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1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL Introduce Councilmember McGarvey

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 July 17, 2024 AGENDA

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM May 15, 2024 MEETING

5. ACTION ITEMS

- DEER HUNT ADDITIONAL LOCATION

6. GENERAL INFORMATION - PRESENTATIONS

- PARK BOND PROJECT UPDATES

7. OLD BUSINESS

- 7.1 7.2 RFCA 1st Reading of Proposed Park Cannabis Use Ordinance
- 7.2 3B.3 Proclamation of Parks and Recreation Month
- 7.3 7.1 Teen Center Project Funding Plan

8. WRITTEN REPORTS

- PROGRAM AND EVENTS UPDATE
- PARK PROJECTS UPDATE
- DIRECTORS REPORT

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- OPEN FORUM – QUESTION AND ANSWERS

10. VERBAL REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- CITY COUNCIL UPDATE – Councilmember McGarvey
- CITY HALL ENHANCEMENT TASK FORCE – Commissioners Erickson and Matthews
- COMMUNITY GOALS UPDATE TASK FORCE - Commissioner Parks
- KEY TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT RPAC MEETING
 - AUGUST – MEET AT MISSISSIPPI GATEWAY REGIONAL PARK
 - SEPTEMBER - BUDGET
- KEY DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS
 - AUGUST 5TH - JOINT CITY COUNCIL / COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION

11. ADJOURNMENT

Wednesday, May 15, 2024
Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission
Minutes

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL - The Recreation & Parks Advisory Commission meeting was held at Operations and Maintenance and was called to order by Chairperson Erickson at 6:07 PM**

Commission Members present:

Dwain Erickson, Chairperson
Joe Gomez, Vice-Chair
Latrina Caldwell, At-large
Doug Crandall, At-large
Deborah Lande, Central
Taylor Murray, East
Terry Parks, At-large
Judy Purcell, Central
Kellina Quigley, At-large
Joshua Uloth, West

Commission Members absent:

Mercy Matthews, West
Miriam Osammor, East
Aria Reickard, Youth Liaison
Klarissa Yu, Youth Liaison

Brooklyn Park Staff present:

Brad Tullberg, Director of Recreation and Parks
Greg Hoag, Parks and Buildings Maintenance Manager
Jeanine Machan, Administrative Assistant

- 2. OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC COMMENT AND RESPONSE**

N/A

- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A Motion was made to Approve the May 15, 2024 agenda by Commissioner Lande and second by Commissioner Purcell.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A Motion was made to Approve the April 17, 2024 minutes by Commissioner Uloth and second by Commissioner Parks.

Motion unanimously approved.

- 5. ACTION ITEMS**

N/A

- 6. GENERAL INFORMATION - PRESENTATIONS**

1. OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE ANNUAL REPORT

Greg Hoag, Operations and Maintenance Parks and Buildings Manager introduced Director of Operations and Maintenance Dan Ruiz and Chris Sullivan, Field Supervisor of Operations and Maintenance.

Manager Hoag provided a PowerPoint presentation (see attached 4.1A 5.15.24 RPAC ANNUAL PRESENTATION), an overview of the relationship with Recreation and Parks and the highlights of work performed by O & M Department with special emphasis on the forest operations around the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) issue.

Questions / Comments:

Commissioner Parks: Are there trails that still require connections? Director Tullberg responded – yes.

Chairperson Erickson: How is land acquired for trails? Director Ruiz stated that most are converted sidewalks.

Commissioner Uloth: What is the difference between trails and sidewalks? Director Ruiz stated sidewalks are made of concrete and typically 5 or 6 feet wide, and trails are generally asphalt and 8 to 10 feet wide.

Commissioner Lande: Thank you for plowing the trails in the winter.

Director Ruiz gave kudos to Manager Hoag for the grants received to work the Emerald Ash tree treatments/removal.

Commissioner Lande: What are the replacement trees being planted? Manager Hoag stated that it is a large variety of trees excluding Maple, Ash, crabs and spruce trees.

Commissioner Purcell: What is the Ash Borer treatment? Manager Hoag stated it is a chemical treatment that is applied at the base of the tree.

Commissioner Uloth: Do you have a preference for native trees? Manager Hoag stated staff try to plant natives but first is planting the right tree for the location.

Chairperson Erickson: stated for confirmation that the DNR is a state agency.

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 CANNABIS DISCUSSION – MAY 6

8. WRITTEN REPORTS

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

Director Tullberg highlighted the new Programming Supervisor Amber Rotramel.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. OPEN FORUM – QUESTION AND ANSWERS

Director Tullberg asked the Commissioners for feedback on the presentation given at the last meeting on Transportation. The three options were: Elder Micro-Transit, Event Transportation and Youth Circulator Bus.

Commissioner Parks: Suggested a representative from Met Council and Hennepin County come in to talk about what those two councils may offer the city for transportation.

Commissioner Murray suggested that if it is in the budget to look at Event transportation, noting the others of Elder and Youth are also important. Suggested choosing one and trying it out.

Commissioner Lande asked if staff can determine which of the three has the greatest need of participators and focus on that option.

A suggestion was made to do a trial basis to test the effectiveness.

Commissioner Lande feels that the Elder and Youth has the sticking power to be utilized.

Director Tullberg stated that he will work with staff to look at what a pilot program would look like, and costs associated with the Elder and Youth options.

Director Tullberg asked for ideas on what commissioners would want to tour this summer?

Commissioner Uloth suggested the Mississippi Gateway Regional Park redevelopment.

Commissioner Parks asked about the Eidem Historic Farm changes.

Commissioner Parks noted that volunteers were still needed for Tater Daze.

Chairperson Erickson noted the upcoming "Walk the Trinity Gardens".

10. VERBAL REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. CITY COUNCIL UPDATE - No Report

Director Tullberg stated that our City Council representative will be attending the July RPAC meeting.

2. CITY HALL ENHANCEMENT TASK FORCE

Chairperson Erickson stated that the focus will be on the main floor of City Hall.

3. COMMUNITY GOALS STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATE - Commissioner Parks

Commissioner Parks stated the last meeting was cancelled. Next meeting will be end of May.

4. KEY TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT RPAC MEETING

- JUNE – NO MEETING
- JULY - PARK BOND PROJECT UPDATES

5. KEY DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS

Director Tullberg noted there will be a joint Council/Commissioners meeting. It is typically the first Monday in August. Watch for email communications to come.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Commissioner Uloth to close the meeting, second by Commissioner Gomez. Motion unanimously approved.

Adjourned by Chairperson Erickson at 7:34 PM

Submitted respectfully,
Jeanine Machan
Secretary

Attachments:

4.1A 5.15.24 RPAC ANNUAL PRESENTATION

2024 Park Maintenance Annual Review

May 15, 2024

City of Brooklyn Park Public Infrastructure



Other City Facilities

- City Hall
- Police Facilities (2)
- Fire Stations (4)
- Maintenance Facility
 - Park-Building Maintenance
 - Street-Fleet Maintenance
 - Public Utilities
- Vehicles/Equipment Fleet
 - 429 Units
- Community Activity Center
 - Activity/Senior Center
 - Ice Arenas (2)
 - National Guard Armory
- Edinburgh Golf Course
 - Club House
- Executive 9 Golf Course

Estimated Total Value

Over One Billion Dollars

-Park Facilities

- 1 Historical Farm (12 bldgs)
- 3 Athletic Complexes
- 10 Activity Buildings/Warming House
- 8 Bathroom Buildings
- 29 Picnic Shelters
- 45 Playground Equipment Sets
- 25 Tennis/Pickleball Courts
- 20 Basketball Courts
- 66 Soccer/Football fields
- 38 Baseball/Softball fields
- 13 Outdoor Ice Rinks
- 44 Parking Lots
- 12 Storage Buildings
- 2 Kitchen Buildings

Fast Facts

about the community

Population:

