exclusively NLS members.
- Northern Lights Soccer Club has produced five MYSA state champions and 11, 2nd-place teams.
- Teams compete at all levels of play from Classic 3 to the Premier Division.
- NLS numerous graduates are active in college and semi-professional soccer.
- Developed fund-raising programs and scholarship

funds to help families so that no child is turned away due to financial difficulty.

- Applied for and received four grants from MYSA for safety upgrades to soccer goals. All fields within the city of Ramsey now have nationally approved goals with approved anchoring techniques.

## Special Events & Opportunities

- MYSA U9/U10 Fall Jamboree – attendance approximately 8,700 during one-day festival. Hosted first time in fall 2009 and signed two-year contract.
- MYSA North District Tournament – attendance approximately 6,000 during three-day event.
- *Opportunity* – MYSA U9/ U10 Summer Jamboree – attendance approximately 8,700 during one-day festival.
- *Opportunity* – Summer Regional Tournament.
- *Opportunity* – Summer State Tournament.
- *Opportunity* – Fall State Tournament.
- *Opportunity* – Summer Invitational Tournaments.
- *Opportunity* – Small-sided Jamborees.

## Ramsey Soccer Milestones:

- Northern Lights Soccer Club (NLS) traveling program started in 1999 with one team of 16 players. It has grown to 36 teams and 507 players in 2010.
- 2006 – Anoka Youth Athletic Association merged with Ramsey Youth Athletic Association (program was renamed Anoka Ramsey Athletic Association).
- 2008 – Minnesota Revolution (stand-alone soccer program primarily servicing Anoka and Andover) merged with NLS (program maintained NLS name).
- 2010 – 25 years of service.



Soccer and lacrosse are popular youth sports in Ramsey.

## MEMBERSHIP & DEMOGRAPHICS



Tournaments and other games hosted by Northern Lights Soccer Club become community-wide events in Elmcrest Park.

### Membership

- 1985: Northern Lights Soccer Club (NLS) began a soccer program within Ramsey Youth Athletic Association
- 1990: 217 players in summer + 175 players in the fall
- 1995: 309 players in summer + 213 players in the fall
- 2000: 557 players in summer + 318 players in the fall
- 2005: 764 players in summer + 563 players in the fall
- 2010: 1,114 players in summer + 625 (anticipated) players in fall

### Recreational Demographics

- 2010 Enrollment: 607 players (spring season only)
- Ages 3 to 12
- 48% Boys; 52% Girls
- Participants from 16 cities: Ramsey, Anoka, Andover, Nowthen, Coon Rapids, Elk River, Ham Lake, St. Francis, Blaine, Cambridge, Champlin, Maple Grove, Minneapolis, Oak Grove, Otsego and Wyoming
- Breakdown by city: Ramsey 66.4%, Anoka 20.6%, Andover 7.2%, Other 5.8% (Nowthen residents are calculated with Anoka residents)

### Traveling Program Demographics

- 2010 Enrollment: 507 players (spring season only)
- Ages 7 to 19
- 41% Boys; 59% Girls
- Participants from 38 cities and two states: Ramsey, Anoka, Andover, Nowthen, Coon Rapids, St. Michael, Elk River, Blaine, Brooklyn Park, Champlin, Ham Lake, Oak Grove, Monticello, Moundsview, St. Francis, Zimmerman, Albertville, Baxter, Big Lake, Brainerd, Buffalo, Cambridge, Maple Grove, Minneapolis, Otsego, North Branch, Cedar, Corcoran, Dayton, East Bethel, Edina, Elk Mound, Wisconsin, Pine Springs, Rogers, Shakopee, Shoreview, Stillwater and Wyoming
- Breakdown by city: Ramsey 53.8%, Anoka 14.8%, Andover 14.0%, Other 5.3% (Nowthen residents are calculated with Anoka residents)
- League Games – traveling soccer teams from Stillwater to St. Cloud and from Edina to Bemidji visit our city and community on a weekly basis.

Northern Lights Soccer Club "Wish List" – via discussions with NLS Committee and Coaches.

**1. Basic Design**

- a. Large enough overhang on two sides facing fields
  - i. Shade
  - ii. Rain cover
  
- b. Lockable roll panels on the two sides with the overhang
  - i. Wind protection
  - ii. Flexible configuration based on wind/rain yet open
  - iii. Extra layer of security from vandals at night
  
- c. Small wall surrounding most of the area on the two sides facing the fields
  - i. Provide surface to lock down the roll panels
  - ii. Provide a ledge to sit on

**2. Concessions**

- a. Large window facing the fields
- b. Sinks to allow for cooked food concessions
- c. Adequate power to allow for freezer, ice machine and various concessions equipment

**3. Restrooms**

- a. Women's restroom larger than the men's
- b. Entry from both inside and outside
- c. Baby changing stations
- d. Changing stall(s)

**4. Meeting Space**

- a. Open/Flexible/Reconfigurable/Modular
- b. Adequate for 20- 30 people; can rely on municipal center and other existing facilities for larger meetings.

**5. Storage**

- a. Some climate controlled / some not
- b. Work bench area

**6. Lockable office space**

- a. Outside roll down window for team check- in, etc.

