



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

September 06, 2022

7:00 PM

**Fridley Civic Center - 7071 University Avenue
N.E.**

AGENDA

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- [1.](#) August 1, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

New Business

- [2.](#) Fridley Youth Sports Association Soccer Discussion
- [3.](#) Moore Lake Site Design Update and Feedback
- [4.](#) Park System Common Elements Selection Process

Old Business

Staff Reports

- [5.](#) Springbrook Nature Center Report
- [6.](#) Fridley Parks and Recreation Division Report
- [7.](#) Park Maintenance and Construction Report

Adjournment



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: September 6, 2022

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

Title

August 1, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Background

Attached are the meeting minutes of the August 1, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission.

Financial Impact

None.

Recommendation

Staff recommend the approval of the August 1, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes.

Attachments and Other Resources

- August 1, 2022 Parks and Recreation Minutes.

Vision Statement

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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

August 1, 2022

7:00 PM

Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Avenue N.E.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Borman called the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

EB Graham
Peter Borman
Suad Maow
Ken Schultz
Mike Maher, Community Services Director

Commissioner Maow introduced herself.

APPROVE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA FOR AUGUST 1, 2022

MOTION by Commissioner Graham to APPROVE the August 1, 2022 meeting agenda. SECONDED by Commissioner Schultz. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

APPROVE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

1. Approve Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes of June 6, 2022

MOTION by Commissioner Schultz to APPROVE the June 6, 2022 meeting minutes. SECONDED by Commissioner Graham. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

2. Park Plan Communications and Engagement Plan

Mike Maher, Community Services Director, presented the communications and engagement plan developed for the Park System Improvement Plan. He confirmed that mailers would be sent city-wide for larger community parks and more targeted mailings for neighborhood parks.

The Commission asked for details on the scale of playground replacement, what would be done with the existing equipment, and the timeline for the projects. Mr. Maher recognized the ambitious

schedule to fully replace four playgrounds in 2023 during the spring/summer. He stated that the existing playground equipment would be recycled or refurbished by another organization.

3. Moore Lake Park Community Building Update

Mr. Maher provided a presentation on the proposed Moore Lake community building and relayed the preferences on design provided by the City Council. He provided clarity on the portion of the building that would be available for rental and the portion of the building that would be open to the general public at all times.

The Commission asked if snow and water runoff has been considered in the design of the roof and asked for clarity on the locations of the public bathrooms.

4. Park Entrance Sign Recommendation

Mr. Maher provided a presentation on potential park entrance signs and different design options. He asked for input from the Commission on their preferred design and color scheme.

The Commission provided input on their design preferences and Mr. Maher noted that he will bring back refined options at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

STAFF REPORTS

5. Springbrook Nature Center Report

Mr. Maher reviewed the report highlighting summer programming and recreation opportunities. He also provided an update on a grant received through Xcel Energy.

6. Fridley Parks and Recreation Division Report

Mr. Maher reviewed the report and provided details on park programming, '49er Days, as well as upcoming community events.

7. Park Maintenance and Construction Report

Mr. Maher reviewed the written report.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Graham made the MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m., SECONDED by Commissioner Schultz. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Staple
Recording Secretary



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Submitted By: Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

Title

Fridley Youth Sports Association Soccer Discussion

Background

The Parks and Recreation Commission has requested opportunities to check in with the various youth sports associations that use City of Fridley Parks. Nikki Karnopp will attend the meeting to share information about the youth soccer program and use of city facilities and to answer any questions from the Commission.

Financial Impact

None

Recommendation

None

Attachments and Other Resources

- None

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Title

Moore Lake Site Design Update and Feedback

Background

Moore Lake Park is one of four parks scheduled for improvements in 2023 as part of the Park System Improvement Plan. A site design for this park has been developed and refined over two years through a robust community engagement effort. An updated site plan has been developed to include the footprint of a planned community building and in response to additional data collected on soil conditions. Two proposed changes Staff would like to share with the Commission for feedback is possible removal of the nature play area in the northern end of the park to allocate the \$50,000 budget to a larger and more accessible main playground. Additionally, park maintenance has expressed concern about maintaining two separate play areas at this park. Second, due to overwhelming demand for dedicated pickleball courts, staff would ask the Commission to provide feedback on addition of a court to the site plan.

Financial Impact

Estimated cost of pickleball court addition would be \$100,000. The overall budget for Moore Lake Park improvements is \$6,405,000

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission make a motion to provide a recommendation to City Council to refine Moore Lake Park site plan by enhancing the main play area by combining the budget for two separate play areas and to add a dedicated pickleball court (4) complex to the site plan.

