

6:00 PM

Zanewood Recreation Center

7100 Zane Ave N

AGENDA

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1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

2. OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC COMMENT AND RESPONSE

Provides an opportunity for the public to address the Commission on items which are not on the agenda. Public Comment will be limited to 15 minutes (if no one is in attendance for Public Comment, the regular meeting may begin), and it may not be used to make personal attacks, to air personality grievances, to make political endorsements or for political campaign purposes. Individuals should limit their comments to three minutes. Commissioners will not enter into a dialogue with citizens. Questions from the Commission will be for clarification only. Public Comment will not be used as a time for problem solving or reacting to the comments made, but rather for hearing the citizen for informational purposes only.

3. APPROVAL OF June 21, 2023 AGENDA

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM May 17, 2023 MEETING

5. ACTION ITEMS

N/A

6. GENERAL INFORMATION - PRESENTATIONS

1. TOUR OF ZANEWOOD AND DISCUSSION ON EXPANSION

7. OLD BUSINESS

N/A

8. WRITTEN REPORTS

1. PROGRAM AND EVENTS UPDATE
2. PARK PROJECTS UPDATE
3. DIRECTORS REPORT

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. OPEN FORUM – QUESTION AND ANSWERS

10. VERBAL REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. CITY COUNCIL UPDATE –
2. CITY PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATES –
3. KEY TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT RPAC MEETING
 - JULY – NO MEETING
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 - AUGUST 7 – JOINT CITY COUNCIL / COMMISSIONERS MEETING

11. ADJOURNMENT

**Wednesday, May 17, 2023
Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission
Minutes**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL - The Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission meeting was held at the Community Activity Center and was called to order by Chairperson Nolen at 6:00 P.M.**

Commission Members present:

Mark Nolen, At-large (Chair)
Dwain Erickson, West (Vice Chair)
William Birdnecklace, West
Joe Gomez, At-large
Johnny Hoang, At-large
Deborah Lande, Central
Taylor Murray, East
Terry Parks, At, Large
Judy Purcell, Central
Kellina Quigley, At-large

Commission Members absent:

Latrina Caldwell, At-large
Miriam Osammor, East
Councilmember XP Lee

Brooklyn Park Staff present:

Brad Tullberg, Director of Recreation and Parks
Jen Gillard, Programming Manager
Marcus Hill, Parks and Facilities Manager
Greg Hoag, Parks and Buildings Manager, Operations and Maintenance
Jeanine Machan, Administrative Assistant

2. OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC COMMENT AND RESPONSE

Director Tullberg responses to the public comment at the May meeting.

- A comment was that a promise had been made as part of the Park Bond Referendum to add more pickleball courts. He stated that more pickleball courts were not part of the park bond referendum. However, staff continue to look for places in the park system to add additional courts.
- Comments were made regarding the proposed redevelopment at the CAC regarding ice rink 2. He stated that follow up meetings have been held with both the Osseo Maple Grove Hockey Association and the Three Rivers Figure Skating Association. Staff are working on a date to meet with Champlin Park Youth Hockey Association. Additional clarity was provided on the status of the project and what are the future steps. Staff heard from the organizations the future needs of ice and make up of their organization.

Questions/Comments

- Commissioner Gomez commented that pickleball courts are in high demand.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**A Motion was made to Approve the May 17, 2023 agenda by Commissioner Parks and second by, Commissioner Gomez
Motion unanimously approved.**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**A Motion was made to Approve the April 19, 2023 minutes by Commissioner Purcell and second by, Commissioner Gomez
Motion unanimously approved.**

5. ACTION ITEMS

N/A

6. GENERAL INFORMATION - PRESENTATIONS

1. RECREATION & PROGRAM SERVICES DIVISION UPDATE

Director Tullberg introduced Recreation and Program Services Manager Jen Gillard.

Manager Gillard provided a PowerPoint presentation (attached).

