

City of Ramsey
Agenda
Park and Recreation Commission
Thursday, October 13, 2022
6:30 pm
Council Chambers, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Citizen Input**
3. **Approve Agenda**
4. **Approve Minutes**
 1. Approve the following meeting minutes.
 1. Park and Recreation Commission meeting dated September 8, 2022.
5. **Commission Business**
 1. Recommend 2023 Park Development Fees
 2. Consider Sculptural Carving of Two Dead Oaks at Sunfish Lake Park
6. **Commission/Staff Input**
 1. Commission/Staff Input
7. **Adjournment**

Park and Recreation Commission

4. 1.

Meeting Date: 10/13/2022

Submitted For: Mark Riverblood, Engineering/Public Works

By: MaryJo Warner, Engineering/Public Works

Information

Title:

Approve the following meeting minutes.

- 1. Park and Recreation Commission meeting dated September 8, 2022.

Purpose/Background:

Purpose: To review and approve meeting minutes.

Background: Attached are the meeting minutes for review.

Notification:

Observations/Alternatives:

Funding Source:

n/a

Recommendation:

To review and approve meeting minutes dated September 8, 2022.

Action:

Motion to approve meeting minutes dated September 8, 2022.

Attachments

Minutes

Form Review

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Mark Riverblood	MaryJo Warner	10/07/2022 10:13 AM
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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 September 8, 2022, at New Neighborhood Park, 14642 Snowy Owl Street, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Commission Members Present: Chair Shane Bennett
 Commissioner Nathan Barten
 Commissioner Jennifer Leistico
 Commissioner Dean Olson
 Commissioner Brian Walker

Commission Members Absent: Vice Chair Brandon Sis
 Commissioner Justin Loss

Also Present: City Council Liaison Debra Musgrove
 Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Mark Riverblood

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bennett called the Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

2. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

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

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Bennett; Commissioners Walker, Barten, Leistico, and Olson.
Voting No: None. Vice Chair Sis and Commissioner Loss

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.01: Approve Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

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

- Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes dated August 11, 2022

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Bennett; Commissioners Barten, Leistico, Olson and Walker. Voting No: None. Vice Chair Sis and Commissioner Loss

5. COMMISSION BUSINESS

5.01: Approve Concept Plans for Neighborhood Park in the Riverstone South Subdivision

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood noted that the Commission is familiar with the case and the previous recommendation related to Park Dedication which included land dedication and cash payment. He stated that the draft layout took into account the preservation of the existing trees. He noted that with this amount of shade it would be difficult to grow turf grass and therefore much of the border would be wooded. He identified the different elements on the plan and explained how those would layout on the actual site including the restrooms, circuitous boardwalk and playground path, natural play elements, and active play equipment.

Commissioner Leistico commented that the plans look awesome, and she likes the concept with the trees.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood acknowledged that more typical play areas would require much more tree clearing. He believed that adults would also enjoy walking around while the children play. He noted that this would be a nice shady enclave until the planted trees in the development begin to grow.

Chair Bennett commented that he likes the uniqueness of the plan as it encourages residents to try and visit different parks in the community. He stated that this would be different than anything the city currently has.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood stated that although there was originally opposition to the trail connection by the developer, that is provided and would provide access to the Mississippi Regional Trail as well. He stated that staff has spoken to a local mom's group, and they appreciated the input on different playgrounds with different elements.

Commissioner Barten appreciated the effort to preserve the trees and use of mulch rather than something that would require more maintenance such as turf grass.

Chair Bennett asked if there would be cleanup of deadfall and smaller growth as part of the process.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood confirmed that there would be some cleanup of the trees, but they would preserve everything they can to begin with. He stated that the current plan avoids all of the trees. He commented that the plan is fun and unique, and so far, fits within the budget as well.

Chair Bennett stated that he can envision parents sitting in the circular area while their kids play.

Commissioner Barten asked if a firepit could go within the sitting circle.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood replied that while that could be included, it has not been part of the plans because of the concerns that would come with unsupervised fires.

Commissioner Walker stated that perhaps a propane firepit could be used in a vending machine fashion. He stated that perhaps someone can put in two dollars for 15 or 30 minutes of fire. He noted that it could also be on a timer that would not allow use after 10 p.m.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood confirmed that could be designed, although it would not be cheap. He noted that there will be some outdoor hearths in Municipal Plaza which will expand the park use in that urban setting during the shoulder seasons.

Councilmember Musgrove asked if there are any comments about the shady areas in the winter and whether there would be space for melting and/or snow removal.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood stated that he has not thought about snow removal in the design—but conceivably some volunteers could clear snow on some boardwalks. He stated that the interior of the play area will have shade and therefore there will not be a lot of melting. He stated that they could provide some plastic shovels that people may use to clear snow in the earlier snow events. He noted that as the season goes on the snow tends to be more compact and people navigate along. He stated that perhaps as the development is built out, people would perhaps adopt the park to clear the boardwalk.

Commissioner Walker stated that perhaps instead of the planks running width wise, it would be easier to remove snow if the planks ran the other way.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood replied that the curvilinear aspects would make that difficult and it would increase costs significantly.

Commissioner Olson commented that this is existing for the city, and he likes the rustic elements and uniqueness. He stated that perhaps there would be snowshoeing opportunities because it is more wooded and rustic. He asked if staff has considered placing an emergency phone in the restroom area.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director replied that he did not have experience with emergency phones, but it seems most children over the age of eight carry cellphones. He stated with the proximity to homes, he would think there would be some supervision and the park is close to the homes. He stated that this development will be more dense than some of the other subdivisions in Ramsey and therefore most people will know each other. He stated that the parks department did offer a learn to snowshoe program last winter and they could build upon that.

Motion by Commissioner Barten, seconded by Commissioner Olson, to move forward for additional final planning and develop plans and specifications as discussed.

Further discussion: Councilmember Musgrove asked if the potential firepit is included or whether that could be something to consider in the future. Chair Bennett confirmed that the consensus was not to include that element at this time but to perhaps pursue that in the future if desired.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Bennett; Commissioners Barten, Olson, Leistico and Walker. Voting No: None. Vice Chair Sis and Commissioner Loss

5.02: Consider Sculptural Carving of Two Dead Oaks at Sunfish Lake Park

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood stated that there are two magnificent burr oaks at Sunfish Lake Park that sadly died at the same time. He stated that he wanted to see if there was something they could do with those trees. He noted that while at a nature-based park it would be appropriate to leave dead trees for wildlife habitat, these are near the canoe area and for safety purposes they do need to be addressed, due to concern for falling limbs. He stated that the concept of doing something sculptural was brought forward. He stated that he reached out to three tree services and only one was interested in removal of the trees and provided a cost estimate of about \$6,000 which did not include wood removal or stump removal. He noted that he also reached out to a professional chainsaw sculpture that could do the carving of the trees who provided a not to exceed amount of \$4,200. He stated that rather than paying \$6,000 for removal, they could have them carved in an artistic manner. He provided some examples of what could be carved into the trees. He commented that the carving and staining of the oaks would have a relatively long lifespan, even longer with some periodic maintenance from staff.

Chair Bennett agreed that those are both beautiful trees and they still look beautiful even dead, so it would be nice to see something done that would allow them to remain. He stated that he liked the introduction of wildlife and fish in the concept.

Commissioner Leistico asked if staff proposed these ideas or whether the artist proposed these ideas.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood stated that he proposed the different concepts as they could be educational to children and would be a discovery type activity where kids could find new animals. He stated that he did not recommend the typical bear or eagle carving that is often done.

Chair Bennett agreed that he also liked the educational fable concepts which would tie into the different learning stations around the park.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood agreed that would be a fun opportunity to explore.

Councilmember Musgrove was curious of the proximity of the neighbors and their input. She stated that she likes the concept with animals where kids would search for different animals and did not necessarily like the fable theme. She also liked the idea of a naming concept for the trees.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood stated that they could poll the neighbors but would speculate that many would not respond. He stated that there could also be a variety of responses which would be hard to process. He noted that they could also receive as an example, a majority of suggestions for a totem pole which would not necessarily be appropriate. He confirmed that if more elements are added, it could increase the cost. He stated that if the creatures were too small or detailed, the features could be lost over time.

Commissioner Walker asked if the cost for someone to cut the tree, leaving the wood and stump was \$6,000.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood confirmed that was correct, for the two trees.

Commissioner Walker stated that he is not a big fan of the fable concept. He stated that he does like the animal concept. He stated that personally if the cost were \$6,000 to cut the trees, he would be interested in further discussing the design option that met that same cost.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood commented that the trees need to be addressed. He provided additional clarification.

Commissioner Barten stated that although it is a 40 percent increase, there would be a benefit in the carving.

Chair Bennett noted that there would be some cost-savings from not having to haul those large pieces of wood out of the park and not having the stump grinding.

Commissioner Barten stated that while he likes both concepts, he agrees with Commissioner Walker that the fable concept may not be preferred by all in the community and would prefer the option that is not so easily offensive.

Commissioner Leistico agreed that she would not want to see the typical bear or eagle.

