

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

The Ramsey Park and Recreation Commission conducted a regular meeting on April 10, 2025, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Commission Members Present:      Chair Megan Ealain  
   Vice Chair Nathan Barten  
   Commissioner Garth Anderson  
   Commissioner Todd Arts (arrived at 6:32 p.m.)  
   Commissioner Shane Bennett  
   Commissioner Dean Olson  
   Commissioner Brandon Sis

Commission Members Absent:

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

**1.      CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2.      CITIZEN INPUT**

None.

**3.      APPROVE AGENDA**

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

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

**4.      APPROVE MINUTES**

**4.01:   Approve Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes**

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

- Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes dated March 13, 2025

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

Commissioner Arts arrived.

## **5. COMMISSION BUSINESS**

### **5.01: Consider Park and Recreation 2025 Outdoor Meeting Schedule**

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood stated that each year, the regular Commission meetings from May through September are held in City parks in order to see park projects and provide access to residents in their own neighborhood parks. He noted that within the packet, there are suggestions for some of the meetings and welcomed idea locations for the other three months.

Commissioner Sis asked the parks that are coming up on the replacement schedule.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood commented that Riverdale could be a good location for the August meeting. He also suggested The Draw for June and The Waterfront for July.

The Commission agreed with those suggestions.

Motion by Commissioner Sis, seconded by Commissioner Olson, to approve the outdoor meeting schedule as follows:

- May – Central Park
- June – The Draw
- July - The Waterfront
- August – Riverdale Park
- September – River’s Bend Park

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

### **5.02: Invitation: Tree Planting with Ramsey Environmental Policy Board and Parks and Recreation Department/Commission**

Recreation Coordinator Proulx stated that the City will be hosting a tree planting event on Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, to celebrate Arbor Month. She noted that this will be an opportunity for residents to participate and interact with the Parks and Recreation Commission and Environmental Policy Board and to replant trees that were removed due to Emerald Ash Borer. She noted that members of the Commission interested can let her know, and residents can register for the event online.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood commented that this will be a hands-on tree planting event, along with educational components to teach people how to properly plant trees.

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

### **6.01: Upcoming Programs and Events**

Recreation Coordinator Proulx provided program updates highlighting recent and upcoming events and activities.

Chair Ealain commented that there are a lot of good things coming up with a mix of things for everyone.

### **6.02: Update on Term Limitations on Commission and Board Chairs**

Chair Ealain welcomed Commissioner Anderson to the Commission.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood stated that the City Council recently changed the policy related to term limitations for the Commission and Board Chairs. He noted that the previously implemented term limit has now been removed.

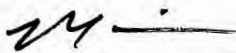
## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

The Park and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Mark Riverblood  
Parks & Assistant Public Works Director

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