80,389 Minnesota's 6th Largest City

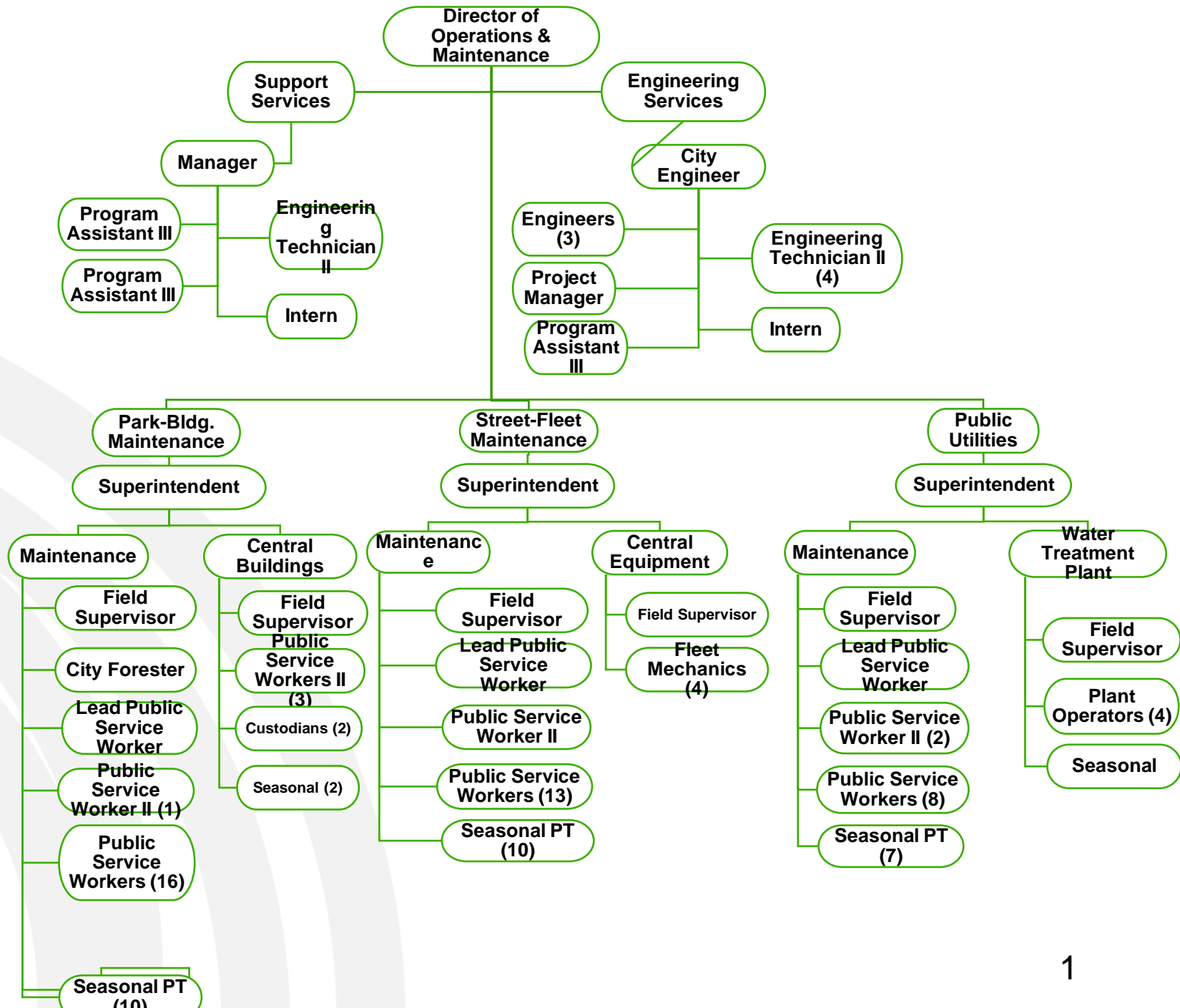
Area:

27 square miles

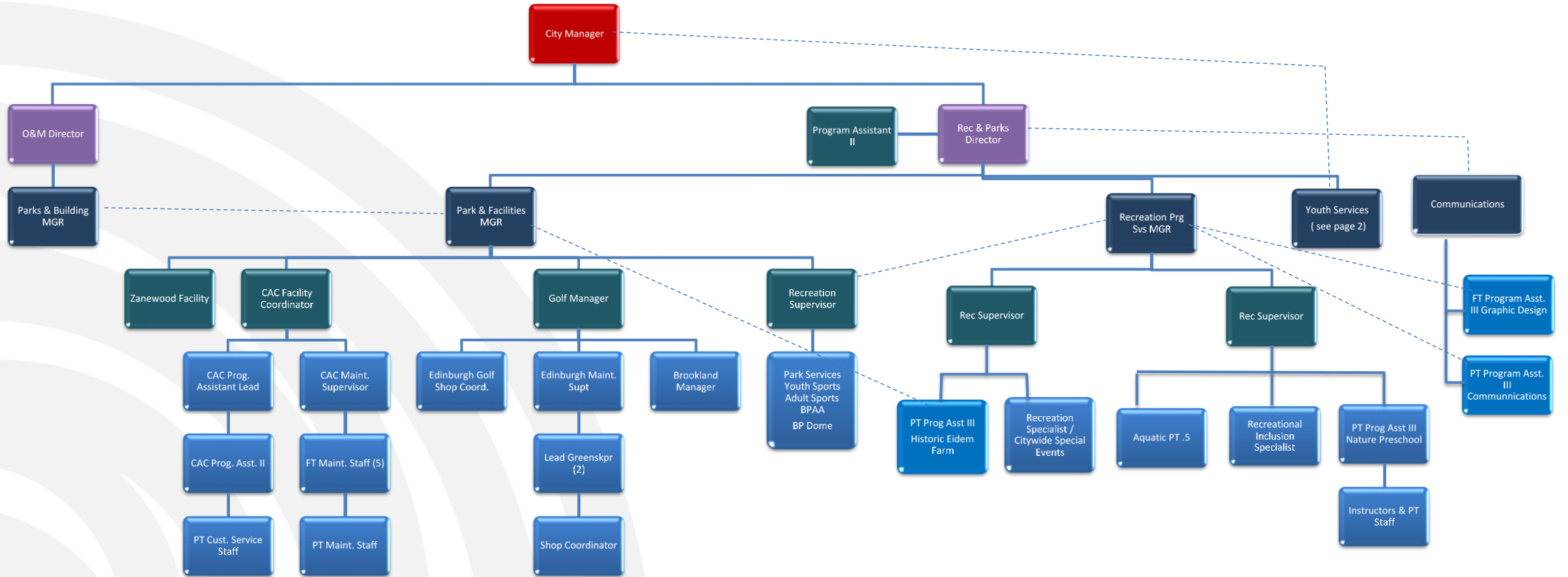
Transportation:

- Convenient access to I-94, MN-610, US-169, MN-252, and County 81
- International Airport 18 miles away
- Crystal Airport 1 mile away

1/1/2022



Brooklyn Park Recreation & Parks Organizational Chart



Historic Staffing Levels-Park Maintenance

Year	FT Staff	Seasonal Staff
1997	21	10
1998-2002	19	8
2003-2004	17	8
2005-2007	18	9
2008-2010	19	9
2011	19	10
2012-2014	19	9
2015-2017	19.6	10.5
2018-2019	20.6	10.5
2020 (COVID)	20.6	8
2021-2022	19.6	10
2023	20.6	8
2024	21.6	8

Core Services

Park Maintenance Division

- General Park Maintenance
- Recreation Program Support (Athletic Fields)
- Park Buildings & Structures
- Forestry & Natural Resources
- Streetscape





General Park Maintenance



- Turf & Landscaping
- Trails & Parking Lots
- Refuse Collection
- Graffiti & Vandalism
- Special Events Support
- Outdoor Skating Rinks



Recreation Program Support

Athletic Fields



Forestry & Natural Resources





StreetScape



Park Buildings & Structures

- Activity, Bathroom, Storage Building and Picnic Shelter Repair and Maintenance
- Playground Equipment
- Play Courts
- Historical Farm Operations Support

Snow & Ice Control

- Streets-532 Lane Miles (17 Routes)
- Cul-de-Sac-503 (14 Routes)
- Sidewalks-80 Miles (5 Routes)
- Trails 55 Miles, 53 Parking Lots (12 Routes)
- Average 20 Events/ Year
 - 2022-2023 Season 35 Events
 - 2023-2024 Season 10 Events



Snow & Ice Control Equipment



Tandem Dump	7
Single Dump	13
Front End Loader	5
Skid Loader/Tool Cat	5
1 Ton	17
Pick Up	4
Polar-Trac/Ventrac (Sweeper)	4
MT Sidewalk Plow	5
Large Tractor Blower	2
Medium Tractor Blower/Sweeper	2
Small Tractor Blower	2
Walk Behind Snowblowers	8
Total Equipment	74