Councilmember Musgrove asked how high the trees would be and whether some of the branches would remain.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood replied that the artist was told to use as many of the branches as possible, although those were not included in the concept. He stated that the carver understands that the branching effect is desired. He confirmed that he had sufficient input from the Commission on the concept. He noted that once the plans are refined, he would forward for City Council consideration.

6. COMMISSION/STAFF INPUT

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood stated that there are a lot of recreation programs featured in the report and staff continues to work on more ideas. He highlighted some of the new offerings and upcoming events.

Chair Bennett referenced the upcoming Happy Days events and stated that in the past the Commission has staffed the City tent for a portion of time. He asked if there would be parks related content and whether staffing by Commissioners is desired.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood confirmed that it would be helpful to have some Commission members present to help answer questions if they are available.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Barten, seconded by Commissioner Leistico, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Bennett; Commissioners Barten, Leistico, Olson and Walker.
Voting No: None. Vice Chair Sis and Commissioner Loss

The Park and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Riverblood
Parks & Assistant Public Works Director

Drafted by Amanda Staple
TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.

Meeting Date: 10/13/2022

By: Mark Riverblood, Engineering/Public Works

Information

Title:

Recommend 2023 Park Development Fees

Purpose/Background:

This case is a part of the city's annual Adoption of Rates and Charges, and relates specifically to a portion of development fees, pertaining to the subdivision of land.

Description of Park Dedication and Trail Fees

Any time new development occurs within the city of Ramsey, the subdivision of land is evaluated for parks and trail needs. If park land is not needed, the City of Ramsey will accept cash in lieu of physical Park Dedication. The cash payment is then used for current/future park development. The same evaluation of the physical need versus a cash equivalent is true for both Park Dedication (land or cash) and Trail Fees (trail construction or cash). However, it may be noted that sidewalks in the MUSA and trails *along arterial roadways* in the city, are required as essential infrastructure (no credit assessed against development fees).

Park Dedication is calculated based on the size of a development and the density, as well as residential versus commercial/industrial land use and rates; and is listed within the city's annual Rates and Charges.

Purpose

The city recognizes that parks, trails, and open space are essential to the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the city and persons working in the city, and that the character and quality of the environment as well as recreational opportunities are of major importance - and therefore 'Park Dedication' and 'Trail Fees' are critical development fees in the planning and development processes of the city. The city must not only provide these necessary amenities for our citizens today, but also be insightful to the needs of future residents that new development brings.

Methodology and History

Rates for *land dedication* have remained fairly static for several decades – however there have been some minor changes now that greater densities are permitted in the urban areas; and there were formulaic changes for land uses that have demonstrable lower ‘demand’ for parks and open-space (E.g. memory care centers).

Additionally, the acreage/fee structure is reviewed by Council annually, for ‘cost of living’ adjustments each year as part of the Rates and Charges analysis – the previous years there have been minor increases to Park Dedication and Trail Fees, and there were no increases adopted for 2020, 2021 nor 2022.

Further, Ramsey's rates are compared to similar suburban cities in the metropolitan area, as well as our immediate neighbors on an annual basis - however, while this may be useful, development fees must respond to a legitimate need associated with the change in land use (increased densities and park and trail users) and thus the following is what actually informs Park Dedication and Trail Fee rates.

In concluding, *park land* and park and trail *improvements* themselves are identified within the Parks Capital Improvement Plan – which is adopted each year by City Council following a recommendation by the Commission. This plan is a reflection of community need (then also, presumably in corresponding development fees)—with the forecast improvements often out-pacing revenue from both Park Dedication and Trail Fees.

Notification:

Prior to adoption of the 2023 Rates and Charges Schedule, City Council will conduct a Public Hearing. Park Dedication and Trail Fees are a part of this schedule and Public Hearing.

Observations/Alternatives:

The new 'demand' for parks and trails continues to increase with new residential development, thus the requirement for the Commission to recommend to City Council an appropriate rate structure for 2023 within the Rates and Charges Schedule—the purpose of this case.

The most recent year (2019) development fees were adjusted, Staff did recommend an increase of 2% or less, in the following categories; cash Park Dedication per Residential Unit (\$50), Commercial/Assisted Living Facilities (\$100 per acre), and Industrial (\$75 per acre). This was supported by the Park and Recreation Commission, and adopted by City Council in November 2018 as part of Rates and Charges for 2019.

As stated, Park Dedication fees (cash) have not been increased since 2019. The first attachment shows the *existing 2022* Rates and Fees Schedule for reference, with the modest increase proposed by the Commission in November 2021 shown in the right column as the proposed rates for 2023, as this was the most recent recommendation by the Commission.

Funding Source:

Funding is not required for this case, rather Development Fees are required to off-set demand on the park and trail system from new development in the city—for the development of new park and trail improvements, (**not** maintenance, which is funded by the General Fund Levy).

Recommendation:

Staff Recommends a discussion by the Commission as to if their last recommended increase (action taken in 2021) is still appropriate as the proposed fees applicable for 2023.

Further, it may be noted that, Trail Development Fees were not recommended for an adjustment for either 2019, 2020 or 2021. In Novemebr 2021, the Commission recommended Trail Fees be increased (for 2022) to \$1,150.

Action:

Motion to recommend to City Council that Park Dedication effective for 2023, be \$_____ per dwelling unit, and that Trail Fees be \$_____ per dwelling unit—and that the per acre rates for the commercial/industrial subdivision of land remain static, at the existing 2022 rates.

Attachments

Rates recommended by Commission a year ago
Area cities 2021 and 2022 Park Dedication Fees
Oct 2021 minutes on Park Dedication

Form Review

Inbox

Bruce Westby

Form Started By: Mark Riverblood

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Bruce Westby

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SERVICE OR LICENSE	SPECIAL NOTES	2022 Adopted	2023 PROPOSED
Conditional use escrow-min-environ-sens		2,000.00	
Conditional use permit app-environ-sens		200.00	
Conditional use permit annual inspection		75.00	
Dock permit		25.00	
Easement Encroachment Agreements		0.00	500.00
Environmental Permit		200.00	
Environmental Assessment (EAW, EIS, AUAR) Escrow		400.00	3000.00
Grading Permit		200.00	
Home Occupation Permit		0.00	500.00
Home Occupation Permit Escrow		0.00	1000.00
Industrial Revenue Bond - application		200.00	
Industrial Revenue Bond - escrow		1,000.00	
Interim Use Permit Escrow - Minimum		600.00	
Interim Use Permit Application		200.00	
Interim Use Annual Inspection Fee		75.00	
Land Use Application Fee			500.00
Park Dedication - Cash Contribution: Residential Unit	Including Townhomes & Apartment Units	3,500.00/dwelling unit	4,050.00/dwelling unit
Park Dedication - Cash Contribution: Residential Unit	Exceed 12+ units per acre	7.5% Discount/\$3,237.50	7.5% Discount/\$3,746.00
Park Dedication - Cash Contribution: Residential Unit	Exceed 20+ units per acre	15% Discount/\$2,975.00	15% Discount/\$3,443.00
Park Dedication - Cash Contribution: Commercial/Assisted Living Facilities		5,100.00/acre	
Park Dedication - Cash Contribution: Industrial		4,375.00/acre	
Park Dedication - Land Contribution: Residential	0 - 3.0 dwelling units per acre	10% of land	
	3.1 - 5.0 dwelling units per acre	15% of land	
	5.1 + dwelling units per acre	Add .5% for each over 5	
Park Dedication - Land Contribution: Commercial/Industrial/Assisted Living Facilities		5% gross land area	
Park Dedication - Land Contribution: Planned Unit Developments	(public open space/rec. uses-not including wetlands)	10% gross land area	
		2,800.00/dwelling unit	
Trail Development Fee - Cash Contribution: Residential Unit		1,000.00/dwelling unit	
Trail Development Fee - Commercial/Industrial/Assisted Living Facilities		1,300.00/acre	
Approval/Recording of Deeds:			
Abstract Property		County Fee+10.00/staff Time	
Torrens Property		County Fee+10.00/staff Time	
Rezoning application		200.00	
Rezoning escrow		400.00	1,000.00
Sign permit application - permanent		---	

**PARK DEDICATION FEES
FOR AREA CITIES - 2022**

CITY	FEE SCHEDULE	2021 ADOPTED	2022 ADOPTED
Andover	Trail Fee (Bikeway/Pathway):		
	Residential		983.00 per unit
	Internal Trails (New Plats)	Developer's Responsibility	Developer's Responsibility
	Commercial/Industrial	Developer's Responsibility	Developer's Responsibility
	Park Dedication Fees:		
	Single Family Residences	\$4,400.00 per unit	\$4,806.00 per unit
	Town Home and Twin Home	\$4,400.00 per unit	\$4,806.00 per unit
	Apartment (Multi-Family)	\$4,400.00 per unit	\$4,806.00 per unit
	Lot Splits	\$4,400.00 per unit	\$4,806.00 per unit
Commerical/Industrial	\$13,220.00 per acre	\$14,417.00 per acre or 10% of market value of land, whichever is less	
Anoka	Park Dedication - per unit		No Change
	Residential	\$2,543.00	
	Commercial	\$0.00	
	Industrial	\$0.00	
Blaine	Residential	\$4,449.00/unit	No Change
	Commercial	\$8,704.00/acre	
	Industrial	\$6,702.00/acre	
Champlin	Commercial (per acre)	\$8,323.00	No Change
	Industrial (per acre)	\$7,283.00	
	Residential (per housing unit)	\$4,370.00	
Coon Rapids	Single family	\$2,000.00/unit	No Change
	Two family	\$1,700.00/unit	
	Multiple	\$1,360.00/unit	
	Commercial	\$5,000.00/acre	
	Industrial	\$4,000.00/acre	

