



# Parks and Recreation Commission

August 04, 2025

7:00 PM

7071 University Avenue NE

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## Agenda

### Call to Order

### Roll Call

### Approval of Agenda

### Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. June 2, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

### Open Forum

The open forum allows the public to address the Commission on subjects that are not on the Regular Agenda. The Commission will accept feedback or questions from the public and asks that comments are limited to five minutes or less.

### New Business

2. Discussion on Ordinance Update Allowing for Youth Member and Non-Voting Youth Sports Representative Member of Parks and Recreation Commission
3. Flanery Park Community Engagement Summary
4. Summit Square Park Community Engagement Summary
5. 2026 Proposed Meeting Dates

### Old Business

### Staff Reports

6. Fridley Parks and Recreation Staff Report

### Adjournment

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# AGENDA REPORT

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**Meeting Date:** August 4, 2025

**Meeting Type:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**Submitted By:** Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

## **Title**

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June 2, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

## **Background**

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Attached are the meeting minutes of the June 2, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission.

## **Financial Impact**

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None.

## **Recommendation**

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Staff recommends approval of the June 2, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes.

## **Attachments and Other Resources**

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- June 2, 2025 Parks and Recreation Minutes.

## **Vision Statement**

We believe Fridley will be a safe, vibrant, friendly and stable home for families and businesses.



# Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

June 2, 2025

6:00 PM

Edgewater Gardens Park – Fridley City Hall\*

## Minutes

### **Call to Order**

Chair Borman called the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### **Present**

EB Graham  
 Peter Borman  
 Melissa Luna  
 Tim Kirk  
 Ken Schultz  
 Don Whalen  
 Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

### **Absent**

Jodi Rehlander (There was an error in the published address of the park meeting and Jodi Rehlander did arrive at the published address of 138 Creek Park Lane. Staff acknowledges this error and connected with Ms. Rehlander after the meeting to provide an explanation of the mistake and apologize for the inconvenience)

\*The group met at Edgewater Gardens Park, but thunderstorm activity caused the group to relocate to Fridley City Hall at approximately 6:40 pm

### **Approve Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda for June 2, 2025**

*Motion by Commissioner Schultz to approve the June 2, 2025 meeting agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Graham. The motion passed unanimously.*

### **Approve Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes for May 5, 2025**

*Motion by Commissioner Graham to approve the May 5, 2025 meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Luna. The motion passed unanimously.*

### **Open Forum**

Two guests attended the meeting, Deb Braun and Jan Bodin. They expressed that additional trees are desired at the newly reconstructed Logan Park. Additionally, they indicated that a neighbor may

be willing to donate some transplanted white pine trees, and the neighborhood residents would care for the trees. Additionally, they asked if grills are scheduled to be installed in Logan Park and if the stumps left behind from removal of diseased Ash trees would be removed.

### **New Business**

#### 1. Edgewater Gardens Park Discussion

The group gathered at Edgewater Gardens Park as it is a good example of the park reconstruction process occurring at many city parks and part of Fridley's park system improvement plan. The commissioners shared several observations about the park that they have heard from users:

- The new pickleball and basketball courts are being well-utilized
- Consider moving garbage cans closer to basketball courts
- Consider lowering fencing material between pickleball courts as balls can roll beneath
- Please make sure the court lighting is working properly and programmed correctly

#### 2. 2025-2026 Commission Workplan Review

Parks and Recreation Director Mike Maher reviewed the current work plan for 2025-2026, which will guide future meeting agendas and check-in meetings with community groups. The Commission did not have additions for the workplan and no formal action was taken to approve or endorse the workplan.

### **Old Business**

### **Staff Reports**

Mr. Maher reviewed the staff report including a quick recap of events and programs that were held in May as well as highlighting upcoming summer events.