Snow Event Staffing



Streets	17
Fleet	4
Parks	19
Buildings	5
Utilities	12
WTP	3
Golf	4
CAC	2
Managers	6
Total	72

Forestry & Natural Resources

Tree maintenance for an estimated 85,000 public trees & Natural resource management of approximately 75 acres

4-5 staff daily summer

5-7 staff daily winter

2022 (Park Staff)

3.43 FTE

\$493,250



Forestry & Natural Resources Staff Hours

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total	Average/Year	Average FTE
Forester Administrative	1,523.00	1,736.00	1,658.75	1,720.50	2,006.00	1,861.25	1,767.50	1,587.50	1,191.00	15,051.50	1,672.39	0.80
FTE	0.73	0.83	0.80	0.83	0.96	0.89	0.85	0.76	0.57		0.80	
Crew Work												
Tree Removal	888.50	2,104.00	1,834.00	1,060.00	1,601.00	2,921.00	2,946.25	1,868.00	2,608.80	17,831.55	1,981.28	0.95
Tree Trimming	1,459.00	2,842.00	2,545.50	4,002.25	3,662.50	1,881.75	2,301.50	3,044.00	1,698.25	23,436.75	2,604.08	1.25
Tree Planting	102.00	149.00	330.00	238.50	185.00	124.00	186.75	143.75	164.00	1,623.00	180.33	0.09
Tree Inventory	8.00	8.00	45.50	-	-	-	10.00	145.00	20.00	236.50	26.28	0.01
Buckthorn	308.00	296.00	116.00	189.00	54.00	31.00	20.00	20.00	-	1,034.00	114.89	0.06
Storm Clean-up	18.00	2.00	123.00	190.50	4.00	30.00	122.00	28.00	490.00	1,007.50	111.94	0.05
Stump Grinding	61.00	849.00	453.00	475.50	641.00	673.00	988.00	536.00	533.50	5,210.00	578.89	0.28
Tree Watering	20.00	26.00	62.00	48.50	209.00	56.00	117.00	186.00	184.00	908.50	100.94	0.05
Tree Sale	99.00	40.00	48.50	75.50	131.00	62.50	65.75	63.50	32.00	617.75	68.64	0.03
Other/EAB	365.50	216.00	249.00	447.00	533.50	290.00	218.00	126.00	222.25	2,667.25	296.36	0.14
Total	3,329.00	6,532.00	5,806.50	6,726.75	7,021.00	6,069.25	6,975.25	6,160.25	5,952.80	54,572.80	6,063.64	2.92
FTE	1.60	3.14	2.79	3.23	3.38	2.92	3.35	2.96	2.86		2.92	
Total Forestry	4,852.00	8,268.00	7,465.25	8,447.25	9,027.00	7,930.50	8,742.75	7,747.75	7,143.80	69,624.30	7,736.03	
Total FTE	2.33	3.98	3.59	4.06	4.34	3.81	4.20	3.72	3.43		3.72	
		Added PSW			Added PSW		7/1/2021					
							Lost PSW					
Street Department Forestry					1744	900	900	1768	1184	6496	1299.2	
FTE					0.84	0.43	0.43	0.85	0.57		3.12	
Grand Total Park & Street	4,852.00	8,268.00	7,465.25	8,447.25	10,771.00	8,830.50	9,642.75	9,515.75	8,327.80	76,120.30	8,457.81	
Grand Total FTE	2.33	3.98	3.59	4.06	5.18	4.25	4.64	4.57	4.00		4.07	

Emerald Ash Borer



Non-native Insect

Discovered in Detroit, Michigan/Windsor,
Ontario area in 2002

First Discovered in Minnesota (St. Paul and
Houston County), in May 2009

First Discovered in Brooklyn Park in August
2017 (Private tree across the street from
Edinburgh USA)



How it Starts



What We are Seeing



What We are Seeing

Current Public Ash Tree Inventory

<u>Year</u>	<u>Ash Trees In Inventory</u>
2010	3201
2011	3369
2012	3537
2013	3714
2014	3900
2015	4095
2016	4299
2017	4317
2018	4725
2019	5002
2020	4980
2021	4585
2022	4416
2023	4396
2024	3834

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What we are Doing

Public Ash Tree Removal

Year	Public Ash Tree Removals
2014	10
2015	17
2016	26
2017	170
2018	152
2019	337
2020	314
2021	380
2022	262
2023	361
2024 (As of 5/6/2024)	330
Total	2359

Tree Planting

Year	Trees Planted on City Property	Tree Sale Trees Planted on Private Property
2014	37	131
2015	48	119
2016	47	122
2017	78	105
2018	102	44
2019	111	100
2020	364	138
2021	499	140
2022	308	165
2023	189	163
2024		162
Total	1783	1389



New Trees



Buddy Trees

Ash Tree Treatment Program

Treatments Completed on a 2-year cycle

Year	Public Trees Treated*	Private	Total Treated
2014	5		5
2015	206		206
2016	142		142
2017	208		208
2018	502		502
2019	1462	604	2066
2020	1554	523	2077
2021	1480	697	2177
2022	1429	700	2129
2023	1240	1007	2247
Total	8228	3531	9512

Treatment Partnership With Rainbow Tree Care

Average Tree Size 18.2 DBH

City Trees (2023)

- \$4.05/DBH
- Average Cost/ Tree \$73.71
- \$5.50-\$6.00/ DBH Open Market
- Average Cost/ Tree \$104.65

Private Trees (2023)

- \$7.25/DBH
- Average Cost Per Tree \$131.95
- \$10.50-\$11.00/ DBH Open Market
- Average Cost/ Tree \$195.65

<https://www.rainbowtreecare.com/emerald-ash-borer/city-partnerships/brooklyn-park/>

Grants

Year	Granting Agency	Grant Amount	Received to Date
2018/2019	Hennepin County	\$33,462.30	\$33,388.42
2019/2020	Hennepin County	\$50,000.00	\$49,549.58
2019/2020	DNR	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
2020/2021	Hennepin County	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
2021-2024	DNR Bonding	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
2021/2022	Hennepin County	\$50,000.00	\$49,897.85
2022/2023	Hennepin County	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
2019/2022	DNR	\$25,000.00	
2023/2024	Hennepin County	\$50,000.00	
2023-2027	DNR Bonding	\$498,840.00	
	Total	\$932,302.30	\$357,835.85

Grants Not Received

Year	Granting Agency	Grant Amount
2018	DNR	\$30,000.00
2021	DNR	\$100,000.00
2022	DNR	\$150,000.00
2023	DNR	\$50,000.00
2023	DNR	\$499,700.00
	Total	\$829,700.00

Funding

Year	Heritage Infrastructure Fund Budget (EAB Fund)	EAB Fund Expenses	Balance
2014	\$0.00		
2015	\$0.00		
2016	\$150,000.00	\$8,098.20	
2017	\$150,000.00	\$64,892.17	
2018	\$150,000.00	\$100,923.98	
2019	\$175,000.00	\$207,471.85	
2020	\$175,000.00	\$250,642.53	
2021	\$175,000.00	\$267,185.75	
2022	\$175,000.00	\$176,332.71	
2023	\$200,000.00	\$217,345.09	
2024 To Date	\$200,000.00	\$34,542.28	
Total	\$1,550,000.00	\$1,327,434.56	\$222,565.44

Challenges Ahead

- Increase in the number of ash trees in severe decline
- +/- 2,600 Untreated public ash trees needing removal in the next 1-5 years
- Staff and contractor capacity
- Limited Grant funds available (preference is now being given to outside of the metro area)
- Increase in the number of private ash trees becoming hazards and needing to be removed
- No funding assistance currently available for private ash tree removal