Attachments and Other Resources

- Moore Lake Updated Site Plan

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Fridley Park Concepts - Moore Lake Park

Fridley, Minnesota
 August 25, 2022 | WSB Project number: 020685-000



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Submitted By: Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

Title

Park System Common Elements Selection Process

Background

As the Park System Improvement Plan proceeds, the plan calls for common elements to be consistent throughout the parks. Items such as benches, picnic tables, park signage and garbage/recycling containers. Staff would like to ask the Commission to help in this process by making recommendation based on options presented by staff. Staff recommends an approach where a "catalog" of preferences is compiled, and this can be presented and approved when complete. An example of wayfinding signage for the City of Duluth is provided to demonstrate the concept.

Financial Impact

None. Common elements such as benches have been budgeted for each park scheduled for improvements.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission make an informal agreement to accept the process of compiling preferences for common elements and approving them as a group upon completion.

Attachments and Other Resources

- City of Duluth wayfinding signage example

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Concept Example Only



Springbrook Nature Center *Park & Rec Commission Report*

Item 5.

August Highlights

- Summer Camp 2022 was a rousing success! Springbrook served 416 campers this summer. We ran 13 camps over 11 weeks. The age breakdown looks like this: 18 preschoolers (a new program with just two camps), 113 5-6 year olds, 146 7-9 year olds, and 139 10-12 year olds. We are thankful to our fantastic naturalist staff for their energy, caring, and teaching skills. This year's camp staff are: Lee, Katy, Ren, and Corrine with help from our full-time staff Dina and Cody.
- Kid Power with Rachael put on a great show on August 5th at the Springbrook Amphitheater. About 150 people were in attendance. The weather was lovely and the show was fun!
- On August 16th, KMSP brought MN Nice Cream out to Springbrook with free ice cream. About 250 people got ice cream and enjoyed the summer evening.
- Following the free ice cream, 150 attended the MN Blue Groove concert, which was the last one of the season at Springbrook Nature Center. We are grateful to the Springbrook Nature Center Foundation for funding this year's concert series.



Upcoming this Season

- Friday Night by Firelight programs will begin in September funded by the Springbrook Nature Center Foundation. We will have programs delivered by Pollinate MN, Snake Discovery, and The Voyageurs Wolf Project.
- Springbrook Foundation and Fridley Liquor are partnering on the Autumn Sampler again this year. The event will be held on Saturday, September 17th from 5:30 – 8 pm. Many local wines and spirits as well as local food vendors will be onsite for tastes and sips. Purchase raffle tickets and donate funds to enhance and add to the Nature Play Area at Springbrook Nature Center.



Grants

- Xcel Energy Grant 2022 is being used to install an new exhibit: "The Power of Prairies". Dina Cyrus is getting started with graphic design, interactive element design, and is meeting with fabricators for some custom wood work for the exhibit. We look forward to a fun and educational experience.
- We have applied for an International Paper Grant entitled "Building Aquatic and Ecological Literacy". We are hoping to put together new curriculum for onsite field trips, summer camps, scout groups, and others. We hope to include an additional canoe, PFDs, fishing rods and cases, miscellaneous fishing equipment and additional paddles.



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Submitted By: Tara Rogness, Springbrook Nature Center Manager

Title

Springbrook Nature Center Report

Background

Attached is the August 2022 Update from Springbrook Nature Center

Financial Impact

None.

Recommendation

None.

Attachments and Other Resources

- Springbrook Nature Center August 2022 Update

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Submitted By: Margo Numedahl, Recreation Division Manager

Title

Fridley Parks and Recreation Division Report

Background

Attached are highlights from the Recreation Division from August 2022.

Financial Impact

None.

Recommendation

None.

Attachments and Other Resources

- Recreation Division Highlights: August 2022

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HIGHLIGHTS



Recreation Division: August 2022

Summer Programs

Below is a list of programs and participation numbers for the second session of Summer programs which ran from mid-July through August.

PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY

Soccer (3 classes)	38
T-ball/Baseball (2 classes)	26
Track and Field (2 classes)	24
Games and Sports of All Sorts (2 classes)	26
Tennis	16

ADULT FITNESS & ATHLETICS

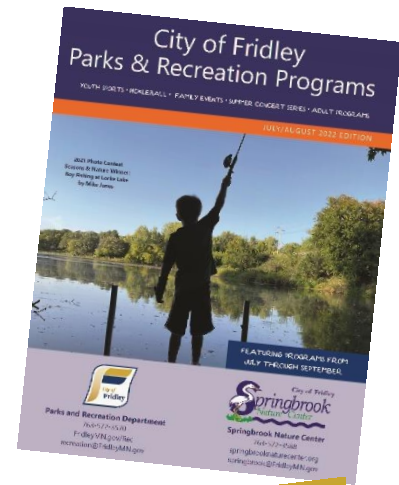
Zumba (2 classes)	12
Pickleball Games & Strategies (3 - Fridley; 3 - SLP)	6
Pickleball Ladder League: Aug - Oct (15 - Fridley; 15 - SLP)	30
55+ Golf League: May - Aug	18
Adult Men's Softball: May - Aug	6 teams
Sand Volleyball: Jun - Aug (5 - Fridley; 2 - SLP; 3 - NB)	10 teams

ROCKS

Week #1	42	Week #6	46
Week #2	49	Week #7	49
Week #3	50	Week #8	47
Week #4	41	Week #9	52
Week #5	47	Week #10	44

Parks and Recreation Brochure

The Sept/Oct brochure was mailed to residents beginning on August 29th. Staff are looking forward to the return of the After-school Program and Fall Field Trips.