### **Adjournment**

*Commissioner Schultz made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Graham. The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Maher

Staff Liaison to the Parks and Recreation Commission and Recording Secretary



# AGENDA REPORT

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**Meeting Date:** August 4, 2025

**Meeting Type:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**Submitted By:** Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

## **Title**

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Discussion on Ordinance Update Allowing for Youth Member and Non-Voting Youth Sports Representative Member of Parks and Recreation Commission

## **Background**

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Ordinance No. 1430, Amending the Fridley City Code Chapter 105, Commissions, allows for the addition of a youth representative Commission member to be added to Fridley's advisory Commissions. Parks and Recreation, in particular, allows for both a non-voting youth member and a non-voting member representing local youth sports. These members would be appointed by the City Council and staff would like to begin the process of advertising the opportunities and accepting applications.

## **Financial Impact**

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None

## **Recommendation**

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Staff recommends that the Commission discuss the opportunity to add non-voting youth and local youth sports representative members and to make any notes or recommendations they wish to have considered as positions are advertised or evaluated.

## **Attachments and Other Resources**

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- Ordinance No. 1430 Amending the Fridley City Code Chapter 105, Commissions

## **Vision Statement**

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**Ordinance No. 1430****Amending the Fridley City Code Chapter 105, Commissions**

The City Council of the City of Fridley does ordain, after review, examination and staff recommendation that the Fridley City Code be amended as follows:

Fridley City Code  
Chapter 105 Commissions

**105.01 Purpose**

Pursuant to the Fridley City Charter Chapter 2, the Fridley City Council (Council) may create commissions with advisory powers to investigate any subject of interest to the City of Fridley (City). Advisory commissions provide for citizen input and are advisory to the Council. Advisory commissions shall have no decision-making authority, except as expressly established by the Fridley City Code or Minnesota Statutes (M.S.).

**105.02 Commissions Generally****1. Membership**

- (a) Each commission, unless otherwise indicated, shall consist of seven Fridley residents appointed by Council.
- (b) The Council will annually appoint, by Council resolution, a chairperson to each advisory commission.
- (c) Each commission shall elect a vice chairperson. At any meeting of the commission if the chairperson is unable to attend, the vice chairperson shall act as chairperson.
- (d) The commission members shall be appointed by the Council for three-year terms, except the Council shall make every effort to stagger the appointments so that the terms of no more than three members shall expire in any one year. Attempts shall be made to have all City wards represented on the commissions. Upon the expiration of their terms of office, members shall continue to serve until their successor shall have been appointed.
- (e) The Council may appoint one non-voting youth commission member to each of the City's commissions. Youth commissioners must be at least 15 years of age, must be a resident of the City and enrolled in a high school or equivalent. Terms for youth appointments begin upon appointment and expire at the end of the school spring term. Youth commissioners may only serve on one commission at a time and may not serve more than three consecutive terms on the same commission.

2. Vacancy. Commission members may resign or be removed from office by a majority vote of the Council. The commission member appointed to fill any vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the vacated term.

### 3. Organization

(a) Following the appointment of membership, each of the commissions shall meet, organize and with the exception of the chairperson, elect any officers, as it deems desirable.

(b) Adopt rules for its meetings and the transaction of its business, in order to fulfill the responsibilities of the commission.

(c) The chairperson shall assure the fulfillment of the following responsibilities:

(1) Call and preside over meetings of the commission.

(2) Appear or appoint a representative to appear, if deemed necessary, before the Council or any City commission pertaining to matters within the scope of the commission.

(3) Provide liaison with other governmental and citizens' groups pertaining to matters within the scope of the commission for the purpose of timely and relevant information for consideration by the commission.

4. Staff Liaison. The City Manager shall assign one member of staff to serve as Staff Liaison to each commission. The Staff Liaison shall perform only such duties on behalf of a commission as may be assigned by the chairperson and with the consent of the City Manager. Additional advisory staff shall be assigned to the commissions by the City Manager within the restraints of the adopted general fund budget. A Staff Liaison shall not serve as an appointed member of any City advisory commission.