**PARK DEDICATION FEES
FOR AREA CITIES - 2022**

Elk River

Residential		No Change
Low Density (4 DU/acre)	\$1,425.93/dwelling unit	
Medium Density (4 to<7 DU/acre)	\$1075.79/dwelling unit	
High Density (>7DU/acre)	\$4,897.04/dwelling unit	

The park dedication fee for high-density residential projects shall be capped at \$500,000.00

Commercial 8% of county assessed value of property
Industrial 6% of county assessed value of property

Otsego

Park Land Fee in Lieu of Land Dedication:		No Change
Residential Development	\$2,880.00/du	
Commercial Development	\$7,000.00/gross acre	

Rogers

Residential	\$3,500.00 per dwelling unit	No Change
Commercial	\$7,000.00 per acre	
Industrial	\$5,000.00 per acre	

St. Francis

Park Dedication	\$2,500.00/Lot	No Change
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Ramsey

Park Dedication - Cash Contribution: Residential Unit Including Townhomes and Apartment Units		\$3,500.00/dwelling unit
Park Dedication - Cash Contribution: Residential Unit Exceed 12+ units per acre		7.5% Discount/\$3,237.50
Park Dedication - Cash Contribution: Residential Unit Exceed 20+ units per acre		15% Discount/\$2,975.00
Park Dedication - Cash Contribution: Commercial/Assisted Living Facilities		\$5,100.00/acre
Park Dedication - Cash Contribution: Industrial		\$4,375.00/acre
Park Dedication - Land Contribution: Residential	0 - 3.0 dwelling units per acre	10% of land
	3.1 - 5.0 dwelling units per acre	15% of land
	5.1 + dwelling units per acre	Add .5% for each over 5
Park Dedication - Land Contribution: Commercial/Industrial/Assisted Living Facilities		5% gross land area
Park Dedication - Land Contribution: Planned Unit Developments (public open space/rec. uses-not including wetlands)		10% gross land area
		\$2,800.00 dwelling unit

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

The Ramsey Park and Recreation Commission conducted a regular meeting on October 14, 2021, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Commission Members Present: Chair Shane Bennett
 Vice Chair Brandon Sis
 Commissioner Nathan Barten
 Commissioner Jennifer Leistico
 Commissioner Dean Olson
 Commissioner Brian Walker

Commission Members Absent: Commissioner Justin Loss

Also Present: City Council Liaison Ryan Heineman
 Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Mark Riverblood

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bennett called the Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:42 p.m.

2. CITIZEN INPUT

Muriel Hassis, 15491 Yakima Court NW, stated that she is a dog owner. She stated that Ramsey has beautiful parks and is aware of the two dog parks that are connected by a fence. She commented on the experience of bringing a small dog to the dog park location, often being overrun by larger dogs. She believed that small dogs need a place to run away from the larger dogs. She stated that she was told that the dog park was divided into two areas, one for large dogs and one for small dogs, but that is not what is occurring. She stated that she has let her dog off-leash at other parks/areas. She stated that she has visited dog parks in other communities and the areas are separated into areas for small dogs and large dogs. She commented that the problem could be solved by signage, allocating one area for large dogs and one area for small dogs.

Chair Bennett thanked the resident for her input. He noted that the Commission has discussed potentially splitting the areas and stated that it was unfortunate that people are not controlling their dogs. He stated that originally the dog park was one area that was extended earlier this year to address usage. He noted that the intention was not to have two separate areas but to provide more space. He stated that the Commission can further discussion the possibility of splitting the areas by size.

Commissioner Sis noted that was part of the discussion when the dog park was expanded. He agreed that the Commission could further discuss whether the areas should be marked with signage or whether a third area is created for small dogs.

Councilmember Heineman stated that perhaps if a third area is added, the fence could be lowered to discourage larger dogs from going into that area. He noted that another option would be to split the second area to add the space for smaller dogs. He stated that as an owner of a larger breed dog, he would be discouraged to bring them into an area with a smaller fence as they could jump out.

Chair Bennett stated that the Commission could also review what is being done in other communities.

Commissioner Walker asked if the areas could simply be designated, one for small dogs and one for large dogs in order to solve the problem while the Commission further discusses the issue.

Commissioner Sis asked if there is an external gate on the second area to allow access/exit.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood confirmed that there are multiple gates to allow access and exit. He stated that a third dog park is schedule in the CIP to be considered in November and agreed that smaller fencing could help to prevent large dogs from going into a small dog area. He stated that unfortunately there will always people that do not follow the rules. He stated that perhaps having the small dog park closer to the downtown area, as apartment dwellers are more likely to have small dogs. He stated that the leash law in Ramsey does not say your dog must be on a leash, only that you must have control over your dog. He stated that someone must still have control of their animal, even if using the off-leash area.

Chair Bennett commented that if the third off-leash area is going to be reviewed at the next meeting, perhaps the current structure is reviewed as well in order to reevaluate that segregation. He stated that he wants to understand entry and exit in the other areas in addition to the main entrance/exit area.

Councilmember Heineman stated that signage would be a benefit. He stated that perhaps a low-cost solution for the time being would be to install signage and have lower gates as that should be enough to discourage large dog owners from letting their dog into that area.

Ms. Hassis stated that in the dog parks in other communities the fencing is all the same height with one gate for the large dog area and one gate for the small dog area and then signage. She stated that most people are aware of the weight of their dogs and follow the signs. She stated that the signage should be sufficient.

Commissioner Sis stated that perhaps they start with signage to divide the two areas between dog size. He stated that he would not include a weight as a large dog can be timid.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood stated that staff could do that. He noted that the resident that requested the second area has a timid dog and expressed that the need was for an area for more timid dogs.

Chair Bennett agreed that is why he believes an overview of the existing dog park would make sense. He stated that they could begin with an attempt to use signage until the matter could be fully discussed by the Commission.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood confirmed that staff could follow that consensus and bring the matter forward on the November agenda. He commented that there are many vacant parks in the community that can be used with dogs. He also noted that hockey rinks are also a good area for dogs.

Commissioner Walker asked if there could be anything done immediately rather than waiting for the next meeting.

Commissioner Barten explained that the second area was created in response to another issue that exists. He stated that situation also needs to continue to be considered.

Commissioner Leistico commented that they need to make all the voices matter rather than providing immediate action on a resident request, as previous residents have brought forward different requests.

Chair Bennett stated that signage is something that could be worked on right away, identifying the space for more timid dogs. He stated that it is important to find a solution that will work for all users in a long-term manner rather than continuing to respond to the most recent resident comment.

Commissioner Leistico stated that the previous resident that provided input and brought forward the request for the expansion of the dog park had spoken with other users and provided that information to the City.

Commissioner Walker referenced the hockey rinks at Central Park, which has boards up and could be used for dogs to be off-leash.

Ms. Hassis commented that she should not have to go to another location, and it should be the owners of the more aggressive dogs that use the hockey rinks.

Chair Bennett stated that the Commission is going to discuss the issue and find a solution that works for all users but if there is a concern from the resident for the safety of her dog, she can take her dog to the other area in the meantime.

Ms. Hassis stated that the action should be to split the existing dog park area into one area for large dogs and one area for small dogs and the additional discussion could be the space to use for the more timid large dogs. She provided input on the breeds of dogs that have caused issues with her small dog.

Commissioner Leistico commented that the suggestion for the hockey rink use was to provide an immediate solution for the resident.

Commissioner Walker explained that would be a spot where the resident could take her dog right now to provide a solution.

Ms. Hassis commented that she will be aware of the option but asked how other small dog owners would be aware of this option.

Councilmember Heineman stated that there are two parts at the dog park, one designated for more timid dogs. He asked if the resident would be okay splitting the areas into one area for large/energetic dogs and the other for small/timid dogs.

Ms. Hassis stated that she would have to see it proven that large timid dogs would be okay with her smaller dog.

Councilmember Heineman explained that other residents have brought forward requests in the past and had to wait for a response and an additional area to be designated for timid dogs. He stated that this would follow a similar pattern, where the Commission needs time to discuss and respond. He noted that the hockey rink was a suggestion of where the resident could have their dog off-leash for the time being while the issue is being further discussed.

Commissioner Walker stated that he is simply attempting to provide a solution for this resident's dog while the matter is being discussed in attempt to resolve the issue for all small dog owners.

Chair Bennett explained that it will take time for the Commission to discuss the matter and action to occur and the hockey rink was a suggestion for the resident to do if they are concerned for the safety of their dog today.