Questions and Comments

- Commissioner Lande asked if there were other ways for people to participate in swim classes who have limited income? Manager Gillard stated that they can enroll through our scholarship program and that covers both youth and adults.
- Commissioner Purcell asked for an explanation of Futsal? Manager Hill stated that it is basically indoor soccer.
- Commissioner Hoang asked for clarification on enrollment of pickleball? Manager Gillard responded that it was 56 people who played 49,140 hours of pickleball. Director Tullberg stated that we do need more indoor space for pickleball.
- Commissioner Erickson asked for clarification on who runs all the leagues, i.e. softball, pickleball, basketball? Manager Gillard stated that it is run by Brooklyn Park staff.
- Commissioner Lande asked if the 13 -15 year olds in the Leader in Training are paid? Manager Gillard stated no. Commissioner Lande asked how many participant? Manager Gillard stated there are up to 10 each year.
- Commissioner Hoang asked for confirmation that they become staff after training? Manager Gillard stated they are required to go through the interview process as anyone would.
- Commissioner Lande asked what the average family would pay? Manager Gillard stated that it is under \$40.00/day. Summer camp is available for tiered pricing.
- Commissioner Hoang stated he has enrolled his kids at Northwoods.
- Commissioner Lande asked if all senior activities are held at the CAC? Manager Gillard stated that all programming is held at CAC except for the bus tours.
- Commissioner Lande asked for clarification on the numbers shown on the presentation for enrollment? Manager Gillard stated that enrollments could mean a person, or it could be a person who signed up multiple times. It is not participants.
- Commissioner Gomez asked about the Happy Hour event at the Historic Eidem Farm (HEF) ? Manager Gillard stated that this was a new idea that brings in people that might not otherwise go to the HEF. This is part of the new program staff are doing to make the HEF more relevant to the residents.
- Commissioner Lande asked if the new signage pays homage to the Native American cultures that were here before us. Manager Gillard stated that they do.
- Commissioner Erickson asked about the open gate hours at Historic Eidem Farm. Manager Gillard provided they are similar to last year. The website is also a good source.
- Commissioner Parks asked if it was decided to rule out busing in school kids? Manager Gillard stated the staff is in the process of redesigning the tour so that they are more relevant to school age and not just preschool. Director Tullberg added that we don't have bathrooms with running water, only portable toilets which the schools tend to decide not to come when they hear that. The visitor center is still a topic of discussion to be determined if it is still feasible.
- Commissioner Birdnecklace asked if the City Council has addressed the project management issue? Director Tullberg said it has not been brought to City Council.
- Commissioner Lande asked if the snowshoes are housed at the farm or if they are brought there? She stated that she has seen other communities bring snowshoes to resident apartment buildings. Manager Gillard stated that RecOnTheGo and Fusion have an agreement with Three Rivers Park District to share equipment.
- Commissioner Hoang asked about Tater Daze program that was ended due to some unfortunate issues? Manager Gillard stated that the event was broken up into individual events which has helped curb the large concentration of individuals.
- Commissioner Parks stated that the city use to bring in marching bands but it has become too expensive to pay them.
- Commissioner Lande asked if we have connections with drum and bugle corps? Manager Gillard confirmed that there are a couple of groups coming. All groups now charge to march.
- Commissioner Murray asked if there was a specific event held for Hmong New Year? Manager Gillard stated that for the last two years staff has partnered with Minnesota Zej Zog to provide a celebration that is open to the public.

- Commissioner Birdnecklace asked what are the challenges for recruitment for aquatics staff? Manager Gillard said that traditionally staff would go through the schools and recruit from the swim teams. Staff has found that members of swim teams do not have the time. Staff now attempts to recruit anyone that is interested in swimming and then putting them through a training program through the city. Cassidy Wester who is the Program Specialist for Aquatics is going to go through the Life Guard training to become an instructor which will provide staff the means to train lifeguards here.
- Commissioner Quigley stated that she was on the swim team for Champlin Park and did not recall anyone from the city advertising for employment. Manager Gillard stated that city staff does not have a good connection with Champlin Park staff. Other schools were more open to allowing city staff to come in. At Champlin Park city staff relied on the school's aquatic staff passing it on to the swimmers.
- Commissioner Birdnecklace asked if the city communication department was involved in advertising job openings? Manager Gillard stated that staff uses the city communication department as well as setting up open houses at CAC and Zanewood.
- Commissioner Gomez stated that his business has seen difficulty in hiring at \$18.00/hour. Manager Gillard stated that the city revised the pay plan this year.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- OLDER AMERICANS' MONTH PROCLAMATION – CC May 8, 2023
- ANNUAL DEER HUNT APPROVAL – CC May 8, 2023

No comments

8. WRITTEN REPORTS

1. PROGRAM AND EVENTS UPDATE
2. PARK PROJECTS UPDATE
3. DIRECTORS REPORT

Director Tullberg highlighted

- Noble Sports Park will have a "reopening" around June 1st.
- City Council made a motion to reestablish the event name of Tater Daze.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. OPEN FORUM – QUESTION AND ANSWERS

- Commissioner Erickson asked if there was any more thoughts on the idea that was discussed in May about taking walks as a group? Director Tullberg stated that the coordination of the event has to come from a member of the RPAC and not city staff. Once a date and time is set notification to staff so that a possible quorum is posted. Director Tullberg sent suggestions to Commissioner Erickson of areas to walk.
- Commissioner Hoang asked if residents were still illegally dumping? Manager Hoag stated it is an ongoing issue.
- Commissioner Murray asked how a TV is recycled? Manager Hoag stated the special collection for appliances and electronics.
- Commissioner Birdnecklace stated that a resident brought to him possible illegal activity such as drug sales and human trafficking at Hartkopf bathrooms. He asked if more lighting could be added? Director Tullberg stated that the staff is working with police. He stated the bathrooms are on timers to lock. Also there is police rounds that are done nightly near the parks. He stated that any reports that are submitted are followed up on.

10. VERBAL REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. CITY COUNCIL UPDATE – Councilmember XP Lee

No report

2. CITY PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATES

No report

3. KEY TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT RPAC MEETING

- JUNE 21 – TEEN CENTER – POSSIBLE MEET AT ZANEWOOD
- JULY – NO MEETING

- AUGUST – TREE PLANTING & PICNIC
4. KEY DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS
- AUGUST 7 – JOINT CITY COUNCIL / COMMISSIONERS MEETING

11. ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Commissioner Erickson to close the meeting, second by Commissioner Gomez.