5. Project Committees. The commissions may establish special project committees to further the objectives of the commissions and provide for greater citizen participation. Such project committees shall be appointed by a commission for special projects and shall cease to exist when their activities are completed. The qualifications for membership, composition and duties of such project committees shall be at the discretion of the commission. The project committee may be chaired by a member of the commission, and at least one member of the commission shall act as a liaison for each project committee.

6. Compensation. The members of the commissions shall serve without pay, but may be reimbursed for actual expenses if funds therefore are provided in the adopted general fund budget.

7. Reports. The commissions shall make such reports as requested by the Council. or Planning Commission.

8. Meetings. Meetings shall be called by the chairperson and shall be held as necessary to fulfill the responsibilities of the commissions. All meetings of the commissions shall be open

to the public. Minutes shall be kept of all meetings. Findings and recommendations shall be transmitted by the commission chairperson to the to the Council.

### 105.03 Planning Commission

1. Commission Established. There is hereby created a Planning Commission for the City of Fridley, Minnesota pursuant to M.S. Chapter 462.

#### 2. Purpose

(a) The Planning Commission is established to provide comprehensive planning and zoning advice to the Council, provide a process by which the public may appeal staff's interpretation of the Code, or request a variance to performance standards in the zoning chapters of the Code.

(b) The Council hereby establishes the Planning Commission to serve as the Board of Appeals and Adjustments and exercise all authority and perform all functions of said Board pursuant to M.S. §§ 462.351 to 462.364 and operate according to this Code.

#### 3. Scope

(a) The Planning Commission shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Council. Matters shall be referred to the Planning Commission by the Council, City Manager or chairperson of the member commissions, and may be assigned to the member commissions for detailed study and recommendations as required. All recommendations by the Planning Commission shall be made to the Council.

(b) The Planning Commission is charged with responsibility for community planning, growth and development of comprehensive goals and policies, including but not limited to, land use, housing, transportation, , and other related community activities.

(c) The Planning Commission shall advise the Council in the development of programs to give increased effectiveness and direction in implementing established City goals and policies and recommend actions needed to carry out planning responsibility.

#### 4. Appeals and Requests

(a) The Planning Commission shall hear and recommend to the Council appeals or requests in the following cases according to the procedures established in Chapters 128 and 205 of this Code:

(1) Appeals where it is alleged that there is an error in any order, requirement, decision, or determination made by a City compliance official in the enforcement of the Code, or State Building Code.

(2) Requests for variances from the literal provisions of Code in instances where strict enforcement would cause practical difficulties due to circumstances unique to the individual property under consideration.

#### 5. Membership of Planning Commission

(a) The Planning Commission shall consist of the Planning Commission chairperson, the chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Commission, the chairperson of the Environmental Quality and Energy Commission, and four members at large.

(b) Nothing herein shall prohibit any Planning Commission members from serving on other commissions; however, none of these shall be elected as chairperson or vice-chairperson of any other commissions.

#### 105.04 Parks and Recreation Commission

1. Commission Established. There is established a Parks and Recreation Commission for the City.

2. Purpose. The Parks and Recreation Commission is established to promote the systematic and comprehensive development of park facilities and recreational activities necessary for the physical, mental and emotional health and well-being of the residents of the City.

#### 3. Scope

(a) The Parks and Recreation Commission shall act as an advisory commission to the Council for continuous community planning and development of comprehensive City goals and policies. Any change in related community planning and comprehensive City goals and policies must be reviewed by the Council.

(b) The Parks and Recreation Commission shall advise the Council in the development of programs to give increased effectiveness and direction in implementing established City goals and policies and recommend actions as needed to provide park and recreational opportunities.

4. Program. The Commission shall each year, prior to June 1, recommend a capital investment program for park improvement and acquisition and for public recreation activities for the ensuing year.