Ms. Hassis stated that perhaps a sign could be installed alerting other small dog owners to this suggestion.

Commissioner Barten stated that anyone watching the meeting would now be aware of the option as well.

Ms. Hassis stated that she appreciates the time of the Commission and hopes this issue can be solved for small dog owners.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

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

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Bennett; Commissioners Walker, Barten, Leistico, Olson, and Sis. Voting No: None. Absent: Commissioner Loss.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.01: Approve Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

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

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Bennett; Commissioners Sis, Olson, Barten, Leistico, and Walker. Voting No: None. Absent: Commissioner Loss.

5. COMMISSION BUSINESS

5.01: Recommend Park Dedication for Trott Brook Crossing

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood stated that the preliminary plat has been proposed for Trott Brook Crossing, which has been discussed at various levels over the past year. He stated that the Park Commission provided guideline type recommendations related to Park Dedication and Trail Fees. He stated that the plat proposed is similar to the original plat proposed, incorporating some changes suggested through previous review and public input with includes a reduction in the number of lots. He stated that the area under the powerlines is only being considered at a rate of 50 percent because it is not buildable area. He explained that recommendation was suggested by the Commission during its last review. He provided additional information on the need for a community park identified through previous work of the Commission. He stated that those residents within Brookfield would also be served by this park land. He stated that a bridge and boardwalk could also be used to provide additional connections for residents. He summarized the Park Dedication direction proposed using the input from the Commission in its last review.

Chair Bennett asked if the financial calculations proposed are consistent with the City's current fee schedule.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood confirmed that the calculations are consistent with the City's current fee schedule, policy, past practices, and would also provide a solution to the need for a community park in that area. He stated that the balance of cash due from the developer with each phase of development would be paid into the Park Trust Fund and would be used for future park improvements in that park.

Commissioner Walker asked for input on the area that would need to be mowed.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood stated that they are working on the concept plan to determine which areas would be turf, trail, parking, etc. He stated that several acres would be mowed athletic fields and other areas would be mowed. He provided additional details on the City's policy to not mow all areas within a park. He noted that additional concepts would come forward for the Commission to discuss, such as an orchard and other uses.

Commissioner Walker asked if there is an estimated cost on the renovation of the barns.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood replied that they do not yet have that report. He recognized that it would be a substantial cost and those concepts would be included in the next phase. He stated that the improvements would then be worked into the long-term capital improvements for the park.

Commissioner Sis referenced the estimated park size of 23.06 acres and asked if that calculation includes wetlands.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood confirmed that the wetland area is included in that total acreage.

Commissioner Sis asked if it is common to accept wetland as part of a park area.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood confirmed that the City has done that a lot as the wetland area is used for different recreational activities and wildlife. He commented that land credit is not provided for that wetland area, therefore it would in essence provide additional space for public use without cost.

Motion by Commissioner Barten, seconded by Commissioner Sis, to recommend to the City Council that Park Dedication and Trail Fees for the Trott Brook Crossing shall be satisfied by a combination of land, cash and credit for certain park and trail improvements as specified within the case.

Further discussion: Commissioner Walker stated that at the last meeting there was a different development request for a project building in rural Ramsey. He stated that he also would not support this project as it is not supported the residents in rural Ramsey. He stated that he also does not support accepting a park without the full scope of costs being known.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Bennett; Commissioners Barten, Sis, Leistico, and Olson. Voting No: Commissioner Walker. Absent: Commissioner Loss.

5.02: Recommend No Charges for 2022 Park Development Fees

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood stated that each year the City Council adopts a resolution approving the fees and charges for the next year, which relates to all City and development fees. He stated that the Commission therefore provides a review and recommendation related to Park Dedication in anticipation of the review of the Council. He provided background on the purpose and intent of park dedication. He explained that the Park Dedication ensures that the new parks and trails that will be needed to support new residents, is funded by the developers to ensure that existing residents are not burdened with that expense. He explained the factors that are considered when reviewing the rates each year, including comparison with other communities. He stated that staff is not recommending an increase to park dedication fees for 2022.

Commissioner Sis asked the last time park dedication was increased.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood replied that a small adjustment to round out the numbers was made in 2018, which became effective in 2019.

Motion by Commissioner Sis, seconded by Commissioner Barten, to recommend to City Council maintaining Park Dedication and Trail Fees at the existing rates, for 2022, to include the residential per unit fees – and including the per acre rates for the commercial/industrial subdivision of land.

Further discussion: Commissioner Walker asked why the fees have not been raised in the past three years, noting that everything costs more money now than it did three years ago. He referenced the anticipated future needs, using the example of the dog park discussions. He commented that real estate value continues to increase, and the fees should increase in a relative manner. Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood stated that the City Council also provides input and the desire to welcome certain developments. He stated that the Commission can make a different recommendation for the Park Dedication rates related to residential development. Commissioner Sis stated that while the cost of playground equipment and other materials has increased, he believed that there was a decrease in the cost of paving this past year. Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood provided additional clarity on the difference in costs and actual costs for paving and trails. He also provided explanation on the use of charitable gambling funds. Chair Bennett stated that there were previous concerns expressed that if the City was not competitive in terms of fees, Ramsey would not be competitive in terms of development opportunity. Commissioner Walker asked for information on the rates of other communities. Chair Bennett replied that Ramsey was slightly below some cities previously but ended up rating fairly competitively. Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood stated that action could be tabled on this matter with clear direction for what the Commission would like to review at the November meeting, which would still be on schedule for the Council review prior to the end of the year. He stated that typically Ramsey has ranked slightly below the median for development fees as the Council has desired to remain competitive. He stated that the rates will vary and provided the example of Anoka, which is almost built out and therefore may have higher rates, and Nowthen which has low rates because there is comparatively less development. Commissioner Sis asked if staff would have sufficient time to bring this matter back in November and then forward to the Council to remain on schedule. Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood stated that there should not be an issue.

Commissioner Sis withdrew his motion to allow for further exploration and discussion.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood asked for input on what information the Commission would like to review at the November meeting.

Commissioner Sis stated that he would like to see the rates of comparable communities.

Commissioner Barten stated that he would be interested in Elk River, Otsego, and Rogers.

Commissioner Walker mentioned Coon Rapids. Blaine was also mentioned.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood stated that staff would review the neighboring communities and would also review five cities of comparable population in different areas of the metro.

Commissioner Leistico asked if there would be a manner to determine if the actual costs are being covered in the rates. She agreed with the statement of Commissioner Walker that everything has increased in cost in the past three years and wanted to ensure that the City's costs are covered in attempt to meet the future desires of the park system.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood commented that would be a large task. He noted that perhaps the review of comparable communities would be sufficient. He stated that the greater the development fees are, the more it encourages a developer to push back on other items or use lesser quality materials in order to make up that cost. He recognized the balance between finding the right development fees to support quality development. He explained that each community has fees setup in a different manner and require different things as part of development, therefore the Commission should be aware that it is not an apples-to-apples comparison. He noted that some cities also have municipal liquor stores that provide revenue directly to their park system.

Commissioner Walker asked if the Commission could receive some of that information earlier than normal to allow more time for review.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood confirmed that could be done once the information is gathered in a rough format, with the more complete information and explanation provided in the Commission packet. He reminded the Commission that while it is nice to have the comparison information, the fee cannot be setup based on the rates of other communities as there has to be a nexus between the fee and the actual needs of the community for that purpose.

Chair Bennett noted that the Commission meeting for November will be held one week later than normal, which provides additional time for that information to be provided and reviewed.

6. COMMISSION/STAFF INPUT

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood provided an update on recent and upcoming City events. He reported that the playground replacement policy was adopted by the City Council. He highlighted vacant positions within City staff. He advised of the November Commission meeting date and the items that would appear on the agenda.

Commissioner Walker asked if Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood has spoken with the City Council about the lack of applicants for vacant staff positions. He stated that fast food rates of pay continue to increase and perhaps the Council should consider increasing pay as well.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood confirmed that employee related issues and retention are an item of discussion with the City Council. He stated that the Council is aware that wages and benefits attract employees, along with a quality workplace. He commented that there is a labor shortage in every industry at this time

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Sis, seconded by Commissioner Leistico, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Bennett; Commissioners Sis, Leistico, Barten, Olson, and Walker. Voting No: None. Absent: Commissioner Loss.

The Park and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Riverblood
Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent

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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 November 18, 2021, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Commission Members Present: Vice Chair Brandon Sis
 Commissioner Nathan Barten
 Commissioner Jennifer Leistico
 Commissioner Justin Loss
 Commissioner Dean Olson
 Commissioner Brian Walker

Commission Members Absent: Chair Shane Bennett

Also Present: City Council Liaison Alternate Debra Musgrove
 Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Mark Riverblood

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Sis called the Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

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

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Acting Chair Sis; Commissioners Leistico, Loss, Barten, Olson, and Walker. Voting No: None. Absent: Chair Bennett.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.01: Approve Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Acting Chair Sis noted on page four Commissioner Loss was noted as seconding a motion but he was not present at the meeting so staff will verify the recording to determine the appropriate

Commission member. He stated on page six, Item 5.02, it should state, "...recommend no charges changes..."

