

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

The Ramsey Park and Recreation Commission conducted a regular meeting on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at the Loral I Delany Central Park, 7925 161<sup>st</sup> Avenue NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Commission Members Present:      Chair Megan Ealain  
   Vice Chair Nathan Barten  
   Commissioner Garth Anderson  
   Commissioner Todd Arts  
   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 6:34 p.m.

**2.      CITIZEN INPUT**

None.

**3.      APPROVE AGENDA**

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

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

**4.      APPROVE MINUTES**

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

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

- Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes dated April 10, 2025

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

**5. COMMISSION BUSINESS**

**5.01: 2025 Playground Replacement – Central Park**

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood provided background information on the replacement of the Central Park playground, which is substantially completed. He reported that the project came in slightly under budget. He stated that the playground appears to be a success, noting the large number of children in attendance playing on the equipment tonight.

Chair Ealain commented on the positive comments the Commission members have received tonight.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood highlighted pieces of equipment within the playground as well as the two diggers still to be reinstalled.

**6. COMMISSION/STAFF INPUT**

**6.01: Recreation Program Update**

Recreation Coordinator Proulx reviewed the recreation program update. She also provided a brief update on the community art program and explained how the input they gather will be used to shape the program going forward. She highlighted information on the upcoming Two Rivers Art Fair event.

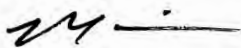
**7. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

The Park and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Mark Riverblood  
Parks & Assistant Public Works Director

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