5. Funds. For the purpose of financing the parks and recreation programs authorized by this Chapter, the accounting shall be the responsibility of the City Treasurer. The Commission shall be authorized to establish charges or fees for the restricted use of any facility or to make any phase of the recreation program wholly or partially self-sustaining.

6. Ex Officio Member. The Commission may include one commission position that will be an ex officio, non-voting member that is nominated by a Fridley youth sports organization and confirmed by the Council. Except for voting, the position will be charged with all the same

rights, privileges and responsibilities as the other members of the Commission. The term of this position is subject to nomination and confirmation on an annual basis.

### 105.05 Environmental Quality and Energy Commission

1. Commission Established. There is established an Environmental Quality and Energy Commission for the City.

2. Purpose. The Environmental Quality and Energy Commission is established to stimulate interest in and to promote an awareness of environmental and energy concerns among citizens and businesses of the City. It will serve as a resource to the City in the conservation and management of energy and the environment, including information on environmental problems, laws, policies, and regulations of the county, metropolitan, state, and federal levels to the extent of their effect on Fridley and advise the Council, the City Manager, and other appropriate City commissions on matters pertaining to conservation and management of energy and the environment, including the review and recommendation of programs and policies within the City.

#### 3. Scope

(a) The Environmental Quality and Energy Commission shall act as an advisory commission to the Council for continuous community planning and development of the comprehensive City goals and policies. Any change in related community planning and comprehensive City goals and policies must be reviewed by the Council.

(b) The Environmental Quality and Energy Commission shall advise the Council in the development of programs to give increased effectiveness and direction on implementing established City goals and policies, and recommend actions as needed relevant to the conservation and management of environmental and energy resources.

**Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Fridley on this 28th day of April, 2025.**

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Dave Ostwald - Mayor

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Melissa Moore - City Clerk

First Reading: April 14, 2025

Second Reading: April 28, 2025

Summary Publication: May 1, 2025



# AGENDA REPORT

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**Meeting Date:** August 4, 2025

**Meeting Type:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**Submitted By:** Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

## **Title**

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Flanery Park Community Engagement Summary

## **Background**

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Flanery Park is scheduled for reconstruction in 2026 and several opportunities have been made available for residents to provide feedback on the park layout and components of a new playground. As part of the Park System Improvement Plan (PSIP), a concept plan for Flanery Park was developed and includes a concept design and set of recommendations. This information has been posted on the City of Fridley website and was presented at a neighborhood meeting held on July 10<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the park layout concept plan, two playground concept designs were developed by Flagship Recreation for residents to evaluate. An online survey was made available for three weeks for residents unable to attend the in-person event held in the park. Community engagement and Commission input will guide staff in developing an updated park plan to be used for park reconstruction.

## **Financial Impact**

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The improvements to Flanery Park were authorized by the approved Park System Improvement Plan and the concept plan calls for improvements ranging from \$765,000 to \$1.1 million.

## **Recommendation**

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Staff recommends that the Commission carefully review the community engagement summary and concept development plan in the PSIP and make recommendations for areas where engagement may show variation from the concept plan. Areas to consider include playground concept preference, the concept plan to remove the ice rink and plans for a small parking lot.

## **Attachments and Other Resources**

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- Park System Improvement Plan Concept Plan and Recommendations for Flanery Park
- Flanery Park Community Engagement Summary