Motion by Commissioner Barten, seconded by Commissioner Walker, to approve the following Park and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes as amended:

- Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes date October 14, 2021

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Acting Chair Sis; Commissioners Barten, Walker, Leistico, Loss, and Olson. Voting No: None. Absent: Chair Bennett.

5. COMMISSION BUSINESS

5.01: Consider the 2022-2031 Parks Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood explained that the CIP allows the City to plan for improvements and the ability to coordinate with other projects, such as including a sidewalk or trail with a road project. He noted that things listed in the last year of the plan are often placeholders and unfunded. He noted that some of those projects often move forward in conjunction with development, such as Pearson Park. He reviewed the projects shown for 2022 including the priority and other factors.

Councilmember Musgrove asked if the boardwalk would connect to the existing boardwalk.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood replied that there is not a boardwalk in this area. He explained that the boardwalk they talked about at the Public Works Committee was at Trott Brook, whereas this would be for Lake Itasca. He noted that it is the same trail system but a different location and boardwalk. He reviewed the trail connections proposed within the CIP, noting the segments that will continue to be opportunity/development driven.

Acting Chair Sis asked if there were any trails in the adjacent community that would connect to a potential trail segment.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood provided additional details on the trail connections and recreation opportunities in Elk River.

Commissioner Barten noted that currently the only way to get from Andre to Elk River by bicycle is via Highway 10, therefore that trail would be helpful.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood continued to review the proposed projects on the CIP.

Acting Chair Sis asked if there has been any conversation with the athletic association to determine if they would be interested in cosponsoring one of the aeration projects through their outdoors program.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood replied that he has not spoken with the entity about aeration but did discuss the possibility of collaborating on programming. He noted that they are working with Anoka County to host an ice fishing program this winter at Sunfish Lake.

Commissioner Olson asked if the DNR stocks Sunfish Lake and whether it would be more attractive to the DNR if the water body were aerated.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood replied that the DNR will not stock areas like this that have poor or no fish reproduction with no public boat access. He stated that the City can buy fish or pay the DNR to stock fish.

Councilmember Musgrove stated that the item has been on the CIP for many years and asked why this item has not moved forward.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood replied that all the projects take time to develop. He stated that the CIP has a lot of worthy projects, but it takes time to develop and create plans and specifications. He recognized the staffing shortages and changes he has experienced in his department.

Councilmember Musgrove asked if there would be a large cost difference in having a consultant develop the plans.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood stated that there is still staff time used to work with a consultant. He stated that he is unsure of a consultant that has done that type of project but believed there is probably one out there. He noted that hopefully an aerator would be able to use solar power.

Councilmember Musgrove suggested reaching out to the Anoka Conservation District (ACD) to find recommendations for consultants.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood stated that he could reach out to ACD staff and perhaps they would have a recommendation on a contractor.

Commissioner Walker stated several months ago he requested for a breakdown on how \$1,500,000 is budgeted for park maintenance. He stated that he has not seen those numbers, therefore it is hard for him to approve a CIP when he is unsure of the cost to maintain what the City already has. He stated that he would not support a new boardwalk until he is aware of the current maintenance costs. He referenced the next case related to Park Dedication fees and noted that he supports \$4,400 as that falls in line with similar cities such as Andover and Blaine.

Commissioner Walker left the meeting.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood commented that the City budget is available online, which includes the park department line items. He provided additional details on potential aeration equipment that could be used.

Commissioner Loss asked if people would still be able to ice fish on Sunfish Lake if an aerator is installed.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood stated that would be part of the design process. He believed that newer systems would not create open water but stated that signage would still be posted to alert to possible thin ice. He stated that he would prefer to find a system that does not create thin ice. He continued to review projects within the CIP. He noted that the playground replacement policy has also been included within the CIP and reflectively shows one playground replacement per year. He noted that although streetscape is not technically a park element, park staff maintains that asset and therefore that has been included in the CIP as well.

Councilmember Musgrove stated that as described, the City would pay to plant the trees, which would normally be provided through development. She asked if the City would want to attempt to be reimbursed through development.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood replied that he would propose to use TIF funds. He noted that TIF and other City programs are sometimes used to encourage development and therefore this would be similar in that the trees would already be planted and growing in the right place. He stated that the public would benefit by traffic calming and beautification, the land price would potentially increase, and the developer would not need to pay for the trees.

Councilmember Musgrove commented that she would want to ensure that Ramsey residents that would in essence pay for the trees would be reimbursed.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood provided additional explanation on how TIF is generated, noting that it is not property tax dollars, and how the City can use those funds.

Acting Chair Sis asked if that side would also receive sidewalk.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood replied that side would eventually have sidewalks when development occurs, but that would not be a part of the tree planting project.

Councilmember Musgrove asked if that project would cover some of the trees within the existing planted area that have not survived.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood confirmed that those would be replaced through regular maintenance activity. He noted that one was blocking a pedestrian crossing sign and will not be replaced. He provided details on a potential disc golf course and second off-leash area, which are new additions.

Councilmember Musgrove provided input on the potential location for an off-leash area, landscaping and questioned whether the site is within the wellhead protection area.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood replied that he did not believe that a dog park would have an impact on the wellhead protection area.

Commissioner Olson stated that he supports the idea for another off-leash area. He noted that the area within The COR is very busy with many apartment buildings and therefore it would be helpful to have an off-leash area as an additional amenity within The COR.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood commented that many of the dogs are pausing on the streetscape and killing the flowers and shrubs. He noted that having an off-leash area off Veterans Drive might curb that behavior and improve the condition of the streetscape.

Acting Chair Sis proposed moving that project up in the CIP because of the need and interest in that project.

Commissioner Olson agreed that it would be helpful to have the off-leash area before replacing trees and other landscaping.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood stated that completes the projects proposed for 2022 along with the new additions. He noted that all the projects included within the CIP would still need to come forward for individual consideration and approval.

Commissioner Loss stated that it would be great to have aeration in Sunfish Lake. He stated that his children love water parks and splashpads and would love to see that project move forward as it would provide an amenity for residents and can bring in additional users as well. He stated that he would like to see movement on the water feature/splashpad feature.

Acting Chair Sis stated that in previous years they have discussed the earth work that would be needed for the water feature park [The Waterfront] and Municipal Park. He noted that perhaps that could occur with the boulevard improvements for Sunwood.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood replied the soil work is not a \$100,000 project and would be much more expensive. He stated that perhaps when soil is needed for the northwest area, it can be taken from that site. He noted that the City could proceed with the splashpad corner but cautioned against developing a splashpad with nothing around it. He stated that perhaps it would be helpful to bring back the waterfront and Municipal Plaza plans, and the presentation could include sequencing and potential funding.

Commissioner Loss asked if the apartments within The COR paid Park Dedication in cash and whether those funds would be used for Municipal Plaza and The Waterfront improvements.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood replied that there is about \$5,000,000 in the park trust fund currently and improvements paid within The COR should be invested within that area. He confirmed that the Affinity, Aeon, and Sapphire projects all paid cash Park Dedication that should be used for Municipal Plaza and The Waterfront improvements.

Councilmember Musgrove asked if aeration of Sunfish would qualify for funding through the watershed. She explained that the WMO will receive legacy dollars to use within the Rum River watershed for water quality projects.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood replied that he was pretty confident that it would not qualify as a standalone project. He noted that perhaps if it were combined with a stormwater project it could be a project eligible for a match. He noted that Sunfish Lake is unique because it is ground water without an inlet or outlet. He stated that only a very small portion of stormwater goes into Sunfish Lake. He commented that he would follow up with the appropriate City staff to determine if it would be a possibility.

Councilmember Musgrove asked if this is adopted and action is taken on the off-leash item tonight, would that impact the approval of the CIP.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood explained that the CIP is meant to be a fluid document and it is not uncommon for a project to move up or down based on opportunity.

Commissioner Walker returned.

Motion by Commissioner Leistico, seconded by Commissioner Olson, to recommend a 2022-2031 Parks Capital Improvement Plan to the City Council as presented.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Acting Chair Sis; Commissioners Leistico, Olson, Barten, Loss, and Olson. Voting No: Commissioner Walker. Absent: Chair Bennett.

5.02: Recommend 2022 Park Development Fees

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood presented that the rates and charges were discussed in great detail at the October meeting, at which time the consensus was to continue the discussion tonight. He stated that he included the requested information showing comparison Park Dedication and Trail Fees from other communities.

Commissioner Walker commented that he believes that Ramsey fits more with Andover, Blaine and Champlin more than some of the other cities. He noted that fees have not been increased since 2018. He asked where these funds are collected.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood replied that these funds go into the Park Trust Fund, which funds the parks' capital improvements. He stated that there are about \$30,000,000 in potential projects listed within the CIP and currently the Park Trust Fund has a balance of about \$5,000,000. He explained that each municipality charges park dedication in different ways. He noted that Elk River previously had higher Park Dedication Fees but also the city uses the revenue from its municipal liquor stores to fund park improvements. He stated that Elk River additionally uses franchise fees to fund road improvements and will also use its franchise fees to fund sidewalk and trail pavement improvements. He explained that the City cannot set its Park Dedication based on the rates of other communities and must set it accordingly to its planned park and trail improvements and projects.