EAB Funding Considerations

	Tree Removal	Tree Treatment	Tree Planting	Total	HI (EAB Project)	General Fund Forestry Operations Budget	Grants	Net Funding Needed
Year 1	\$578,000.00	\$106,503.37	\$158,950.00	\$843,453.37	\$200,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$443,453.37
Year 2	\$635,800.00	\$102,776.87	\$166,897.50	\$905,474.37	\$200,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$505,474.37
Year 3	\$693,600.00	\$99,572.08	\$175,243.82	\$968,415.90	\$200,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$568,415.90
Year 4	\$751,400.00	\$106,000.14	\$184,006.30	\$1,041,406.44	\$200,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$641,406.44
Year 5	\$809,200.00	\$102,475.00	\$193,202.28	\$1,104,877.28	\$200,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$704,877.28
Year 6	\$145,000.00	\$94,277.00	\$36,769.00	\$276,046.00	\$200,000.00	\$50,000.00		\$26,046.00
Year 7	\$150,000.00	\$94,689.00	\$38,608.00	\$283,297.00	\$200,000.00	\$50,000.00		\$33,297.00
Year 8	\$155,000.00	\$90,180.00	\$40,538.00	\$285,718.00	\$200,000.00	\$50,000.00		\$35,718.00
Year 9	\$160,000.00	\$90,180.00	\$42,565.00	\$292,745.00	\$200,000.00	\$50,000.00		\$42,745.00
Year 10	\$165,000.00	\$99,200.00	\$44,693.00	\$308,893.00	\$200,000.00	\$50,000.00		\$58,893.00
Total	\$4,243,000.00	\$985,853.46	\$1,081,472.90	\$6,310,326.36	\$2,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$3,060,326.36

More Information

- <https://www.brooklynpark.org/emerald-ash-borer/>

Questions?



Grants

\$648,840



\$283,462

- Hennepin County Environment and Energy



City of Brooklyn Park RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION			
Agenda Item	5.1	Meeting Date:	July 17, 2024
Agenda Section:	Action Items	Presented By:	Brad Tullberg, Director of Recreation and Parks
Recreation & Parks Director Proposed Action	Authorize Additional Location for 2024 Deer Hunt		

MOTION _____, SECOND _____, TO RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL TO AUTHORIZE THE ADDITION OF THE BANFILL ISLAND LOCATION FOR AN ANTLERLESS DEER HUNT DURING THE 2024 ANNUAL DEER HUNT.

Overview:

The Deer Management Plan identifies the numbers of deer within a range that the natural habitat can support effectively in the Brooklyn Park community. The plan recommends 15 to 20 deer per square mile which translates to 45 to 60 deer in the northern portion of the city, 15 to 20 deer along the Mississippi River south of Highway 610, and 15 to 20 in the Palmer Lake Nature Area. Since 2011, the City Council has supported a Deer Management Program consisting of a controlled archery deer hunt. Each fall, the City utilizes the Metro Bowhunters Resource Base (MBRB) to conduct the controlled archery deer hunt. The MBRB manages the hunter’s application process.

On April 17th, the Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission recommended to City Council to approve the 2024 Deer Hunt dates and locations as follows:

2024 Hunt Dates:

- October 7 & 8, October 9th
- October 28 & 29, October 30th
- November 11 & 12, November 13th

Hunt locations to include:

- Zone #1 – Northwoods Park
- Zone #5 – Palmer Lake
- Zone #10 – Greenhaven Park
- Zone #11 – Brookdale Park Open Space (Palmer Lake)

The City Council approved the deer hunt dates and locations at its May 13th meeting.

In 2022, the Banfill Island location was removed from the deer hunt after an incident in which a hunter shot a buck when the Banfill Island hunt location was for antlerless deer only. The Banfill Island location was not offered as a hunt location in 2023. After the deer hunt was approved in 2024, staff were approached by the Izaak Walton League requesting to restore the Banfill Island hunt as an antlerless deer only hunt.

Staff are recommending that Banfill Island be added as a controlled archery deer hunt for antlerless deer only on the dates of the 2024 deer hunt.

Primary Issues/Alternatives to Consider:

Budgetary/Fiscal Issues:

Attachments:

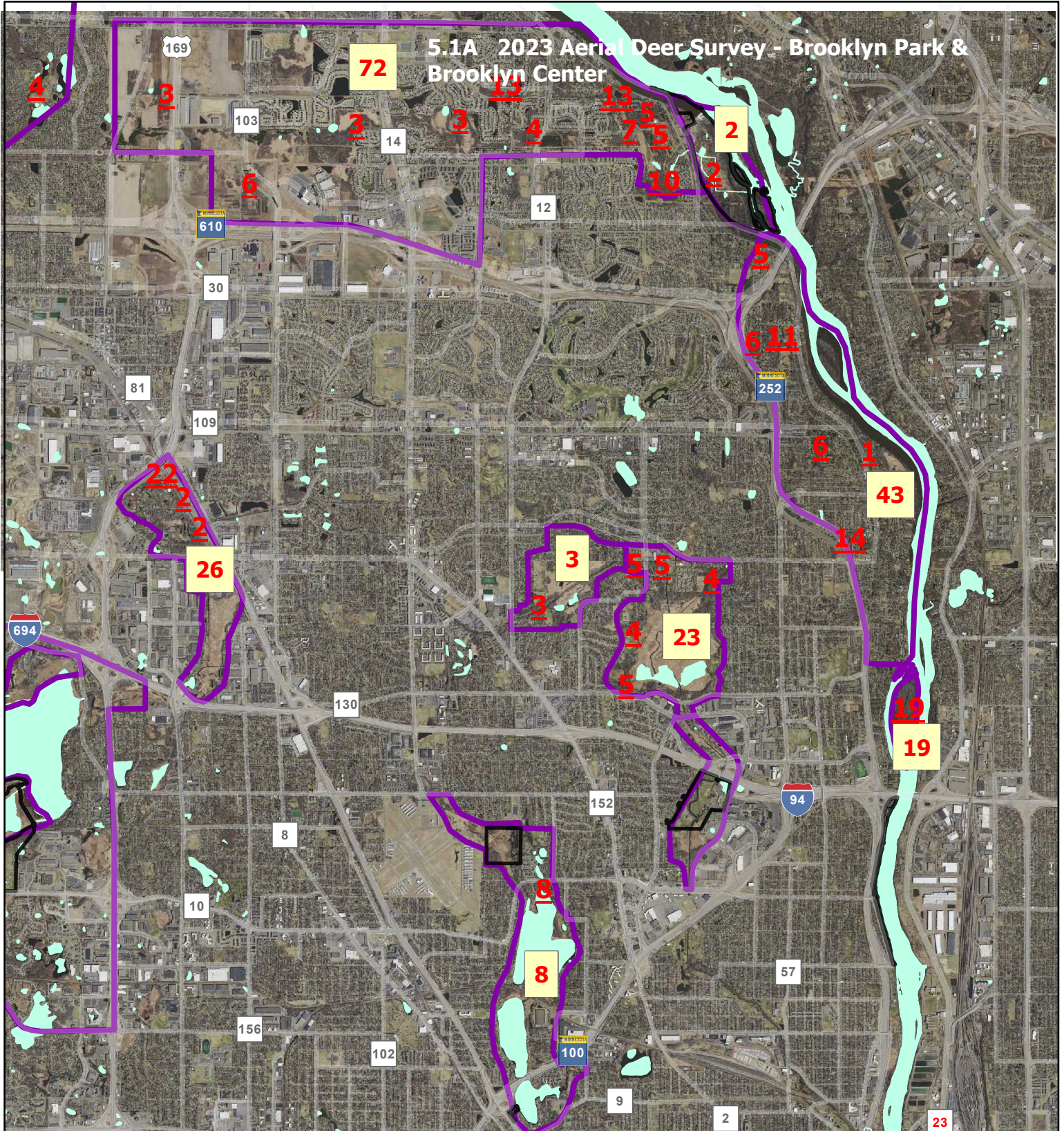
- 5.1A 2023 ANNUAL DEER SURVEY
- 5.1B ZONE 8 – IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE – BANFILL ISLAND
- 5.1C IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE LETTER OF REQUEST