## **Vision Statement**

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# Flanery Park

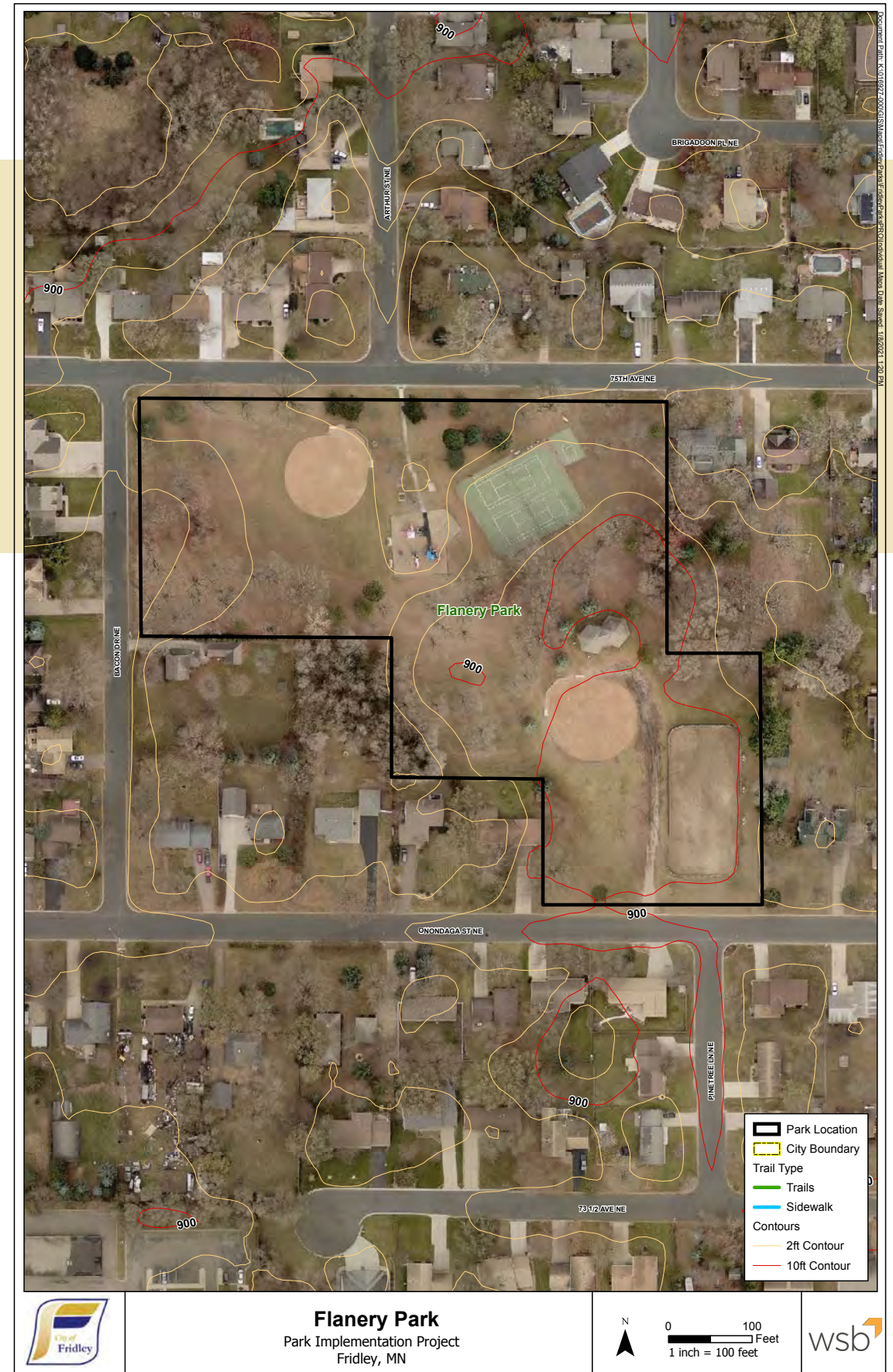
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**PARK TYPE:** NEIGHBORHOOD PARK  
**SIZE:** 7.9-ACRES  
**RESIDENTS SERVED:** 1777  
**SPECIAL USES:** HOCKEY RINK

**DESCRIPTION:**  
 Neighborhood park with nice character, mature trees and a broad range of recreation amenities. Services neighborhood #8 with additional service areas of #7 and #9 with improved connections. Currently it has on-street parking, double tennis courts (poor orientation), half basketball court, two ballfields, park building with restrooms, hockey rink and pleasure skating area. Open access to skating area invites improper vehicular use of this space.