Acting Chair Sis asked if the current fee structure would fund the projects included in the CIP with an estimated balance of \$30,000,000.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood replied that would be difficult to determine conclusively, because it cannot be certain when and how properties will develop. He stated that estimates could be done based on the current zoning or projection growth.

Acting Chair Sis stated that the fee structure has to be based on reality and need and therefore he wondered whether there is a metric that would establish such a need.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood replied that the need is the CIP. He stated that plan also includes a community center which is often a public/private partnership. He provided details on the interfund loan that was used to purchase properties within The COR. He stated that land sales are currently paying back that loan, but once that is paid off, staff would propose to use a majority of the land sales within The COR used for construction of Municipal Plaza and The Waterfront. He noted that another option would be to perhaps gain additional funding through referendum to support community desires, such as a community center to include other park needs.

Councilmember Musgrove asked if the Park Trust Funds must be used for new development.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood replied that it is legal for the City to impose development fees, as every home permitted places new need on City infrastructure and facilities. He noted that some developments are already near larger city parks that meet that need. He explained that there needs to be a nexus between Park Dedication fees collected and how the funds are used. He stated that the trail system helps to provide that geographical connection to existing park features. He stated that the nexus is more important in The COR because of the density and need for additional outside space for apartment residents. He stated that when a city does not do a good job allocating park dedication dollars, there can be liability from developers that may take the city to court. He stated that the previous year they reviewed the 2021 and 2022 projects, which had a very good geographic distribution.

Commissioner Leistico asked if the City has the funding and projects identified but is lacking the manpower or labor to implement the projects. She noted that some of these projects are not that large in scale of funding but have remained on the list for years.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood replied that people and funding is required for projects. He noted that the boardwalk project required a certain amount of time and energy to develop the plans and specifications along with the time needed to go through the proper Commissions for review. He stated that even when a contract is brought on for the project, staff still has oversight of the project and there needs to be ongoing maintenance. He noted that the Commission would probably be surprised to hear the amount of maintenance that is required for the dog park. He estimated that 30,000 dog waste bags are used throughout the city as an example. He stated that the larger the park and trail system grows, the more time and energy is needed for maintenance, therefore it is a balancing act.

Acting Chair Sis stated that the additional information that was requested has been provided, and asked the Commission on input on the direction it would like to take.

Commissioner Loss stated that it appears that Ramsey is lower than some communities, and also higher than some communities. He stated that given that the fees have not been increased in the past four years and the rate of inflation, he believed that an increase would not scare off potential developers. He stated that perhaps raising the fees by 10 or 15 percent would be appropriate.

Commissioner Leistico stated that she agrees that fees should increase because of inflation but questioned the reasoning for ten percent.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood stated that he would not want to provide a recommendation on the fee rate. He stated that a five percent increase would equate to \$175 to the existing \$3,500 rate. He stated that perhaps the justification would be that a five percent increase would be reasonable. He stated that the last increase was in 2018 and therefore a five percent increase after four years may seem reasonable, and the increase would help to better fund the new projects within the CIP.

Commissioner Walker referenced the trail fee of \$1,000 and asked how that rates to other communities.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood stated that each community handles that differently. He noted that some communities have separate trail fees, while others include that in Park Dedication as a whole. He noted that some cities build their own trails and sidewalks with road reconstructs and many require them to be built with the development. He provided examples where the City required the trail construction as part of a development.

Commissioner Walker stated that with \$30,000,000 in potential projects, he would like to see \$4,200 to \$4,400 for Park Dedication and leave Trail Fees at the current rate. He stated that perhaps Trail Fees are raised the following year.

Acting Chair Sis stated that he was unsure why there would be a need to stagger the increases.

Commissioner Walker commented that he is attempting to negotiate support for \$4,400.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood stated that one rationale to that proposal would be that certain large landowners have deals with developers based on the anticipated development fees. He noted that raising the fees in a reasonable manner would not impact those pending sales.

Commissioner Loss asked if there is a reason there has not been an increase since 2018. He also asked if this recommendation would then go before the Council, that may or may not agree with the increase.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood replied that the Council has the discretion to set the fees where it wants. He stated that the Council appreciates the work the Commission does in making a recommendation that reflects the community it represents. He stated that staff did not recommend any increase in attempt to continue to welcome new, quality development. He stated that raising development fees can slow development and therefore an increase has not been recommended for industrial or commercial park and trail fees for quite some

time. He stated that while residential development pays taxes, it does not necessarily pay its fair share for the demand it places on the system.

Commissioner Leistico stated that she would recommend that the Commission provide a motion in support of its needs and if the Council does not agree, it can make that choice.

Commissioner Walker asked if the fees are paid at the time of development per phase.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood confirmed that respective development fees are paid at the time of final plat. He stated that preliminary plat provides entitlement to development the land and is typically when the purchase agreement is signed for the land. He stated that the final plat is the time the appropriate fees are paid.

Commissioner Walker provided a comparison between raising Park Dedication to \$4,400 and not increasing trail fees to raising both park and trail fees by 15 percent. He stated that he would like to see the City get the funds that it can. He noted that a proposed development near his home would have 347 lots which would generate \$1,500,000 in just park fees.

Commissioner Barten stated that if there was a five percent increase per year for the next four years that would be a park fee of \$4,254 in the fourth year. He stated that he could see the reasoning in increasing the Park Dedication in a larger amount this year but could also see the reasoning to split that over four years.

Commissioner Walker commented that there are pending developments for two properties in his area of the City and was unsure that fees could go up enough to make either one of those developers leave the project. He stated that there are not many areas within Ramsey that have that amount of land available to develop. He noted that a developer will pass the cost onto the new residents that purchase the homes.

Commissioner Loss stated that he would support an increase of 10 to 15 percent for Park Dedication. He stated that perhaps \$4,000 is the right number. He stated that he would agree to delay any increases to the trail fee if they are increasing the park dedication.

Commissioner Walker noted that there is no guarantee that the City Council will approve the increase the Commission recommends.

Councilmember Musgrove stated that some of the cities that have higher fees are more built out in order to capture what they can from remaining development. She stated that as Ramsey continues to develop and collect fees, it will reach a similar point. She stated that she was torn because there is a large bank of money available.

Acting Chair Sis recognized that there is a healthy balance but there are also large projects on the horizon that will need much more in funding.

Commissioner Walker commented that the balance is one sixth of the amount that would be needed to fund the projects within the CIP.

Commissioner Loss asked when the change in the fee would be implemented if an increase is recommended by the Commission and approved by the Council. He used the scenario of a development that is already in the works but has not yet paid the fees through final plat and asked if that development would then pay the new Park Dedication fee.

Acting Chair Sis explained that would be the case unless the development agreement specifies a specific amount for Park Dedication using the 2021 fee structure.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood clarified that the Park Trust Fund does not fund park maintenance as that is funded from the General Fund. He stated that whether the Council chooses to keep the Park Dedication fee as it is today, or raise it on the recommendation of the Commission, those fees would only be applicable for residential lots that are final platted in 2022. He stated that the City Council has completed the first reading of the ordinance related to the rates and fees for 2022, with no change to the Park Dedication fee. He stated that the Council will consider the second reading and adoption of the ordinance on December 14th and the recommendation from the Commission will be included in that presentation.

Acting Chair Sis stated that there does not seem to be consensus for keeping the rates as they are today, but there is question as to what the increase should be. He stated that ten percent seems to be the middle ground.

Motion by Commissioner Walker to recommend to City Council that Park Dedication and Trail Fees for 2022 be adjusted to \$4,400 per residential dwelling for Park Dedication and remain at \$1,000 per residential dwelling for trail fees.

Motion died for lack of second.

Motion by Commissioner Loss, seconded by Commissioner Walker, to recommend to City Council to increase Park Dedication and Trail Fees, for 2022, be adjusted to a rate of \$1,150 per residential unit for the Trail Fees and \$4,050 per residential unit for Park Dedication fees.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Acting Chair Sis; Commissioners Loss, Walker, Barten, Leistico, and Olson. Voting No: None. Absent: Chair Bennett.

Councilmember Musgrove recognized that the fees have not been increased in a while and if the increase would have been a few percent each year, this would catch the fee up.

5.03: Off-Leash Area Consideration

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood stated that this was carried forward after the long discussion brought forth during citizen input at the October meeting. He stated that the request was to have an off-leash area dedicated for small dogs, therefore the Commission can consider that request or choose to do nothing.