Motion unanimously approved.

Adjourned by Chairperson Nolen at 7:40 P.M.

Submitted respectfully,
Jeanine Machan
Secretary

Recreation

Programs & Services Report

May 17, 2023

Jen Gillard
Recreation Services Manager

Recreation Services Division

- **Jen Gillard** Recreation Services Manager
- **Kelly Becker** Recreation Supervisor (Adults on the Move)
- **Mike Ramirez** Recreation Supervisor (Sports and Fields)
- **Patia Thao** Recreation Supervisor (Camp, Dance, & Preschool)
- **Erin Bonikowske** Adaptive Recreation Specialist
- **Samantha Borzick** Eidem Farm Specialist
- **Michelle Chang** Community Events Specialist
- **Cassidy Wester** Aquatics & Fitness Specialist

<i>Program Areas & Ages</i>	0-3	3-5	6-12	13-18	19-55	55+
Eidem Farm						
Youth Sports						
Adult Sports						
Gymnastics						
Aquatics						
Dance						
Events						
Fitness						
Social Groups						
Lifelong Learning Classes						
Inclusion Services						
Adaptive Rec Classes						

Aquatics

Swim lessons offered year-round for parent-tot through adult at Brooklyn Middle School and Jackson Community Pool.

Highlights:

- New Swim Assessment Days
 - Marketing & videos in multiple languages
- MN Youth Water Safety Grant
 - State funding for outreach and programming for under-represented community members
 - Will to continue offerings when grant funding ends
- New Women and girls only lessons
 - Group lesson option for women, girls, family groups needing a female only environment
- Adult lessons
 - Lessons for adults who have limited or no experience in the water
- Staff Development
 - Certifications and training provided for all staff to remove barrier to employment



2022 Participation

Enrollments	1038
Contact Hours	4088.84

Youth Sports – Tennis - Gymnastics

Enrollments have been steady, but there is room for growth! We are the option for introductory offerings and for those not looking for a significant time commitment.

- Working on new options for tennis lessons and camps due to recent staffing changes.
- Identifying additional sports opportunities for young people – volleyball, futsal, training programs etc.



2022 Participation

Gymnastics

Enrollments	626
Contact Hours	3749

Tennis Classes & Camps

Enrollments	134
Contact Hours	796

Sports Classes & Camps (ages 2-10)

Enrollments	673
Contact Hours	5294

Adult Sports

Softball Leagues

- Offered summer and fall
- 40 teams



Pickleball

- October-April: indoors at the CAC
 - 56 enrollments
 - 49,140 hours of play
- May-September: at Norwood
- Fall 2023: launching new lesson program partnership

Leagues

- Adding basketball league in future.
- Currently have open hockey, volleyball, and basketball at the CAC and Zanewood.



DANCE

Classes for pre-K to adult offered during the school year. Intro classes for ages 3-7 offered in the summer.

Highlights

- Studio Dance program will turn 50 this fall!!
- It is common for dancers to spend several years in the program – some for 20+ years.
- New classes: expanding offerings to include cultural dance classes
 - Duniya Drum & Dance in winter had 40 participants
 - Working on new Hmong line dance class



2022-23 Participation

Enrollments 401

Contact Hours 7853

Summer Camp

Camps are open Mon-Thurs, June 20-Aug 10 at multiple locations.

- Camp: ages 5-12
- Teens Outdoors: ages 13-15
- Leader in Training: workforce development program for ages 13-15

Locations

- CAC, Northwoods, Willowstone, Norwood

Highlights for 2023

- All-camp events include Field Day, Penny Carnival, and new Arts & Multi-Culture Fair
- Adding new visiting reader program
- Enhanced staff training program



2022 Participation

Enrollments	299
Contact Hours	63,229

2023 enrollment so far:
332 enrolled and waitlist of 143.

Adult & Senior Programs

Clubs – Events - Groups - Classes

2022 Participation

Clubs/Social Groups

182 yearly club members

226 enrollments in weekly social groups for

82,994 contact hours

Day Trips 156 enrollments

Luncheons 642 enrollments

Weekly Clubs and Social Groups

- Handcrafts
- Book Club
- 65 Rummy
- Cribbage
- 500 Card Club
- Dominos
- Poker
- Bingo
- MahJongg
- Knitting
- Golden Needles Quilting
- Scrabble

2023 Outreach to BIPOC Elders

- Working on creating connection through cultural liaisons
 - Bridge language gaps
 - “Warm hand offs” and building trust
 - Creating a sense of safety and belonging
 - Help with details and organization
- Begin with focus groups of staff, caregivers, community groups to ask key questions.
- Have meeting with elders and caregivers to go over what they are interested in and need
- Build monthly activities and fun!
- Recommendations: Include food, transportation, have a mix of movement and social time, longer time (3-4 hours)

Fitness

Classes for older adults

- Offered Mon and Wed mornings at CAC
- Adding a Fri morning class
- Healthcare reimbursement programs
 - Silver Sneakers, Silver and Fit, Renew Active, and One Pass