**EXISTING PARK FEATURES:**

**RECOMMENDATIONS & ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS:**

General recommendations include confirming an updated site layout with the neighborhood for an improved experience meeting a broad range of user groups.

Recommendations include:

- Removal of hockey rink (rink to remain at Madsen to service community)
- Off-street parking lot with curb and gutter for improved safety and accessibility due to larger service area (this will also help deter existing vehicular uses)
- Landscape enhancements
- Open lawn with low-grow and/or bee-friendly turf mixture
- New expanded playground meeting broader range of challenge levels and age groups with ADA compliant playground surfacing (engineered wood fiber) and rubber surfacing or tiles at primary access points and high-wear areas
- Concrete playground border
- Optional: Realign double tennis courts for N-S orientation
- Full size basketball court
- Park building improvements
- Site furnishings with common characteristic (benches, tables, receptacles, bike racks, drinking fountain, etc.)
- Expanded walks / trails for improved accessibility and internal loop route
- Challenge or fitness area
- Wayfinding signs
- Security light

The estimate of probable costs for completing the recommendations shown range from approximately \$765,000 to \$1.1 million.

Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Does not account for unknown site factors (poor soils, drainage concerns, etc.)
- Assumes general budget for building improvements

**PRIORITY LEVEL:**



This neighborhood park offers a broad range of recreational amenities for multiple neighborhood service areas, and is ranked medium (Madsen is to be higher priority).