Acting Chair Sis stated that there is already a separated area at the dog park, so they were to place a sign stating that the area is reserved for smaller or timid dogs, or they could continue to allow general access. He stated that he has not visited the park enough to view the conflict that was

described by the resident. He stated that the simple addition of a sign could be a way to move forward.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood stated that he has concern with that the area would be oversized for that purpose. He stated that if a timid dog area is designated, that would require a level of self-policing. He stated that the problem seems to be that there are some people that are not controlling their large, rambunctious dog while others have small timid dogs that are perhaps not suited to that environment. He commented that there are many areas where dogs can be off leash in Ramsey other than the dog park. He liked the suggestion of Councilmember Heineman that if there is a small dog area in the future, it be done with a tiny fence so that it is clear that is what the area is intended for, as that would prevent large dogs. He stated that the original request was to increase the size of the dog park, which they did. He stated that there is a sign on the front gate that mentions behavior and people may or may not pay attention to it. He commented that signs are often ignored.

Commissioner Loss stated that he has two dogs, one medium and one large. He stated that he has never seen a small dog in the dedicated small dog area at the Coon Rapids dog park and that is the only dog park where he experienced a problem with other dogs. He stated that often the smaller dogs tend to be more aggressive. He stated that it was his understanding that the expansion of the dog park would be completely open, therefore he was surprised to see the fence between. He stated that he also likes the idea of adding another off-leash area in The COR. He commended the Commission for not making a kneejerk reaction and discussing the topic.

Commissioner Leistico agreed that switching the use for one request would not make sense. She also recognized the concern that dedicating one side of the dog park would be too much space for little dogs. She suggested leaving the issue alone at this time and moving forward on another off-leash area in The COR.

Commissioner Olson agreed that this discussion should be tabled, and the new off-leash area should be explored more. He noted that perhaps the new off-leash area could be split 70/30 between large and small dogs.

Commissioner Barten stated that he did some research on this topic and while some dog park designers prefer to split the area for small and large dogs, many have the main park with additional special use area like there is at the dog park. He agreed that leaving the park as is seems to be the best way to go.

Acting Chair Sis confirmed the consensus of the Commission to leave the dog park as is. He asked if the Commission would be interested in moving the second off-leash area up in priority. It was noted that it was planned for 2026. He stated that there is a demonstrable need within The COR and therefore planning for it to determine cost would seem reasonable. He believed the project should be moved to 2022.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood responded that he believes the \$20,000 estimate would seem reasonable.

Consensus of the Commission was to direct staff to develop the project cost and determine feasibility as time allows.

6. COMMISSION/STAFF INPUT

6.01: Commission/Staff Input

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood advised of upcoming holiday events. He stated that earlier this year the Commission recommended replacement of the Trott Brook boardwalk. He stated that the Public Works Committee recommended that the City Council approve the project and the Council will review that request at its next meeting on November 23rd.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Leistico, seconded by Commissioner Loss, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Acting Chair Sis; Commissioners Leistico, Loss, Barten, Olson, and Walker. Voting No: None. Absent: Chair Bennett.

The Park and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Riverblood
Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent

Drafted by Amanda Staple
TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.

Meeting Date: 10/13/2022

By: Mark Riverblood, Engineering/Public Works

Information

Title:

Consider Sculptural Carving of Two Dead Oaks at Sunfish Lake Park

Purpose/Background:

The purpose of this case is to receive Commission concurrence on the sculptural carving of two large White Oaks that died at Sunfish Lake Park. Normally in a natural resourced base park, the best course of action for dead trees is to leave them standing as valuable wildlife habitat. These two trees however (image attached), are in a well traveled portion of the park, and a concern exists for falling limbs during wind events as the tree would begin to decay.

The proposal herein would be to engage a professional chainsaw carver to turn the twin trees into an element of public art, versus 'wasting' the trees by removal.

Notification:

Observations/Alternatives:

It is believed that the two trees can be carved into a fun and interesting new element at the park for a few thousand dollars more than the cost of removals. Earlier this year, staff contacted three different tree services for quotes on removals—with two companies not interested in the work, and one firm quoting a little less than \$6,000, (not including clean-up and restoration). At the September regular Park & Recreation Commission meeting, considerable discussion occurred on the detail of the proposed carvings—with the attached pencil sketches reflecting much of that direction as revised drawings.

Funding Source:

Funding could be partially from the Parks Operations Budget (at the cost of removals only, \$6,000), and the balance (perhaps \$2,400) from the Park Trust Fund to create the new park features.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends proceeding with issuing an RFP for the sculptural carving of the two large oaks for this Fall or Winter of 2022-23.

Action:

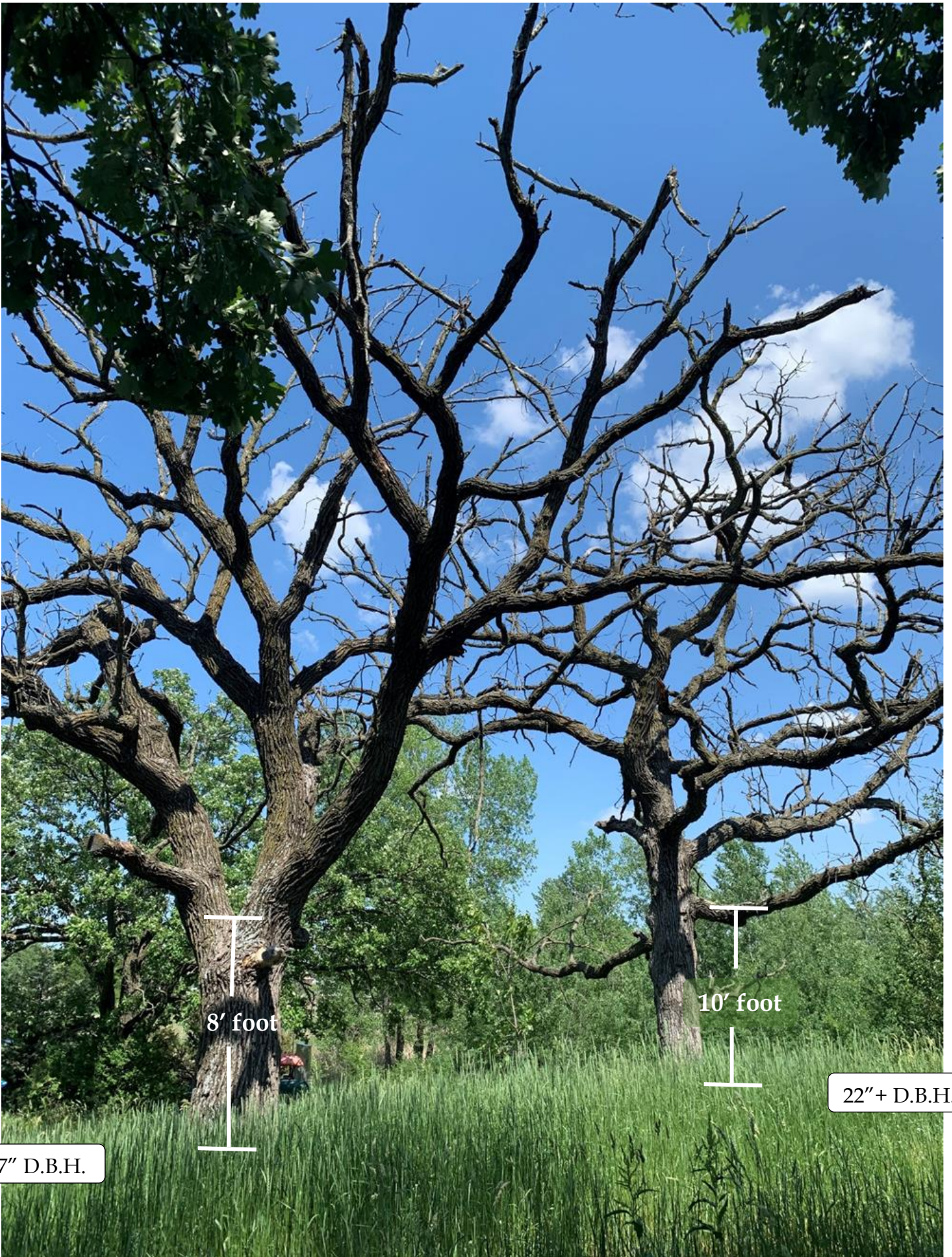
Based upon discussion.

Attachments

Image of existing conditions
revised sketches

Form Review

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Bruce Westby	Bruce Westby	10/07/2022 02:35 PM
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27" D.B.H.

8' foot

10' foot

22" + D.B.H.



Sample 'Green Lady'

Sample Carvings





Sample Carvings



Sample Carvings



Good morning Mark,

I am back from the Kansas state fair and catching up on things.

Here are the two revised sketches [below]...

I mentioned before, and as you cautioned the board.....these sculptures already have quite a lot going on, and I don't recommend more creatures for that reason and to keep them at the price we most recently discussed. Also, height wise.....it is a relatively common request to go "higher". However, also to maintain that price, I would go a maximum of 12-13 feet (using two levels of scaffolding with guard rails). Without seeing the trees in person, I do think that height accomplishes what we want. Also, when getting to that height or higher.....the subjects usually don't view as well as we hope for. Any subjects higher up have to be smaller, and when getting close enough to "get a better look", we're viewing them from an unfavorable angle.

Let me know your thoughts, questions.....