City of Brooklyn Park Brooklyn Center



1/12/2023 - Aerial Deer Survey

Total Deer Counted - 196



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Miles

Izaak Walton League

Zone 8

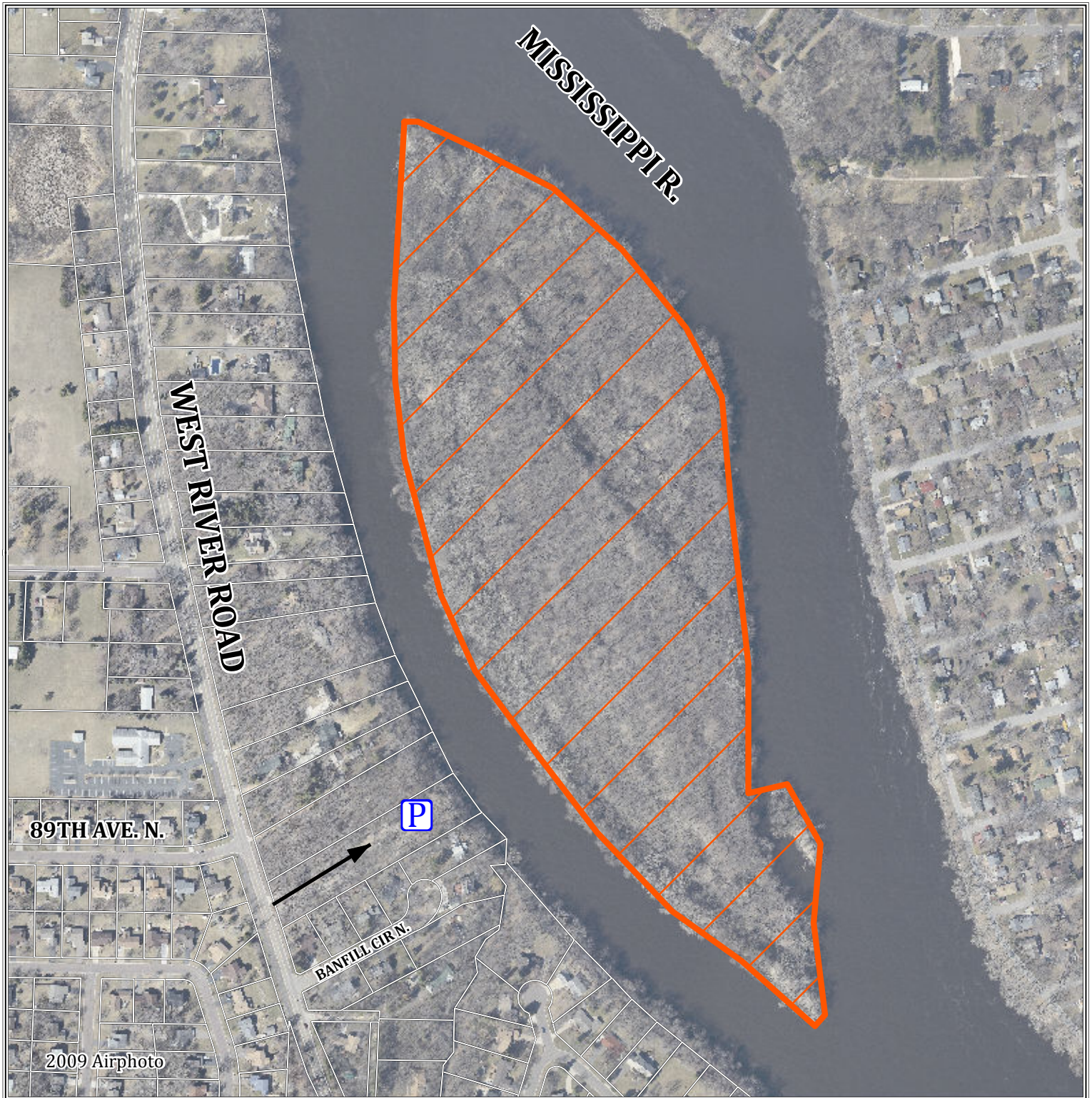
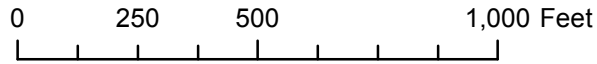
5.1B Zone 8 - Izaak Walton League Banfill 2012



 Designated Parking

 Hunting Zones

 Park Boundary





IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA
DEFENDERS OF SOIL, AIR, WOODS, WATERS AND WILDLIFE

WALTER J. BRECKENRIDGE CHAPTER
8816 WEST RIVER ROAD

“COME AND JOIN IN OUR HISTORY OF CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP”

To : Brad Tullberg
City Of Brooklyn Park
Recreation & Parks Director

Request for Council Action:

I request that the Banfill Island Deer Hunt be restored to the Brooklyn Park organized hunt schedule. Our last Board of directors' vote was unanimous to be reinstated in the hunt plans. The people that were in opposition to the hunt previously are no longer on our Board of directors and the whole Board of Directors has voted to have the hunt again as long as the hunt be a does only hunt to control the numbers of deer in the area. We will assist and cooperate with the hunters and the coordinators to assist them with any help they request. We look forward to working again with the Metro Bowhunters Resource Board to achieve a successful hunt. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Steven Schaust

President of the Walter J Breckenridge Chapter
Isaac Walton League of America
8816 West River Road
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City of Brooklyn Park RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION			
Agenda Item	6.1	Meeting Date:	July 17, 2024
Agenda Section:	General Information - Presentations	Presented By:	Brad Tullberg, Director of Recreation & Parks
Recreation & Parks Director Proposed Action	Park Bond Reinvestment Projects Update		

Overview:

In 2018, 63% of Brooklyn Park voters supported a \$26M re-investment in the park system. Several projects completed to date include:

- Brooklyn Park Sports Dome
- Eidem Farm Interpretive Signage
- Expansion of Northwoods and Willowstone Park buildings
- Addition of Central and River Park Kitchen buildings
- Redevelopment of Hartkopf, Lakeland and Norwood Parks
- Brookdale Park Trail connection
- Sunny Lane Park Trail connection
- Wayfinding Plan development
- Noble Sports Park Baseball Field

Director Tullberg will give an update on the following Park Bond Projects:

- Youth & Teen Recreation Center
- Community Activity Center improvements
- Senior Center

Primary Issues/Alternatives to Consider:

Budgetary/Fiscal Issues:

Attachments:

City of Brooklyn Park RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION			
Agenda Item	7.0	Meeting Date:	July 17, 2024
Agenda Section:	Old Business	Presented By:	Brad Tullberg, Director of Recreation and Parks
Recreation & Parks Director Proposed Action	Past City Council Agenda Items and Community Engagement		

Overview:

The following attachments were presented at City Council Meetings or Community Engagement Sessions held since our last RPAC meeting.

- 7.1 7.2 RFCA 1st Reading of Proposed Park Cannabis Use Ordinance – CC June 10
- 7.2 3B.3 Park and Recreation Month Proclamation – CC July 8
- 7.3 7.1 Teen Center Project Funding Plan – CC July 8

Primary Issues/Alternatives to Consider:

NA

Budgetary/Fiscal Issues:

NA

Attachments:

- 7.1 7.2 RFCA 1st Reading of Proposed Park Cannabis Use Ordinance
- 7.2 3B.3 Park and Recreation Month Proclamation
- 7.3 7.1 Teen Center Project Funding Plan

City of Brooklyn Park Request for Council Action			
Agenda Item:	7.2	Meeting Date:	June 10, 2024
Agenda Section:	General Action Item	Originating Department:	Recreation and Parks
Resolution:	N/A	Prepared By:	Brad Tullberg, Director of Recreation and Parks
Ordinance:	FIRST READING		
Attachments:	1	Presented By:	Brad Tullberg, Director of Recreation and Parks
Item:	First Reading Ordinance Prohibiting Cannabis and Hemp Use in Public Places		

City Manager's Proposed Action:

MOTION _____, SECOND _____, TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT ON FIRST READING AN ORDINANCE ADDING A SUBCHAPTER TO CHAPTER 133 OF THE BROOKLYN PARK CITY CODE PROHIBITING SMOKING OF CANNABIS OR HEMP IN PUBLIC PLACES AND AMENDING SECTION 95.03 OF THE BROOKLYN PARK CITY CODE REGARDING TOBACCO USE RESTRICTIONS IN PUBLIC PLACES.

Overview:

In 2011 the City of Brooklyn Park adopted a Tobacco-Free Parks policy prohibiting use of tobacco at city-owned parks including playgrounds, athletic fields, trails, parks, spectator areas and excluding the two golf courses and designated smoking area outside of the Community Activity Center.