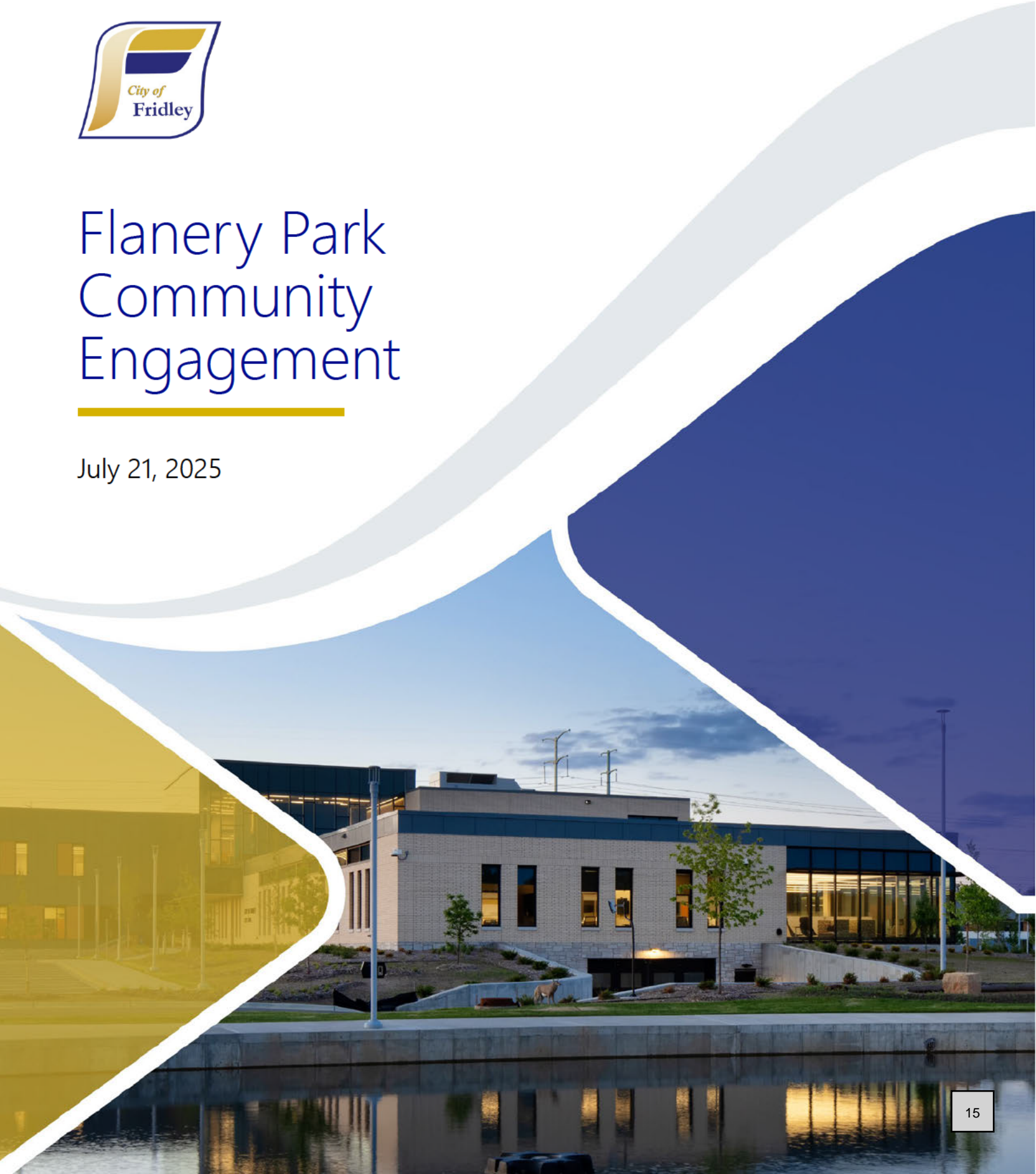




# Flanery Park Community Engagement

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July 21, 2025





**FLANERY PARK COMMUNITY FEEDBACK – THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2025**

**ATTENDANCE: 26**



**PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT**

- Keep the old playground. Just add the new stuff. Have two sets of equipment.
- Swinging benches for grownups.
- Fence between playground and parking lot.



- Move the full-sized basketball court where the current playground is now. This will give space between the little kid playground and space to the private homes nearby.
- More swings.
- Not enough slides.
- Move ALL sports to the north side of the street by fewer houses.
- Small sandbox for little ones.
- Strongly advise against playground moving. Where it will be moved, neighbors will hear.
- Like the plan for a full basketball court.

## **SHADE**

- More shade.
- Shade on benches near the playground.
- Shaded benches for parents and caregivers to use.

## **LANDSCAPE SCREENING/WALKING PATH**

- Have a walking path along Bacon Dr through the trees. It is so nice to leave as many trees as possible.
- Between pickleball and park building it currently floods after heavy rain. Water sits there for a few days. Improve drainage.
- Request that the landscape screening be an indigenous species. Also, bushes/hedges would be awesome to further keep the leaves from blowing into my yard.
- Landscape screening is needed around the back of the basketball court.
- Keep as many as existing trees. Possible screening between walk path and the backyards of 1991 and 1987 Onondoga. Shorter would be better to block barking dogs. Push the path out further from the yards.
- Walking trail on the west side of baseball diamond, through the oak trees.
- Trail loop along the north and west side of park also. Basically, the trail loop along all the perimeter of the park.
- Walking path meandering through the trees on the west side of park. Put the basketball court where the existing sand pit playground exists.
- Will there be screening for the houses on 75<sup>th</sup> Ave
- Keep the trees! This is the best part of that park right now. They are so old, tall and wonderful.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

- Dog poop stations



- More parking stalls. 6-10 is not nearly enough.
- Keep the tennis court orientation as is. Do not change the fence
- Wheelchair curb needed at Bacon.
- More secure garbage cans in the park in general.
- Small parking lot seems unnecessary. There is plenty of street parking. A road to the shelter would help improve travel or moving those items closer to the road would have the same effect.
- Two votes for removing the ice rink being a mistake. There is such limited skating spaces in the area. A third vote for leaving the ice rink and the lights.
- Add a new sign on Onondaga

## **PLAYGROUND CONCEPT 1 – 41 VOTES**

- It would be nice to have a sand pit to dig in.
- Curved spinner
- Green and brown will match the surroundings better.
- Kids love slides! Obstacle course
- Zip lines. Colors blue, purple, red
- Like the more options for bigger kid age group. Like the colors.