2022 Participation

Enrollments 1066

Contact Hours 8545

Evening Classes

- Yoga on Tuesday evenings

2022 Participation

Enrollments 237

Contact Hours 1358

- New in 2023: AfroBeats on Wednesday evenings for youth and adults



Adaptive Recreation & Inclusion Services

Highlights

- Adaptive Rec Fridays with Courage Kenny
- New Twins Event in 2023 at Northwoods
- Adaptive Aquatics
- Adaptive Fitness
- Our Dance Place – new community partnership in 2023.
 - Uncertain of future partnership, but this type of program will continue
- All Abilities Resource Fair – with Osseo
- More expansive adaptive recreation offerings through Reach for Resources
- ADA facility assessments
- Community Partner of the Year award

2022 Participation

Enrollments	92
Contact Hours	750+

Inclusion Services

2022 Participation

Enrollments	395
Contact Hours	16,098





The Farm is in a period of exploration and growth toward the future with the goal of being relevant and engaging to community. It is a place of hands-on learning and love of the outdoors.

Highlights

- New: Open Gate Hours 5 days/week all summer **2046 visits**
- Events and programs
 - Spring on the Farm, Fall on the Farm, Norwegian Christmas
 - Happy Hour
 - Kids Concerts
 - Story Times – weekly beginning in July
 - Preschool Nature Camp and Critter Camp
 - Art/Craft classes
 - Snowshoeing and winter recreation
- Rentals - increased interest in private rentals for parties/celebrations
- New: Interpretive signage and accessible pathways installed this summer



**Historic
Eidem Farm**



Celebrate Brooklyn Park Events

- Winterfest
- Black History Month Showcase
- Celebrate Brooklyn Park Tater Daze Parade & Community Market
- Arts Festival
- Juneteenth (hosted by REDI Division in 2023)
- Summer Splash
- Brooklyn Park Night Out
- Back to School BBQ
- Farmers Market (July-October)
 - New location and adding concerts
- New – Hispanic Heritage Month
- Spooktacular
- Ghostly Gala
- Hmong New Year
- Movies in the Park
- All Abilities Resource Fair
- Living Well Resource Fair





Questions?

Thank you!

City of Brooklyn Park RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION			
Agenda Item	6.1	Meeting Date:	June 21, 2023
Agenda Section:	Presentation	Presented By:	Pam McBride, Youth Services Manager and Marcus Hill, Parks and Facilities Manager
Recreation & Parks Director Proposed Action	Zanewood Recreation Center Tour and Improvements Discussion		

Overview:

Parks and Facilities Manager Hill and Youth Services Manager McBride, along with Zanewood staff, will conduct a tour of the existing space and overview of programming opportunities for Zanewood Recreation Center.

Following the tour, our architect Design By Melo, will join us to lead the Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission in a facilitated discussion to help develop the vision for an expanded youth and teen recreation center.

Primary Issues/Alternatives to Consider:

Budgetary/Fiscal Issues:

Attachments:

City of Brooklyn Park Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission			
Agenda Item:	8.1	Meeting Date:	June 21, 2023
Agenda Section:	Written Reports	Presented By:	Pam McBride, Youth Services Manager; Jen Gillard, Recreation Manager
Recreation & Parks Director Proposed Action	Program and Events Update		

JUNE 2023

- 1 Summer swimming program registration day
- 3 Celebrate Brooklyn Park Tater Daze Parade and Community Market
- 5 Monday Morning Adult Fitness Classes begin at the CAC
- 4 Tuesday Evening Hatha Yoga Fitness Classes begin at the CAC
- 7 Wednesday Morning Adult Fitness Classes begin at the CAC
- 8 Choice Connect Senior Housing Presentation at CAC
- 8 Medicare 101 class at CAC
- 12 Community Band Concert at NHCC Courtyard
- 13 Tuesday Morning Adult Fitness Classes begin at the CAC
- 14 AfroContlgbo Evening Dance Workout class begins at the CAC
- 16 Adaptive Rec Fridays – Baseball/ Softball with the Minnesota Twins at Todd Anderson Field
- 17 City Juneteenth celebration at North Hennepin Community College
- 20 Eidem Farm Open Gate Hours Begin
- 20 Summer programs begin (ROTG, Fusion, Summer Camp, Aquatics, Sports)
- 23 Friday Morning Adult Fitness Classes begin at the CAC
- 24 Arts Festival at Plaza Park
- 29 Magic Tyler, Family Entertainment at the Historic Eidem Farm

JULY 2023

- 7 Summer Splash at Zanewood Recreation Center
- 12 Brooklyn Park Farmers Market at NHCC West Parking Lot
- 18 AOTM Day Trip – Hudson & St Croix River Cruise
- 19 Brooklyn Park Farmers Market at NHCC West Parking Lot
- 20 Teddy Bear Band, Family Entertainment at the Historic Eidem Farm
- 21 Adaptive Rec Fridays – Basketball at Zanewood Recreation Center
- 26 Brooklyn Park Farmers Market at NHCC West Parking Lot
- 28 Brooklyn Park Night Out & Movie in the Park at Central Park

Weekly drop-in activities for adults 50+ at the CAC Monday-Friday

Wednesday weekly Tech Support for Seniors at the CAC

Weekly Fitness classes at the CAC Mon/Tues/Wed – additional classes to begin June 13 on Tues/Fri

Weekly drop-in activities for youth and teens at Zanewood Recreation Center Monday-Friday

Program and Event Updates:

Brooklyn Park Youth Outreach Team and Intervention Services

The Brooklyn Park Youth Outreach Team works M-F from 5:00-9:00pm each day in the community connecting young people to resources, redirecting negative energy, sharing positive activities, and working in partnership with police to maintain a safe and healthy community.