Thanks,

Gary

Proposed carvings



RAMSEY
TREE 2
SIDE A
CK 8/22



RAMSEY
TREE 2
SIDE B
@ 8/22



RAMSEY
TREE 1
SIDE B
C8/22



RAMSEY
TREE 1
SIDE A
OK 8/22

Park and Recreation Commission

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Meeting Date: 10/13/2022

By: Marla Martinez-Flynn, Engineering/Public Works

Information

Title:

Commission/Staff Input

Purpose/Background:

~ Recreation Program Updates

Notification:

Observations/Alternatives:

Funding Source:

n/a

Recommendation:

Action:

Attachments

- Photo Contest
 - Fall Floral Arrangement Workshop
 - Parks Walking Series
 - Line Dancing
 - Yappy Hour
 - Qigong Meditation
 - Yoga
 - Resident Day on the Farm
 - Holiday Tree Lighting
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Form Review

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Ramsey Parks & Recreation Presents: 2022 Photo Contest

Submit your photos to the City's Photo Contest! The City of Ramsey is looking for beautiful photos from the community. Submit your photos that highlight what you love about life in Ramsey! Winners will be announced at the City Council meeting in March 2023, and will receive a gift card to a local business. Winning photos will be featured in various City publications.

Contest categories:

- Nature of Ramsey
- Parks and Trails in Ramsey
- Industry and Commerce of Ramsey
- Life in Ramsey

Contest rules: Please visit the event page cityoframsey.com/photocontest for a full list of rules. Photos must be submitted by Friday, December 16.

For more information:

Marla Martinez-Flynn, *Recreation Specialist*
mmartinez-flynn@cityoframsey.com
763-433-9883



Jenna Martin



Kathy Rosenow



Linda Schlueter



Ramsey Parks & Recreation Presents: Floral Arrangement Workshop



Create a “bootiful” fall-themed floral arrangement! Spend the evening learning how to create floral arrangements. During this class the instructor will walk you through making a fall-themed arrangement in a pumpkin. After the class is over, you will have a beautiful arrangement to take home with you!

Registration is required, and space is limited to 15 participants. The cost is \$40 a person and includes all the materials needed to create your floral arrangement.

Location: Ramsey Public Works
14199 Jaspar St NW
Ramsey, MN 55303

Date: Thursday, October 27

Time: 6:30 - 8:00pm

Registration:
CityofRamsey.com/ParkEvents

Contact:
Marla Martinez-Flynn
Recreation Specialist
mmartinez-flynn@cityoframsey.com
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Ramsey Parks & Recreation Presents: Women's Walking Club



Let's enjoy the cool autumn air while exploring the trails around our community!

Join us on Mondays to walk and navigate the trails at our parks in Ramsey. Walking is a great way to spend time outdoors, improve your fitness and well-being, and meet other people. We will walk close to an hour and participants can take breaks whenever needed. All abilities and fitness levels are welcome!

Registration is required. There is no cost for this program. The schedule of parks we will meet at will be on your registration confirmation receipt. It will also be sent via email.

Location:

We will meet at a different park in Ramsey every week

Date: Mondays,
September 12 - October 17

Time: 5:30 - 6:30pm

Registration:

CityofRamsey.com/ParkEvents

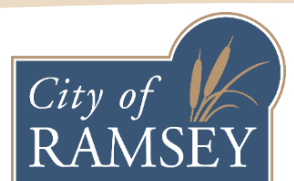
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Ramsey Parks & Recreation presents:

Line Dancing



Line Dancing

Join us for a fun night of line dancing! A beginner class will be held from 6:00-6:30pm and an advanced beginner class will be held from 6:30-7:30pm. Something different is taught every week, so if you miss a class or two it is okay. Partners are not required for line dancing, but feel free to bring along a friend or two.

This class is instructed by Karen Ann Stark. She has over 15 years experience teaching dance. She is the former developer and choreographer of the Bootscooters Dance Team.

To prepare for class bring a water bottle and wear an outfit that is comfortable to dance in.

Registration is requested but not required. This class is free to attend and is limited to first 30 people. If you do not register or have a valid email on your account, we will be unable to notify you of cancellations. We are not responsible for missed notifications.

Location:

Central Park Building

7925 161st Ave NW

Ramsey, MN 55303

Dates: September 13, 27 &

October 11, 25

Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm

To register:

CityofRamsey.com/ParkEvents

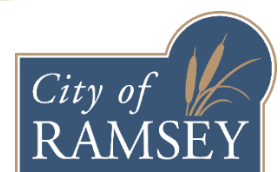
Contact:

Marla Martinez-Flynn

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Ramsey Parks & Recreation Presents: Yappy Hour



Join us for a night of fun at Ramsey's Dog Park! Bring your four-legged friend to the Dog Park at Alpine Park for an evening of socialization and exercise. Your pup will enjoy meeting furry friends while you visit with fellow dog owners.

Food will be available for purchase from 5:00 - 7:00pm. Check our website or Facebook page for more information on the food vendor, cityoframsey.com/parkevents.

Registration is not required for this program.

Location:

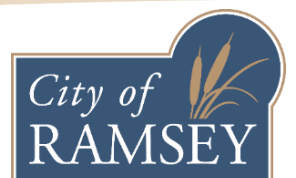
Alpine Dog Park
6600 Alpine Drive
Ramsey, MN 55303

Date: September 22 & October 13

Time: 5:30 - 6:30pm

Contact:

Marla Martinez-Flynn
Recreation Specialist
mmartinez-flynn@cityoframsey.com
763-433-9883





Ramsey Parks & Recreation presents:
Qigong for Health



Begin Healing with Qigong Meditation

Qigong (chee gong) is a wholistic system of exercise that aims to strengthen, stretch, balance and coordinate the body. On more subtle levels, it integrates mind, body, emotions and spirit. The movements are slow, coordinated and rhythmic, synchronizing breath, movement and focus. It is deceptively simple yet can be profoundly healing.

This practice group is led by Peggy Brown, a Spring Forest Qigong Certified Practice Group Leader. Peggy is also a Reiki Master Practitioner and has been working with energy since 2008.

Registration is not required.

Location: Ramsey City Hall

Alexander Ramsey Room
7550 Sunwood Drive NW
Ramsey, MN 55303

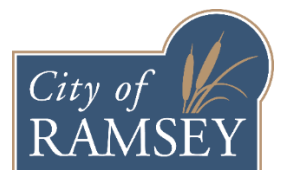
Date: Thursdays

Time: 10:30 -11:30am

Contact: Peggy Brown

gbopeg@aol.com
(763) 753-3705

The Alexander Ramsey Room is on the first floor of City Hall, at the east end of the building.





Ramsey Parks & Recreation Presents: Gentle Movement Yoga



Gentle Movement Yoga with Jennifer

Join Jennifer in an hour long gentle movement style yoga class where we will connect to our breath through mindful movement. All experience levels are welcome and encouraged to participate in this series.

Prepare for class:

- Bring a yoga mat, water, and a small towel
- Wear comfortable clothing and be prepared to practice barefoot

Registration is required as space is capped at 20 students. Please arrive 5-10 minutes early.

Location:

Central Park Building
7925 161st Ave NW
Ramsey, MN 55303

Dates: Wednesdays
September 7 - October 12

Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm

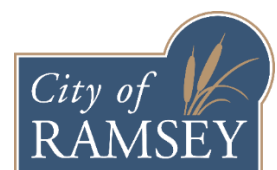
To register:

CityofRamsey.com/ParkEvents

Contact:

Jennifer Lee
Yoga Instructor
jenniferleeyoga@icloud.com

Marla Martinez-Flynn
Recreation Specialist
mmartinez-flynn@cityoframsey.com
(763) 433-9883





Ramsey Parks & Recreation and
Pearson Family Farm Presents:

Ramsey Resident Day on the Farm



Come enjoy an afternoon of family-friendly fall festivities! Celebrate with an afternoon of festivities at the Pearson Family Farm — a multi-generational, family-owned farm in Ramsey. Bring your friends and family out for pumpkin decorating, a jump in the popcorn pit, face painting, antique tractors display, corn maze, hay rides and maybe even get a little competitive with one of the many pumpkin games! Food trucks will be available at the Farm. This event is rain or shine.

Registration is not required. Please come to the barn to get your wristbands and pumpkin coupons. Wristbands are \$5 per person or \$30 per household. Ramsey residents will receive a coupon for one free painting pumpkin per child.

Location:

Pearson Family Farms
8846 Highway 10 NW
Ramsey, MN 55303

Date: Saturday, October 8

Time: 12:00 pm—6:00 pm

Contact:

Marla Martinez-Flynn
Recreation Specialist
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City of Ramsey's Annual

Holiday Tree Lighting

Tuesday, November 29
Tree Lighting at 6:00 pm
Ramsey City Hall

- Cookies & Cocoa provided by the Ramsey Lions
 - Pictures with Santa
 - Horse-Drawn Trolley
- Create-Your-Own Ornament



Ramsey City Hall will be a collection site for Toys for Joy and Granny's Closet this holiday season. Please consider bringing a new, unwrapped toy or clothing item to donate. Info at cityoframsey.com.