**7. Upper Level with windows on field side**

- a. Tournament monitoring
- b. Meeting space



Miller Park - Eden Prairie

**Park and Recreation Commission**

**6. 1.**

**Meeting Date:** 07/12/2012

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

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**Title:**

Commission/Staff Input

**Background:**

- Review The Draw Summer Events

**Notification:**

**Observations:**

**Funding Source:**

**Staff Recommendation:**

**Commission Action:**

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**Attachments**

July 5th and 12th Flyer

2012 Event Series

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**Form Review**

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**JULY 05:**  
KENDAMA FREE FOR ALL



- 6:30-8:00 PM
- PRESENTED BY:  
TORNADO  
ALLEY  
SPORTSWEAR



**JULY 12:**  
ROADHOUSE BLUE BAND



- 6:30-8:00 PM
- PRESENTED BY:  
RJM AND  
KILLEBREW  
BEVERAGES



**FARMERS MARKET** adjacent to the amphitheater in The Draw every Thursday beginning on July 12 from 3-7



### JULY 05: KENDAMA FREE FOR ALL

Bring your Kendamas for an extreme free for all. There will be music playing and the opportunity to participate in yard games. Tornado Alley will be onsite selling Kendamas and showing demonstrations. Bring your friends and show off your Kendama skills. Come out and show everyone how good you really are with a Kendama!

### JULY 12: ROADHOUSE BLUE BAND

The Roadhouse Blue Band will offer a musical set list consisting of Country Rock, Classic Rock and a mix of original music as well. Currently in their 30th year, the Roadhouse Blue Band will supply a steady amount of music designed to keep people tapping their toes and singing along. Considered a local band from the Anoka area, Roadhouse Blue has entertained folks deep into Wisconsin and all across Minnesota.

### Event Sponsor, RJM and Killebrew Beverages

Old Fashioned Killebrew Root Beer is as American as baseball and apple pie! RJM Distributing, Inc. is proud to be the exclusive licensee, manufacturer and distributor of Killebrew Root Beer and Cream Soda! Look and ask for the Hall-of-Fame taste of Old Fashioned Killebrew Root Beer or Cream Soda today!

\*Food and drinks will be available to purchase during the event.

Located at 'The Draw' - 7401 E Ramsey Parkway,  
Ramsey, MN

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The Draw 2012

Presented by:



# Summer Event Series

**DATE:**                      **TIME:**                      **ACT:**

**June 21**                      **6:30-8:00pm**                      **Big Walter Smith and The Groove Merchants**

Minnesota's most recognized bluesmen, earning an international reputation as an accomplished recording artist. *Sponsor: Anderson Dahlen Inc. and Village Bank*

**June 28**                      **4:00-Dusk**                      **Radio Control Boat Races**

Wind, Waves N Wakes showcases wind, gas and electric powered boats that can reach speeds in excess of 60 mph. *Sponsor: Edina Yacht Club*

**July 05**                      **6:30-8:00pm**                      **PA System**

Come join the fun and enjoy all different kinds of music. Yard games and other fun activities will be available for your enjoyment. *Sponsor: open*

**July 12**                      **6:30-8:00pm**                      **Roadhouse Blue Band**

Roadhouse Blue is a variety/classic country/rock band. Free samples of Killebrew Root Beer will be available. *Sponsor: RJM and Killebrew Beverages*

**July 19**                      **6:30-9:00pm**                      **Bill and Tom Show**

The Bill & Tom Show is a 2 man Guitar/Piano Duo playing popular good time songs from the 60's and 70's. *Sponsor: Trott Brook Financial & Weikel and Boyd*

**July 26**                      **6:30-8:00pm**                      **Me and Pop's**

Classic American music with vocals and guitars, Me and Pop's tributes classic songs of each decade starting in the 1920's to the 1980's. *Sponsor: Field Law, P.A.*

**Aug 02**                      **6:30-8:00pm**                      **The Whatnots**

The Whatnots, practically the world's greatest cover band, play all your favorite rock, pop, 80's and disco. *Sponsor: Ramsey Rotary*

**Aug 09**                      **6:30-8:00pm**                      **1<sup>st</sup> Things 1<sup>st</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> Things 1<sup>st</sup> is a tribute to great writers and performers of 40's and 50's. The musical revue is a fun, high energy show that has delighted all ages. *Sponsor: Ramsey Tower Community Garden*

**Aug 16**                      **6:30-8:00pm**                      **Scott Novotny-Comedian**

Scott's act is laced with characters, songs, dancing and jokes. *Sponsor: Sister Kenny Sports and Physical Therapy Center-Ramsey, Allina Medical Clinic-Ramsey*

**Aug 23**                      **6:30-8:00pm**                      **Elvis, Todd Anderson**

Elvis is a delightfully entertaining show for all ages! Todd's voice, costumes and moves are an exciting depiction of an actual Elvis concert. *Sponsor: Open*

**Aug 30**                      **6:30-8:30pm**                      **Bourbon Street Boys**

Reuben Ristrom's styles include Dixieland, mainstream jazz, swing, latin and a dose of vintage rock and roll. *Sponsor: Jerry Bauer Land & Investments open*

**Sep 06**                      **7:00-8:30pm**                      **Movie Night (movie to be determined)**

This is a great opportunity for the whole family and kids of all ages. Come enjoy a movie with your friends and family and relax after a long day. *Sponsor: Ramsey HRA*

**Sep 13**                      **5:30-7:30pm**                      **Park Patron Picnic**

Community picnic with a live broadcast. Shop at the farmers market and you will receive free food from the grill in the amphitheater. *Sponsor: Ramsey Park and Recreation Commission*



**Every Thursday night from June 21- Sept 13 there will be an event at 'The Draw' Amphitheater**

**FOOD AND DRINKS will be available for purchase during the event**

**FARMERS MARKET adjacent to the amphitheater in The Draw every Thursday beginning on July 12 from 3-7!**

**LOCATION 'The Draw' 7401 E Ramsey Parkway, Ramsey, MN 55303 (within the COR)**