Summer Concert Series

The concert series was planned to end on Tuesday, August 30th, but the July 26th concert has been rescheduled for September 13th due to rain. The Rum River Brass Band will perform for the last concert of the season on 9/13 at 6:30 p.m.

The Civic Campus concerts have averaged approximately 160 attendees per concert! Concert goers have enjoyed the wonderful music, along with games from our Rec 'N Roll mobile and food has been available for purchase from local food trucks. August concerts at the Civic Campus included Innocent Reggae on August 23rd, and Natania & Ticket to Brasil August 30th. Both drawing great crowds!

We had a great night at SNC on August 16th, Fox 9 News was out and gave away 300 ice cream cones from MN Nice Cream! The park was buzzing with activity all evening, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. for the free ice cream and live newscast and from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. 200 people enjoyed the Blue Groove Bluegrass concert in the amphitheater. Many commented on how it was their first time at the Nature Center and they planned on coming back!

Our popular kids concert returned to Commons Park on August 10th. The Jolly Pops thoroughly entertained the 400 kids and families that attended. In addition to the concert kids could participate in the Chalk the Walk, Book Swap and explore the Fridley Fire Truck. It was a beautiful and fun filled day in the park!



Nickel Jamboree

Nickel Jamboree was back open to the public this year and was a big success! Approximately 500 children and families attended the event and enjoyed the carnival games, face painting, hay rides, bouncy house, inflatable slide, snacks and more! Groups from Spring Lake Park Recreation and Fridley School's Tiger Club also attended.

Rec 'N Roll

We had another successful summer in the parks with the Rec 'N Roll mobile! The Recreation team visited 4 parks each week on Tuesdays and Thursdays between June 21 – August 11. Locations were Ruth Circle, Madsen, Creekview and Flanery Parks. We were happy to partner with Fridley Schools Food Services again this summer to provide free snacks to all children that participated.

Summer ROCKS (Recreation Opportunities for Creative Kids in the Summer)

Our summer day camp, ROCKS, concluded on August 19th. Participants and staff had an amazing 10 weeks of fun. Kids enjoy morning classes (sports, STEM, art & crafts) and afternoons involved playground time, games & crafts at Commons Park, and each day ended with free time back at the Middle School. On Wednesdays in August, we had field trips and special events that included: Nickel Jamboree, Jolly Pops Concert, and Cascade Bay Water Park. The kids had a blast and parents have shared positive feedback on the program!

- "ROCKS is the best!!!! We'll be back next summer for sure!!!!" Sarah Z.
- "Our whole family has had a very positive experience with ROCKS this summer and we are already looking at returning next year!" Cody O.
- "My son had so much fun this week at rocks that he actually asked me if he could go on the weekend!" Sumaiya M.

Our Leaders Are Readers

The story time partnership with Anoka County Library Mississippi branch was a success this summer! Bringing out approximately 30 people for each of the three events. The program was held Civic Campus and included songs, games and story readings by our civic leaders in the Fireside Room. Following the story time our readers took participants on a tour of the Fire Department, Police Department or Council Chambers.

- July 28 - Fire Department Readers Maddison Zikmund and Alisa Brakic
- August 11 – Police Department Reader Patrick Faber
- August 25 – Council Reader Mayor Lund





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Submitted By: Jeff Jensen, Operations Manager – Streets, Parks, and Facilities

Title

Park Maintenance and Construction Report

Background

Attached is the Park Maintenance and Construction report for the September 6, 2022 meeting.

Financial Impact

None.

Recommendation

None.

Attachments and Other Resources

- Park Maintenance Report for September 6, 2022 meeting

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Memorandum

Item 7.

Date: 8/31/22
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Jeff Jensen, Operations Manager – Streets, Parks, Facilities
DEPT: Public Works
CC: Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director
RE: Report for September 6, 2022 meeting

The Park Department has had many projects going on this summer. Most of our seasonal employees have now left so we are down to a smaller work force limiting what we can do above and beyond maintenance.

Athletics are on pause now and we are prepping for fall Little League, fall soccer and football.

We have completed sod work and lighting in the front of City Hall and are planting bee lawns at Craig Park and Civic Campus Playground.

Trees are all planted at our edible orchard, and we will be moving to fall EAB replacement planting this month. Shelter rentals have been high all summer so are very busy with weekend clean-up.

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