The City of Brooklyn Park recognizes that the second-hand effects of smoking tobacco, vaping and cannabis in public spaces pose a threat to public health and safety. The purpose of this section is to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of citizens, especially vulnerable populations including children, the elderly, those with chronic health conditions and employees.

With the adult-use cannabis law in effect August 1, 2023, the City of Brooklyn Park is proposing changes to two sections of the City Code.

- Section 1 applies to smoking or vaporizing cannabis and hemp products in defined public places.
- Section 2 applies to smoking or vaporizing any substance in city parks.

The term "public place" is used in Section 1 because the statute (Minnesota Statutes, section 152.0263) related to prohibiting cannabis use allows a city to define "public place" and then make cannabis use within that defined public place a petty misdemeanor. This ordinance defines "public place" to only include smoking or vaporizing cannabis and hemp products in:

- Inside any building owned by a government entity, aligning with the Minnesota Indoor Clean Air Act.
- All parks
- All trails
- Parking lots of city owned facilities
- Within 100 feet of the public entrance of city-owned buildings

Section 2 applies to smoking or vaporizing of any substance in city parks. There is some overlap between Section 1 and Section 2 (smoking and vaporizing cannabis and hemp is prohibited in parks by both sections) but since each, Section 1 includes land outside of parks (e.g., within 100 feet of city buildings) and Section 2 applies to other substances besides cannabis and hemp (e.g., tobacco), the ordinance was drafted to include both sections.

These changes do not apply to cannabis or hemp products that are not smoked or vaporized (e.g., edibles and beverages).

Primary Issues/Alternatives to Consider:

The Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission recommended approval of an update to the City Code 95 prohibiting smoking or vaporizing of any substance in city parks at the October 2023 meeting.

Budgetary/Fiscal Issues: N/A

Attachments:

7.2A ORDINANCE

City of Brooklyn Park			
Request for Council Action			
Agenda Item:	3B.3	Meeting Date:	July 8, 2024
Agenda Section:	Public Presentations/ Proclamations/Receipt of General Communications	Originating Department:	Recreation and Parks
Resolution:	N/A	Prepared By:	Brad Tullberg, Recreation and Parks Director
Ordinance:	N/A		
Attachments:	1	Presented By:	Mayor Hollies Winston
Item:	Mayor's Proclamation Declaring the Month of July as "Park and Recreation Month" in the City of Brooklyn Park		

City Manager's Proposed Action:

The Mayor shall proclaim the month of July as "Park and Recreation Month" in the City of Brooklyn Park by one of the following:

1. "I, Hollies Winston, Mayor of the City of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of July, 2024 as "Park and Recreation Month" in the City of Brooklyn Park

OR

2. By reading the proclamation

Overview:

For nearly 40 years, we have celebrated Park and Recreation Month in July to promote building strong, vibrant and resilient communities through the power of parks and recreation. This month is dedicated to recognizing and celebrating the more than 160,000 full-time park and recreation professionals — along with hundreds of thousands of part-time and seasonal workers and volunteers — who maintain our country's local, state and community parks.

This year's theme — "Where You Belong" — celebrates the many ways park and recreation professionals across the country foster a sense of belonging in their community by providing welcoming and inclusive programs, essential services for all ages and abilities, and safe, accessible spaces to build meaningful connections.

This Park and Recreation Month let's unite and uplift the many reasons why local parks and recreation truly embodies the essence of belonging. Together, we can demonstrate why these spaces are Where You Belong.

Primary Issues/Alternatives to Consider: N/A

Budgetary/Fiscal Issues: N/A

Attachments:

3B.3A PROCLAMATION

City of Brooklyn Park Request for Council Action

Agenda Item:	7.1	Meeting Date:	July 8, 2024
Agenda Section:	Action Item	Originating Department:	Recreation and Parks
Resolution:	X	Prepared By:	Brad Tullberg, Director of Recreation and Parks
Ordinance:	N/A		
Attachments:	2	Presented By:	Brad Tullberg
Item:	Approve Teen Center Project Funding Plan and Authorize the Project to be Advertised for Bid		

City Manager's Proposed Action:

MOTION _____, SECOND _____, TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2024-_____ TO APPROVE TEEN CENTER PROJECT FUNDING PLAN AND AUTHORIZE THE PROJECT TO BE ADVERTISED FOR BID

Overview:

As part of the 2018 Park Bond Referendum, \$2M was allocated for additional teen recreation center programming. On March 27, 2023, City Council approved a professional services agreement with Design by Melo to provide community engagement, concept planning and design development for a youth and teen recreation center. After extensive community engagement during the summer of 2023, it was determined that the most effective design would be to renovate the existing Zanewood Recreation Center to be utilized for dedicated K-5 program space, then construct an addition dedicated for teen programming. The new facility will feature gym space, space for workforce development, a Best Buy Teen Tech Center, arts programming space, gaming lounge, and general gathering space to give young people a place to engage in positive experiences and serve as a hub to support youth and families in Brooklyn Park.

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$10M. Staff submitted a request for \$4M in 2024 Minnesota State Bonding funds but the Legislature did not allocate any state bonding funds during the recent session. In order to keep this project moving forward, staff have developed a funding strategy that would allow the Teen Center to become reality. The project has the following resources allocated already:

- \$2M from 2018 Park Bond Referendum
- \$500k from 2023 Congressionally Directed Spending for Community Project Funding
- \$150k from Best Buy Teen Tech Center Grant

Staff are recommending the following additional strategies for funding the project:

- \$750k from CDBG funding over next three funding cycles (\$250k per year)
- \$1.5M from the Open Space, Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) fund
- \$5.1M reallocation from the 2018 Park Bond Referendum

The Park Bond Referendum projects to be reallocated are:

- \$3.5M from the future park at the location at the end of BLRT (101st and Winnetka)
- \$400k from Natural Resources
- \$800k from Historic Eidem Farm
- \$400k from Trails, Lighting and Wayfinding

The future park planned for the end of the BLRT needs to be coordinated with the construction of BLRT. In order to build the Operations and Maintenance facility, the City would sell 11 acres of existing parkland to the Met Council for the Operations and Maintenance Facility. The sale price of that land is estimated to be \$4M. Those funds would then be used to construct the park at 101st and Winnetka in lieu of using the \$3.5M originally allocated in the 2018 Park Bond Referendum.

Staff would continue to seek grant opportunities during the bidding and construction of the Teen Center to help offset the costs of the projects and minimize the amount of Park Bond Referendum funds needed for reallocation. Future applications are planned for Hennepin County facilities grant, US Bank Our Courts, Out Future program and the Peter J. King Foundation.

Once the project is advertised for bid, staff will come back to City Council at a later date to approve the final cost and award the project to a contractor.

Primary Issues/Alternatives to Consider:

- City Council could choose to delay the project awaiting another MN State bonding request
- City Council could consider a referendum as an alternative for funding the project

Budgetary/Fiscal Issues:

- \$2M funding for the construction of the Youth and Teen Recreation Center is included in the \$26,000,000 Park Bond Referendum passed in November 2018.
- Reallocation of \$5.1M in 2018 Park Bond Referendum planned spending to the Teen Center project.
- Allocation of \$750k of Community Block Development Grant (CDBG) funds over three years.

Attachments:

- 7.1A RESOLUTION
- 7.1B 2018 PARK BOND REFERENDUM BOOKLET

City of Brooklyn Park Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission			
Agenda Item:	8.1	Meeting Date:	July 17, 2024
Agenda Section:	Written Reports	Presented By:	Pam McBride, Youth Services Manager; Jen Gillard, Recreation Manager
Recreation & Parks Director Proposed Action	Program and Events Update		

July 2024

- 9 Summer Dance Begins
- 10 Farmers Market Begins
- 10 Field Day for all Summer Camp participants at Willowstone Park
- 11 Sticks & Tones Family Concert at the Historic Eidem Farm
- 12 Summer Splash at Zanewood Rec Center
- 19 Jazz in July at the Community Activity Center front lawn
- 20 Family Day field trip, Minnesota Zoo 11:00- 5:00
- 23 Golf for a Day Filed Trip, TCP Twin Cities through Zanewood Recreation Center
- 25 Mary Hall Show for Pipsqueeks Family Concert at the Historic Eidem Farm
- 25 Penny Carnival for all Summer Camp participants at Northwoods Park
- 31 Culture Fair for all Summer Camp participants at Norwood Park

August 2024

- 2 Brooklyn Park Night Out at Central Park
- 3 Sounds of Asia at River Park
- 8 Brooklyn Community Band Family Concert at the Historic Eidem Farm
- 17 Back 2 School BBQ at Zanewood Recreation Center
- 23 Happy Hour, Music and Movie at the Historic Eidem Farm

Farm Open Gate Hours Mon & Wed 10 am – 4 pm | Tues & Thurs 10 am – 7 pm | Sat 10 am – 3 pm
 Wednesday weekly Farmers Market July 10 – October 9, 1 – 6 pm
 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/Fri
 Weekly drop-in activities for youth and teens at Zanewood Recreation Center Monday-Friday 2-8pm

Program and Event Updates:

Brooklyn Park Youth Outreach Team and Intervention Services

The Brooklyn Park Youth Outreach Team works M-F from 5:00-9:00 pm 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.



