

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

The Ramsey Park and Recreation Commission conducted a regular meeting on September 12, 2024, at The Hollow, 14642 Snowy Owl Street NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Commission Members Present: Chair Nathan Barten
 Vice Chair Brandon Sis
 Commissioner Todd Arts
 Commissioner Megan Ealain
 Commissioner Jennifer Leistico

Commission Members Absent: Commissioner Shane Bennett
 Commissioner Dean Olson

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Barten called the Park and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. CITIZEN INPUT

None.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

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

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

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.01: Approve Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Sis noted that the absent members of the Commission were included as voting yes and should be removed from those votes.

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

- Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes date August 8, 2024

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

5. COMMISSION BUSINESS

5.01: Playground Opening at The Hollow

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood identified some additional planting, landscaping, and concrete work remaining to be completed.

The Commission recessed to conduct a ribbon cutting of the playground at The Hollow, the new one-acre park within the Riverstone South neighborhood.

The Commission returned to the meeting.

5.02: Recommend the 2025 – 2034 Parks Capital Improvement Plan

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood stated that the Parks Capital Improvement Plan is a planning document and explained how it is used. He reviewed the projects included within the next ten-year period, along with details on feasible financial contributions and anticipating timing of projects. He reiterated that this is a planning document with estimated costs.

Chair Barten stated that he likes the document as it provides transparency to the public in terms of what is planned for the parks department.

Motion by Commissioner Sis, seconded by Commissioner Arts, to recommend approval of the 2025-2034 Parks Capital Improvement Plan.

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

5.03: Recreation Program Update

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood stated that there is a written report for the Commission to review. He noted that a more detailed summary will be provided at the October meeting. He also welcomed the Commission to sign up for the monthly recreation newsletter.

6. COMMISSION/STAFF INPUT

Chair Barten commented that Happy Days was a great event that he enjoyed attending.

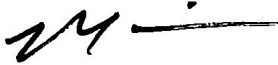
7. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The Park and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Riverblood
Parks & Assistant Public Works Director

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