

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

The Ramsey Park and Recreation Commission conducted a regular meeting on July 9, 2026, at The Waterfront, 7667 Ramsey Parkway, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Commission Members Present: Chair Shane Bennett
 Vice Chair Nathan Barten
 Commissioner Garth Anderson
 Commissioner Megan Ealain
 Commissioner Dean Olson

Commission Members Absent: Commissioner Todd Arts
 Commissioner Laura Moore

Also Present: Parks & Asst. 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 Barten, seconded by Commissioner Ealain, to approve the Park and Recreation Commission meeting agenda as presented.

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

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.01: Approve Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

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

- Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes dated May 14, 2026

- Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes dated June 11, 2026 (canceled)

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

5. COMMISSION BUSINESS

5.01: Acknowledge the Water Play Project at The Waterfront

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood recognized that this is a project that has been planned for over 20 years and provided background information on the site, preparation, and planning. He stated that one year ago, the City Council provided authorization to move forward on this park project, and he provided an overview of the project details. He reported that The Waterfront was opened to the public on July 1st. He commented that The Waterfront has been heavily used and enjoyed by residents since its opening. He provided additional information on the different equipment and features within the splashpad zones. He noted that once federal funds are released, staff will come back before the Commission and City Council to pursue the mini marina that will have paddle boats, kayaks, and perhaps a small sailboat. He noted other items that will come before the Commission at the August meeting to consider potential uses for other areas within the park.

Commissioner Barten acknowledged the hard work of Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood to get this project to fruition, while remaining under budget.

Chair Bennett also thanked the team involved with the project, as it fulfilled the vision and is a great amenity for the community.

6. COMMISSION/STAFF INPUT

6.01: July Recreation Program Update

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood noted that a written report was included in the packet.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The Park and Recreation Commission meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Riverblood
Parks & Assistant Public Works Director

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