Young Women's group- ages, 14-17 years old, Every Friday 4:00- 6:00pm at Zanewood

Young Men's group- ages 16- 18-year-old, every Monday, 4:30- 6:30pm at Zanewood

Young Adult program (ages 18- 24) Tuesday's 4:00- 7:00pm – meet at Zanewood, different locations to follow

Adult Fitness

Summer sessions of adult fitness classes are in full swing at the Community Activity Center including regularly scheduled Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday morning fitness classes, Tuesday evening yoga, and Wednesday evening AfroBeats Dance Workout class.

Adults on the Move

The July - September Adults on the Move Guide is available at www.brooklynpark.org/adults The guide features luncheons, trips, lifelong learning opportunities, community programs, fitness classes, resources, and weekly activities. The guide is available online and mailed to about 675 people.

Day Trips

June 18 a group traveled south along Hwy 61 with stops for lunch in Lake City, a visit to the National Eagle Center in Wabasha, and shopping and treats at LARK Toys in Kellogg MN.

July 25 a group will go to a performance of Triple Espresso at the Plymouth Playhouse. The August 6 trip to Duluth for a narrated boat tour is full!

Weekly Adult Social Groups

Weekly social activity groups are actively using their 2024 yearly membership. Participants are 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.

Events

Brooklyn Park Farmers Market season starts on July 10 and runs every Wednesday until October 9 from 1-6pm at North Hennepin Community College parking lot. This year, there are a total of 22 vendors selling a range of produce, baked goods, and other craft items.

We kicked off summer events in June with the Celebrate Brooklyn Park: Tater Daze Parade and Community Gathering on June 1 from 11-4pm. The parade route was a loop around 101/Welcome to Regent to Oak Grove Pkwy. The Community Gathering was held at the Community Activity Center and included Food Trucks, a Makers Market, Concert, and Community Resources. Lt. Sunnie headlined the stage along with Vinnie Rose, YEY, MN Sunshine and Mystic Moon, Ballet Folklorico Mexico Azteca, and DJ Snuggles. Over 3,000+ people attended both events.

Summer Splash will take place on July 12 from 5 – 7 p.m. at Zanewood Recreation Center. The event features inflatables, water games, and DJ Snuggles along with community resources.

Jazz in July will take place on July 19 at the Community Activity Center from 5 – 9 p.m. This event features three jazz groups, a happy hour hosted by Lion's Club and community resources.

Brooklyn Park Night Out will take place on Friday, August 2 at Central Park from 7 p.m. – 11 p.m. and features Fire, PD, DJ dance party, and a movie at dusk.

Sounds of Asia will take place on Saturday, August 3 at River Park from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. and will feature music and performances from local Asian artists under the shade of the trees.

Back to School BBQ will take place on Saturday, August 17 at Zanewood Recreation Center from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. and features free food, a backpack give-away, and DJ Snuggles. Starting in July, we begin collecting school supplies for this event. Drop off at City Hall or the Community Activity Center front desk.

In partnership with the Historic Eidem Farm, the events team is co-hosting two Movies on the Barn events. The first one is on Friday, August 23 featuring happy hour, music from Jake Stow, followed by a showing of the Wedding Singer. Doors open at 6:00pm and the movie starts at dusk. The second movie is on Thursday, August 29 and is geared towards families with activities and a showing of the movie Babe. Doors open at 6pm and the movie starts at dusk.

See attached flyer for 2024 summer event schedule.

Aquatics

Summer 2024 aquatics programs are in full swing. Programs include early morning swim teams that run from 7:45-8:45AM for middle-school & high school students, followed by morning swim lessons offered from 9AM-1:30PM. Afternoons at the pool consist of \$4 open-swim opportunities to the community which are supervised by Brooklyn Park Lifeguards. Evening swim lessons conclude each day from 4PM-9PM. Lessons run on a Monday-Thursday schedule. Swim offerings include regular group classes including preschool lessons, levels 1-6, aqua-teen intro classes, adult classes, our Women & Girls only swim class, adaptive aquatics classes, and several opportunities for private/paired/family style small group lessons. Summer swim programs are held at the Jackson Middle School Pool, and the Osseo Middle School pool.

World's Largest Swim Lesson 2024: The aquatics team recently partnered with the City of Brooklyn Center to host a site of the international event - The World's Largest Swim Lesson on June 20. This 1-hour event was an opportunity for Brooklyn Park/Center residents to enroll for free for an hour of life-saving swimming & drowning prevention skills at the Brooklyn Center Community Center Pool. Offered to youth-adults ages 5+, our partnership brought in over 80-participants with nearly 26 collective staff supporting the program. The partnership between Brooklyn Park/Center for this international event made our cities the representative for the state of Minnesota.

Salvation Army Summer Camp Swim Week: The aquatics team recently hosted the youth Salvation Army summer camp at the Jackson Middle School Pool for a week-long swim camp. With 40 campers joining our lesson program the week of June 24-27 – Water Safety Instructors were able to again provide swimming & drowning prevention skills to youth in our community. Upon completion of the swim week, campers were provided with the assessed level to sign-up for within our program if families decided to continue within our lesson programs. This program was offered at no cost to campers. Instructional fees were covered by grant funding provided by the Salvation Army.

Adaptive Recreation/ Inclusion Services:

Summer adaptive recreation programs have been running smoothly. Adaptive Recreation programs include two Adaptive Aquatics classes, Adaptive Fitness, Beauty Within: Adaptive Art, and the Adaptive Rec Fridays series run in partnership with Courage Kenny Sport and Recreation Department. Reach for Resources partnership programs continue in Brooklyn Park and include: Accessible Softball League, Concert at the Farm, Climate Change Impact Listening Session, Bonfire and Riverstone Painting, Climate: River Study, and Snacks & Cinema. Inclusion Services continue in many general recreation programs with a team of 12 Inclusion Specialists and two Therapeutic Recreation Interns supporting youth sports, K5 fusion, summer camp, aquatics, and ice skating.

Adaptive Recreation partnered with the Minnesota Twins Community Fund and Courage Kenny Sports and Recreation Department for the fourth annual Twins Fantasy Camp for Kids on Friday, June 14 from 9 – 11am at Todd Anderson Field. This free camp welcomed 50 athletes with cognitive and physical disabilities. That evening four Brooklyn Park athletes were recognized on the field at the start of the Minnesota Twins game as part of the MN Twins Play Ball Weekend.

Youth Sports

Spring Youth Soccer, basketball, and gymnastics classes are ongoing at Crestview Elementary School and Park Center Senior High School. Lil Tykes and Tiny Tots for toddlers and preschoolers are also taking place at the CAC on Saturday mornings. Programs are full and our young and growing staff are getting compliments in providing fun and affordable sports programming for families.

Adult Sports

Pickleball play has transitioned outdoors at Norwood Park. Parks staff have re-installed outdoor pickleball nets for those players to get back outdoors.

Adult Bronze League Summer Softball in Brooklyn Park is now full with 12 teams and will begin on May 2nd. Teams are ready to play, and our umpires are ready to get the season started. Games are every Thursday, and each team plays a double header at Noble Softball fields.

Historic Eidem Farm

Farm summer camps are in full swing at Historic Eidem Farm! Session 1 & 2 of Critter Camp were completely full and ran from June 17-27, 9-11:30am. Campers spent the morning rotating through daily activity stations with their group including song circle, craft, storytime, games, snack, and farm exploration. Session 1 of Nature Preschool is also completely full and is from July 8-July 25. Session 2 of Nature Preschool is planned for July 29- August 15 and is nearly full. Daily activities include circle time, creative arts, story time, games, snacks, and nature exploration.