Intervention Team is increasing access of Intervention Services with a form that is accessible through a QR code to providers and people supporting young people. This form is used to connect and provide essential services.



Perfect Hues Young Girls group- ages, 13-15 years old, Every Wednesday, 4:30-6:30pm at Zanewood
Perfect Hues Young women's group- ages 16- 18 year old, every Thursday, 4:30- 6:30pm at Norwood Park
Young Men's Leadership Group- ages 13-17 years old, Monday's, 4:00- 6:00pm at Zanewood and Norwood Park, alternating weeks

Adult Fitness

Summer Adult fitness classes are continuing through the next few months and will end the week of August 28. A jam-packed summer schedule has been set for fitness classes that includes the following: Monday & Wednesday morning fitness classes, Tuesday evening yoga classes, and Wednesday evening AfroBeats Dance workout classes. All classes are scheduled at the CAC. The fitness program is also excited to share that a new Adult Fitness Instructor, Jenilee Davidson, has been brought on as an independent contractor to run additional morning fitness classes for the community. Jenilee brings forth extensive experience working with adults of all ages and abilities in a fitness setting and is working with staff to enhance the schedule of fitness offerings. Jenilee will begin her contract on Tuesday and Friday mornings July-August.

Back by popular demand, the AfroBeats Dance workout class will be continuing at the City of Brooklyn Park this summer with two, 6-week sessions that will be held outdoors at the CAC. Class begins June 13.

Adults on the Move

Adults on the Move April – June guide is now in homes and available online. There are several opportunities for adults 50+ in our community including the Living Well Resource Fair, Day Trips, Tech Support with Senior Community Services, Driver Discount classes, and more. View the program & activity guide at:
<https://www.brooklynpark.org/adults/>

The Living Well Resource Fair was hosted at the Community Activity Center on Friday, May 19, 10 am – 2 pm. This annual event is a free open house including community resource exhibitors, speakers, health screenings, and light refreshments for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and care givers.

Weekly Adult Social Groups

Weekly social activity groups continue to renew 2023 yearly membership, with 159 people enrolled in one or more weekly activities. Members have access to 14 activity groups per week. Social activity groups include: several art/craft groups, cribbage, bingo, poker, Mah Jongh, 65 Rummy, 500 Cards, Dominoes, Scrabble, and a Book Club.

Age-Friendly Communities

The new Community Resources website has launched, connecting the Brooklyn Park community to live well and thrive. <https://www.brooklynpark.org/community-resources/>

Events

The Celebrate Brooklyn Park Tater Daze Parade and Community Market on June 3 went very well with over 1,000+ attendees. A total of 65 parade units participated including internal programs such as Rec on the Go, Aquatics, and Summer Camp.

Planning is underway for the annual Arts Festival on Saturday, June 24. This event includes local vendors, performances, and food trucks at Plaza Park from 1-4pm. Upcoming events include Summer Splash on Friday, July 7 and Brooklyn Park Night Out on Friday, July 28

Farmers Market

Vendor applications have closed and 20 applicants were accepted to the 2023 Farmers Market. Orientation for vendors will be held on June 28 from 4-5pm. Vendors range from produce, soaps, hair care, baked goods, and food trucks. The market has a new location this year at North Hennepin Community College parking lot, which will help make the market more visible and accessible to the public. Market runs Wednesdays 2-6pm starting July 11 – October 12.

Aquatics

Summer Aquatic programming began Tuesday, June 20th with classes including group, private & paired lessons, adaptive aquatics classes, adult lessons, aqua teen classes, morning swim teams, and our new Women & Girls only swim class taking place on Monday evenings. Classes run on Monday-Thursday morning and daytime, with open swim to the community offered Monday & Wednesday afternoons, and M&W or T&Th evening lesson availability. Classes for summer 2023 will be operated at Jackson Middle School Pool.

Aquatics will be hosting another Swim Assessment Day on Friday, August 25 from 5:30-7:30 PM at the Brooklyn Middle School Pool. This event is for new and/or returning participants to be assessed on their swimming skills and provided the correct level of swimming to enroll in on registration day, that will open Tuesday, August 29.

