

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

The Ramsey Park and Recreation Commission conducted a regular meeting on August 8, 2024, at The Draw, 7401 Ramsey Parkway NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Commission Members Present: Chair Nathan Barten
 Vice Chair Brandon Sis
 Commissioner Shane Bennett
 Commissioner Megan Ealain
 Commissioner Dean Olson

Commission Members Absent: Commissioner Todd Arts
 Commissioner Jennifer Leistico

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Barten called the Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

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

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Barten; Commissioners Bennett, Sis, Arts, Ealain, Leistico, and Olson. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.01: Approve Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Ealain noted that she was absent from the June meeting and her name should be removed from the votes.

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

- Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes dated May 9, 2024
- Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes dated June 13, 2024

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Barten; Commissioners Bennett, Sis, Arts, Ealain, Leistico, and Olson. Voting No: None. Absent: None.

5. COMMISSION BUSINESS

5.01: Consider Adding Play Equipment Component for Woodland Green Park

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood stated that this is an extension of the playground replacement program, noting the two projects that were completed this spring at River's Bend and Alpine parks which left \$4,000 available in the playground replacement budget. He stated that one spring rider has broken at Woodland Green Park and residents have requested that be replaced with a spinning orb element, noting that the remaining spring rider would be removed, and the spinning orb would take the place of the spring riders. He stated that funding is still available in the budget for the approved playground replacement this year.

Motion by Commissioner Sis, seconded by Commissioner Olson to recommend that the City Council approve the purchase and installation of a spinning orb for Woodland Green Park at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Barten; Commissioners Sis, Olson, Bennett, and Ealain. Voting No: None. Absent: Arts and Lestico.

5.02: Consider Park and Recreation Commission Presence at the 2024 Happy Days Festival

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood stated that it has been customary for the Commission to have a presence at the Happy Days Festival, whether formally or informally. He noted that the busiest part of the day would be during the 11 a.m. to midafternoon time.

Recreation Coordinator Proulx provided a highlight of some of the Happy Days Festival activities planned.

Councilmember Musgrove provided input on different elements, based on her experiences.

Commissioner Bennett commented that in the past when the Commission hosted a table inside the tent, it tended to have a lot of activity. He stated that in the last few years he has been in the tent with a name tag, more informally. He agreed that with the increased park activities and programming it would be a benefit to return to having a park table. He commented that it could be helpful to have speaking points on The Waterfront Park and its funding to ensure that a clear message is conveyed from whoever is staffing the table.

Recreation Coordinator Proulx provided input on the most helpful times to have members staffed at the table within the tent.

6. COMMISSION/STAFF INPUT

6.01: Recreation Program Update

Recreation Coordinator Proulx stated that it has been a busy summer for recreation programming and events. She provided an update on recently held events and activities and highlighted upcoming activities and programming opportunities.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood commented on the great diversity of park programming, with opportunities for people of all ages and opportunities in parks throughout the community.

6.02: Commission/Staff Input

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood provided an update on recent development activity within The COR and the related Park Dedication that would come from those projects. He also provided an update on ongoing park improvement projects.

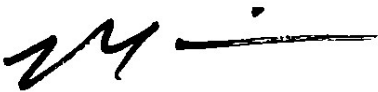
7. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chair Barten; Commissioners Sis, Bennett, Olson, and Ealain. Voting No: None. Absent: Arts and Lestico.

The Park and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Riverblood
Parks & Assistant Public Works Director

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