Open Gate Hours began on May 20 where the Farm is open for free exploration, story time, and drop-in activities:

- Monday, Wednesday 10am-4pm
- Tuesday, Thursday, 10am-7pm
- Saturday 10am-3pm

Over 1,300 attended June Open Gate attendance. Every Tuesday Storytime takes place on the side porch of the farmhouse with a planned activity to follow. The Family Fun concert series kicked off on Thursday, June 27, with the Teddy Bear Band performing at the farm from 6-7pm, over 150 people attended their performance. On Thursday, July 11 Sticks and Tones performed from 6-7pm.

Summer Camp

Summer camp had a successful start on June 17 with 300+ participants registered. The free lunch and snacks have been offered to campers and the public (under 18 years of age) daily at each location through the Osseo Area Schools summer meals program. The summer camp coordinator team has planned three July special events including Field Day, Penny Carnival and Culture Fair.

Brooklyn Park Dance

The Summer dance program kicked off on July 9. Planning for the fall season has begun. The Open House and Shoe Sale will be on September 5 with the Free Trial weeks to follow on Sept 16-30.

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 and Fridays from 6-8pm

Zanewood Meals program: Free, M-F from 2-5:00pm

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

Chess Club- June 8th- August 15th on Mondays and Friday's 4-6:00

Fashion Club- July 17- August 12th on Monday's 4:00- 6:00pm

Zanwood Music Studio- Tuesdays and Thursdays Starting July 22nd 4-6:00pm

Zanewood Golf Camp in partnership with Edinburgh Golf course- August 12, 14, 16 10- 2pm daily. Register at Zanewood Rec Center

Young Adult programming

Young Adult Open gym-Wednesday from 8:00- 10:00pm. \$3 BP resident/ \$5 non-resident

Arts, Wellness & Engagement Programming

Youth Wellness Journey – July 22- September 13th, register at Zanewood Recreation Center

K- 5th grade programming

Fusion Sites: 4:00- 6:00pm, Monday- Thursday at Zanewood Recreation Center - 7100 Zane Ave North.

➤ Session 3 April 1- June 6

Rec on the Go- June 17 – Aug 8th, No Program: June 19-20, July 3-4

Ages: K-5

Rec on the Go is a FREE program that brings recreation opportunities to youth, K–5th grade, all-over Brooklyn Park. Kids must be 5 years old by June 1, 2024 and entering kindergarten to participate. Activities will include group games, team-building challenges, sports, arts and crafts, and science. Meals and snack will be provided

Apartment Locations	Days	Times
Autumn Ridge	Tues/Thurs	11:30 AM–1 PM
Huntington Place	Mon/Wed	11:30 AM–1 PM
Eden Park	Mon/Wed	2:00–3:30 PM
Willows	Wed	2:00–3:30 PM
Windsor Gates	Tues/Thurs	9:00–10:30am
Park Haven	Tues/Thurs	2:00–3:30 PM
Park Locations	Days	Times
Brookdale Park	Wed	9:00 AM–10:30am
Edinbrook Park	Wed	9:00AM–10:30am
Central Park	Tues/Thurs	11:30am–1:00pm
River Park	Tues/Thurs	9:00–10:30 AM
Tessman Acres Park	Mon	2:00–3:30pm
Plaza Park	Thurs	2:00–3:30pm
Trinity Gardens Park	Mon/Wed	11:30AM–1:00PM
Hartkopf Park	Wed	2:00–3:30pm

Register in person, over the phone, or online!

QR Code: : www.brooklynpark.org/registration

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:	July 17, 2024
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.

Construction began on April 17, 2023. Construction of the maintenance facility is complete. The work on the Gateway Center is moving along quickly. The building is almost fully enclosed. Construction is nearly complete on the reservation shelter on the west unit. The Dog Park has been relocated to the north end of the park near the water tower and work is moving along on the dog park fencing and trails. The curbing for the parking lot and the playground on the west unit are in place.

2. EAB UPDATE

Funding Source(s): Heritage Fund

Project Update: Work will continue in 2024. The city received the 2023-2024 Healthy Tree Canopy Grant from Hennepin County for \$50,000. This Grant will continue to assist in the removal and re-planting of trees. The City also received a \$498,840 Bonding Grant from the DNR. This grant will focus on removal and replacement of boulevard trees.

3. 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 2024 in key park areas.

4. COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTER IMPROVEMENTS (2023 planning, 2024-2025 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. This language was amended in the 2024 legislative session to remove language about the conversion of rink one. On March 7th a community engagement meeting was held to share the information previously shared with RPAC and City Council. It also allowed an opportunity for those in attendance to ask questions.

Project Update: The City of Brooklyn Park submitted a \$12M request for MN State Bonding to create additional court space at the CAC. The Legislature did not pass a bonding bill in 2024, so this project remains on hold. Staff have worked with Ballard-King to develop a needs assessment survey to gauge the current and future facility needs for ice and court users in Brooklyn Park.

- **SENIOR CENTER (2024 planning, 2025-2026 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 is planned to be remodeled into a new space dedicated to fitness and social activities for older adults.

Project Update: No New Update

5. **TEEN CENTER (2023 planning, 2024-25 construction)**

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

Project Update:

Phase 2 is complete of the Design Development of the Brooklyn Park Teen Center. Staff has spent the last 14 months finalizing the footprint and floor plan of the new teen center and the existing space. The spaces that we have expanded are Teen game lounge, Teen commons area, Art space, Best Buy tech lab space, and outdoor programming space, indoor and outdoor gym. July 8th, the City Council voted 6-0 in favor of reallocating Park Bond funds to fund the overall project. We are estimating that the total project cost will be roughly \$10 million dollars.

Phase 3 has been accepted by the city council and that will be for construction documents and drafting an RFP. We unfortunately, were not awarded any state bonding funds, but are continuing to apply for grants and will have a million-dollar request to the Minnesota Timberwolves and Lynx Fastbreak foundation and Peter J King Family foundation. The next steps are to put it out to bid at the end of July and award the project in August. This will keep us on schedule for the project to start in September of 2024 and finish in May of 2025.

TRAILS, WAYFINDING AND LIGHTING

Funding Source(s): Park Bond Reinvestment Projects

Project Update: Staff in Recreation & Parks have partnered with Community Development staff to implement the first phase of the Trails Wayfinding Plan developed by AVIA Design. The Wayfinding Project will provide signage and direction and key intersections and points of interest along the trails in Brooklyn Park. The project was awarded to Fast Signs and implementation will begin in July of 2024.

6. PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT

Funding Source(s): Heritage Fund

Project Update: On August 28, 2023 City Council approved the City Park playground replacement project. Installation was completed at the end of June.

7. TRAIL REHABILITATION

Funding Source(s): Heritage Fund

Project Update: As part of the trail rehabilitation project the trail on the west side of Jefferson Highway is getting rehabilitated. The section from 109th to 101st Avenue was completed in mid-November. In 2024, staff plan to rehabilitate the trail south from 101st Avenue to TH 610. Rehabilitation of this section will be completed in July-August.

8. HISTORIC EIDEM FARM VISITOR CENTER (TDB planning, TBD construction)

Funding Source(s): Park Bond Reinvestment Projects

Project Update: No new update

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:	July 17, 2024
Agenda Section:	Written Reports	Presented By:	Brad Tullberg, Director of Recreation and Parks
Recreation & Parks Director Proposed Action	Directors Report		

Overview:

1. Cannabis Discussion with City Council

Staff worked with Kennedy & Graven to draft an ordinance change that would prohibit smoking or vaporizing any substance in city parks, trails, parking lots of city owned facilities and within 100 feet of the public entrance of city-owned buildings. The ordinance change had its first reading on June 10th and second reading on June 24th.

2. Successful Tater Daze Parade and Community Gathering

The Tater Daze parade kicked off from Welcome Avenue onto 101st Avenue, south on Regent Avenue, then finished up on Oak Grove Parkway. A total of 66 floats were part of the parade. Following the parade the Community Gathering was held from 12-4pm at the Community Activity Center. Music, food trucks, booths for community organizations, and inflatable games were available for all to enjoy. The two activities drew an estimated 3,000 people combined.

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