Adaptive Recreation/ Inclusion Services:

The Summer Session of Adaptive Recreation starts up the week of June 20 – 23. Program offerings include: adaptive aquatics and adaptive fitness classes, as well as Reach for Resources Adaptive Recreation programs. The summer months is our busiest season for Inclusion Services within all of our recreation programs. A team of 14 Inclusion Specialists will work within a variety of recreation programs and services, providing support for participants with disability-related needs, medical conditions, and severe allergies. Recreation programs and services include: Summer Camp, ROTG, Summer Fusion, Aquatics, Youth Sports, Ice Skating, and more.

Staff are excited to offer the third annual Adaptive Baseball/ Softball with the Minnesota Twins, as part of the Adaptive Rec Fridays summer series, on Friday, June 16 from 10:00am – 12:00pm at Todd Anderson Field. This is a partnership program between Brooklyn Park Adaptive Recreation, Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute's Sports & Recreation Department, and the Minnesota Twins Community Fund. Registration is at full capacity with 30 youth and teens with physical and cognitive disabilities ready to join in the fun. Participants will enjoy adaptive baseball/ softball activities, a visit from TC Bear, FREE custom jerseys, FREE tickets, along with a few other surprises. Staff are looking forward to hosting this great event again this year.

The last Our Dance Place Spring Social took place on Thursday, June 1 from 5:30 – 8:00pm at the CAC. This is a partnership program with a non-profit organization, Our Dance Place, that provides social events for people with disability-related needs. Staff welcomed approximately 40 attendees, including Personal Caregivers. Attendees enjoyed dancing, socializing, and Godfather's pizza – free of cost due to sponsorship from the Brooklyn Park Police Department.

Dance

Registration is open for the 2023-24 dance season. This year is the 50th anniversary of Brooklyn Park Dance. Introductory summer classes are scheduled for July for dancers ages 3-8 who are interested in trying dance for the first time.

Summer Camp

Summer Camps open for the summer on Tuesday, June 20. Staff have planned 8 weeks of engaging and fun activities for young people ages 5-12. Teens Outdoors and Leader in Training for ages 13-15 will begin at the CAC on June 20.

Youth Sports

Summer classes began Tuesday, June 20 and include gymnastics, tennis camp, World Cup Soccer, Rookie Roundballers Basketball, t-ball, and sports sampler. Lil Tykes and Tiny Tot programs for children aged 2-4 begin June 20. Youth Sports classes are designed to be an introduction to sports and include athletic skill development along with social-emotional learning.

Adult Sports

Pickleball is in full swing with use at Norwood and Bass Creek Parks. Adult summer softball is seven weeks in at Noble Sports Park. The single elimination playoffs will begin in mid to late-July. Cities Sports Connection (CSC) continues to be a popular offering at the sports turf fields at Park Center. Working with CSC provides Brooklyn Park residents the opportunity to join a highly reputable and fun soccer community. Several multicultural groups are using our city fields this summer.

Eidem Farm

The new Eidem Farm Specialist, Samantha Borzick has started at the farm. Samantha comes to the Department from the Michigan Upper Peninsula, is a recent graduate of Michigan Tech with a background in sustainability.

The annual Spring on the Farm event was held on Saturday, May 20 from 11 am – 2 pm. The event was a huge success on a beautiful spring day with over 350 in attendance. Those in attendance had many positive comments on the farm grounds and offerings.

Regular Open Gate Hours June 20 – September 2

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thurs	Friday	Saturday
X	10am-4pm	10am-7pm	10am-4pm	10am-7pm	X	10am-3pm

Family Concerts at the Farm

Thursday's 6 – 7 pm in the farmyard

June 29 – Magic Tyler

July 20 – Teddy Bear Band

Critter Camp is an annual camp that 3-5 year olds look forward to at the farm each summer. This year Critter Camp will be held June 26 – 29, 9-11:30 am.

Zanewood Programming

Zanewood Recreation Center offers recreation and youth development programs in a safe and positive environment for kids and teens. Zanewood also offers Outreach, community service, and youth mentoring opportunities delivered by committed and competent community partners.

Zanewood Programs for Grades 6-12

Teen Zone: Free, drop-in program, M-F from 2-8:00pm

ZW Teen open gym: Hoop IT UP! Monday & Wednesdays from 6-8pm

Zanewood Meals program: Free, M-F from 2-8:00pm

TKO Drumline: Practices Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 6-8pm; performance schedule varies

Music Studio: Tuesday's and Thursdays from 4:00-6:00pm- free

Chess Club- June 20th- August 15th- Monday's and Friday's 4-6:00

Club Anime- June 20th- Tuesday's 3:30- 5:00pm

Beatmaker's- June 20th – July 15th on Tuesdays 5:00- 6:30pm- In the Zanewood Studio

Summer Kick off at Zanewood June 19- 23rd

Hmong Heritage Community - Fridays, 4:00-6:00 pm. June 23- August 18, grades K-6 at Zanewood Rec Center

Young Adult programming

Young Adult Open gym-Wednesday from 7:00- 9:00. \$3 BP resident/ \$5 non-resident

Youth Entrepreneurship Program- ages 16- 24- June 10, Phase 1: August 23-September 27; Phase 2: October 11-November 15th

Arts and Engagement

"The Wood" podcast launched January 23rd. Please view at brooklynpark.org NEW podcast coming soon.

Sewing 101-Wednesdays, 6-8pm, May 24- July 12, at Lakeland Park

Beginners Photography Class for DSLR Cameras- Tuesdays (July 11, 18,25 & August 1) 5:30- 7:30pm at Zanewood , more info on website

Sewing 101 at Lakeland Park Wednesdays starting May 24- July 12th, more info on website

Citywide Photo contest: Our people, Our Places, Our BP starting June 24th, more info on website

Fusion Sites: June 20- August 17, ages 5-12- Summer 2023

Zanewood Rec - 7100 Zane Ave North

Lakeland Park - 66th Ave North

Hartkopk Park – 7299 Georgia Ave North

Rec on the Go: June 20- August 17, ages 5-12-Summer Sites 2023

Autumn Ridge Apts - 8516 63rd Ave North

Kensington Apts - 8302 Zane Ave North

The Willows Apts - 6232 65th Ave North

Central Park - 8440 Regent Ave North

Hamilton Park - 6101 Candlewood Drive

River Park - 2 83rd Ave North

Monroe Park - 901 Brookdale Drive

Edinbrook Park - 2900 Edinbrook Parkway

Park Haven - 6917 76th Ave North

Plaza Park - 85th Ave N and Broadway

Eden Park Apts - 6455 Zane Ave North

Brook Gardens - 5550 69th Ave North

Ridgebrook Apts - 5840 73rd Ave North

Primary Issues/Alternatives to Consider: N/A

Budgetary/Fiscal Issues: N/A

Attachments:

City of Brooklyn Park Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission

Agenda Item:	8.2	Meeting Date:	June 21, 2023
Agenda Section:	Written Reports	Presented By:	Marcus Hill, Facilities and Parks Manager Greg Hoag, Parks & Building Maintenance Manager
Recreation & Parks Director Proposed Action	Park Project Updates		

Overview:

1. MISSISSIPPI GATEWAY REGIONAL PARK / ENVIRONMENTAL NATURE AREA

Funding Source(s): OSLAD Fund

Project Update:

Development of the Brooklyn Park side of the park includes expansion of the off-leash dog area, relocation of the archery range, addition of a large picnic shelter and restroom facilities along with an expanded parking area is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2023.

The project was advertised for bid beginning February 16, 2023 with bids being due on March 16, 2023. Project contracts were awarded on March 30, 2023. Utility and initial construction is planned to begin during the summer of 2023. Staff have been working on the project so that it will be phased now to allow the dog park to be used throughout most of the project. Construction will continue in 2024 and 2025 and a re-grand opening will be held in 2026. Construction began on April 17, 2023 tree removal for the project area 2023 to be completed in 2023.

New Update

A Ground Breaking ceremony was held on June 14th to commemorate the start of construction. Beginning June 15th West River Road will have a road closure so the contractor can install the utilities for the project. Residents and the community have been notified.

2. HOMETOWN BALLFIELD at Noble Sports Park (September 2022 – May 2023)

Funding Source(s): Park Bond Reinvestment Project

Project Update: The Hometown Ballfield project was approved at the July 11, 2022 City Council meeting. The city has approved and processed purchase orders to Upper Midwest Athletic Construction (UMAC) and SAAFE. UMAC will prepare all site work except bleachers and press box. SAAFE will construct the bleachers and the press box. Construction began September 15th, 2022.

Construction started the first week of October. Concrete for batting cages, dugouts and bleachers have been poured. Backstop has been installed. Dugouts were installed in late March. Currently waiting for grandstand and pressbox to be delivered and installed. Construction is substantially complete with a few punch list items remaining. The baseball field held its first game on June 8th.

3. EAB UPDATE

Funding Source(s): Heritage Fund

Project Update: Work will continue in 2023. As part of our ongoing Grant work 50 new trees were planted at Trinity Gardens Park on June 1st.

4. NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Funding Source(s): Park Bond Reinvestment Project & Heritage Fund

Project Update: Staff continues reviewing priorities of the Natural Resource Management Plan. A Five-Year Priority Implementation Plan has been developed by working with Stantec. Work will continue in 2023 in key park areas.

5. COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTER IMPROVEMENTS

(2022 planning, 2023-2024 construction)

Funding Source(s): Park Bond Reinvestment Projects

- **COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTER**

Project Overview: The plan is to improve the entrance to the facility, create an accessible customer service desk, update bathrooms, and create a welcoming and inviting community center for all customers.

Staff worked with the JLG/292 Design Group to evaluate the possibility of converting one ice arena into three basketball courts. A final concept design was provided to staff in January and refined in February. JLG/292 Design Group provided cost estimates in the range of \$12 - \$15 million for the improvements to the CAC including improved entrances, informal gathering space, relocated office space, improved parking and possible Arena conversion to gym space. The City of Brooklyn Park was awarded \$5 million in state bonding funds during the 2023 Legislative Session to support the improvements to the Community Activity Center. A conversation about several large City of Brooklyn Park projects will be held in July to determine next steps.

Project Update: No new updates

- **SENIOR CENTER (2023 planning, 2023-2024 construction)**

Project Overview: This improvement would add dedicated space for senior programming and adult fitness space. Final design and components will be developed when a final location is determined. The Senior Center is being considered with the CAC improvements and Fire Station projects. If a new Central Fire station is constructed on the site of the former Hennepin County Library, the current Central Fire Station could be remodeled into a new space dedicated to fitness and social activities for older adults

Project Update: No new update

- **TEEN CENTER (2022-23 planning, 2023-2024 construction)**

Project Overview: The Zanewood Recreation Center has been a popular hub for youth services and recreation activities. The programming happening the space has outgrown the facility and additional program space is needed. Staff will work with a design consultant to determine if new space should be constructed, existing space should be renovated, or a combination of both.

Project Update: Zanewood staff have been meeting bi-weekly to discuss the mission, vision, goals, and amenities of the new Youth and Teen Recreation Center. The Zanewood staff has also met with the Communications Manager to develop a strategic communication plan to inform the public about the project along with updates, pictures, and social media campaigns. Staff selected Design by Melo to lead the community engagement, pre-design and design process. The project kickoff meeting was held April 6, 2023. Staff are currently in phase 1 of the project. Phase 1 includes: staff interviews, program observations, facility assessments, community engagement strategic planning

meetings, and first design concepts. Staff have set dates to begin the community engagement efforts in June through the summer. These community engagement efforts will consist of staff engagement with Youthprise at Zanewood and work with our community engagement division within the city to spread the message of the new Teen center at community events. The plan is to engage with the residents at different summer programming and our large-scale community events. The City of Brooklyn Park has submitted a \$4 million request for federal funding through Senator Klobuchar and Representative Phillips office to help support the Youth and Teen Recreation Center project.

6. HISTORIC EIDEM FARM INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Funding Source(s): Park Bond Reinvestment Projects

Project Update: Staff have engaged with Bluestem Heritage Group to help develop the design and signage language for each individual sign and kiosk. The design work for the signs and the kiosk are complete and quotes are being solicited for signage and kiosk fabrication. A separate plan will be prepared to obtain quotes to install the accessible paths and the concrete slabs for the signs to be surface mounted. The project is planned to be completed by this fall.

7. CENTRAL PARK TENNIS COURT REHABILITATION

Funding Source(s): Heritage Fund

Project Update: The color coating of the court will be completed in the spring of 2023. The color coating was completed the first week of June. This project is now complete.

8. PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT

Funding Source(s): Heritage Fund

Project Update: The replacement of Edinbrook, Sunny Acres & Lakeland Parks playgrounds was approved by City Council on December 12, 2022. Installation will take place in 2023 due to production and supply chain issues that delay equipment delivery. Staff will be using Auction Masters for the disposal process of the three parks for the first time. The old playgrounds at all three parks have been removed. The new playground is installed at Sunny Acres however the safety surfacing is not yet complete. Installation at the other two parks should be complete by mid June. It is anticipated that the City Park playground will also be replaced in 2023 project.

9. HISTORIC EIDEM FARM VISITOR CENTER (2022 planning, 2023-24 construction)

Funding Source(s): Park Bond Reinvestment Projects

Project Update: No new update at this time.

Primary Issues/Alternatives to Consider: N/A

Budgetary/Fiscal Issues: N/A

Attachments:

CITY OF BROOKLYN PARK RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION			
Agenda Item:	8.3	Meeting Date:	June 21, 2023
Agenda Section:	Written Reports	Presented By:	Brad Tullberg, Director of Recreation and Parks
Recreation & Parks Director Proposed Action	Directors Report		

Overview:

1. CAC Renovations

The City of Brooklyn Park received \$5M in State of MN Bonding funds for improvements at the Community Activity Center. The full project would feature improvements to the facility entrances, potential conversion of one ice arena to gymnasium space, improved parking and outdoor event space. Next steps likely will be to do the structural analysis to be sure that the possible conversion of ice arena 1 could support the change to gym space. Also, a work session conversation with the City Council is planned for July 31st to discuss a number of big projects on the horizon across the city.

2. Celebrate Brooklyn Park Tater Daze Parade and Community Market

The annual Brooklyn Park Tater Daze Parade was held June 3rd. A total of 63 units participated in the parade. The attendance was good but not great. After a two year hiatus due to the pandemic, staff will look at ways to improve attendance including researching a different weekend, hosting the parade on a Thursday, and looking at other possible routes.

The Brooklyn Park Tater Daze Community Market was held after the parade at Noble Sports Park. Attendance at this event was also good but not great. Staff will debrief and look at options to improve this event in the future.

A broader discussion about city events will take place with City Council on July 31 during a work session.

3. Graphic Design staffing changes

Deb Hommer was hired as the new Graphic Design staff person in Recreation & Parks/Communications. She will fill the position to be vacated by Pat Milton who is retiring from the City of Brooklyn Park on June 30, 2023.

4. Seasonal Staff Hiring

Staff are kicking off the busiest portion of the seasonal hiring process. Each year, Recreation & Parks hires approximately 200 seasonal employees. Training for most of these new staff members is being held during the week of June 12. Summer programming starts on June 20th due to the June 19th Juneteenth Holiday.

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