## **PLAYGROUND CONCEPT 2 – 15 VOTES**

- If the new playground is near the parking lot, there needs to be a fence so the kids don't run into the parking lot.
- Shade. More shade is needed for benches near playground.
- Like the individual spinning options





**Summary of the community feedback and improvement suggestions for Flanery Park including both in-person and online responses**, (summary compiled with the assistance of ChatGTP):

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## Playground Equipment

- **Equipment Requests:**
  - More **swings** and **slides**
  - **Sandpit** for young children
  - **Swinging benches** for adults
  - **Obstacle courses** and **spinning elements**
- **Separation from Residences:** Desire to **move sports courts to the north side** of the park (farther from homes).
- **Fencing:** Needed **between playground and parking lot** for child safety.
- **Strong Opposition** to relocating the playground due to **noise concerns** near private homes.

## Playground Concept Preferences

- **Concept 1 (41 votes) – Preferred**
  - Better suited for **older kids, more equipment**, better **color match with natural setting**
- **Concept 2 (15 votes)**
  - Praised for **design** and **spinners**, but seen as **too sparse**
- **Common Suggestions for Both:**
  - Add **shaded benches**, **more swings/slides**, and **secure garbage cans**

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## Shade & Trees

- **High Priority:** Widespread demand for **more shaded seating**, especially near the playground.
- **Tree Preservation:** Clear message to **keep as many existing mature trees** as possible. Trees are seen as the **best feature** of the park.

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## Walking Paths & Screening

- **Trail Requests:**



- **Perimeter walking path**, especially on the **west side** near Bacon Dr and oak trees
- **Meandering paths** preferred over direct ones
- **Landscaping & Drainage:**
  - **Screening with native species** desired (especially near homes and basketball court)
  - **Drainage improvements** needed near pickleball and park building

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## Sports & Recreation

- **Basketball Court:**
  - Strong support for a **full court**
  - Preferred **relocation to current playground site** for better separation from homes/playground
- **Hockey Rink:**
  - Multiple comments oppose removal; valued for **year-round activity, mental health, and community use**
- **Baseball Fields:**
  - North field is used and should be maintained
  - Field underused — suggested repurposing to **soccer or green space**
- **Tennis/Pickleball:**
  - Keep as-is or reorient courts to **north-south**
  - Courts are frequently used and appreciated by all ages

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## Park Amenities

- Requests for:
  - **Dog waste stations**
  - **More secure garbage cans**
  - **Water fountain at pavilion**
  - **ADA curb ramp at Bacon Dr**
  - **Updated park signage** (esp. on Onondaga)
- Mixed opinions on **parking:**
  - Some request **more spaces**
  - Others argue **street parking is sufficient** and oppose paving green space



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## Winter Use

- **Ice Rink Removal Generally Opposed:**
  - Described as a **unique Minnesota asset**
  - Encourages **outdoor winter activity** and should be **retained and better maintained**

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## General Park Design Feedback

- Emphasis on:
  - **Preserving green space**
  - Avoiding overdevelopment
  - Keeping park accessible and **neighborhood-focused**
- Suggestion to **reduce slope** between pavilion and tennis court
- Maintain **balance between natural areas and new amenities**

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## Community Engagement Summary

Residents value the **natural character** of Flanery Park, especially the **trees, open space, and year-round usability**. They support **targeted updates** (basketball, playground, walking paths) but emphasize **careful placement** and **preservation of natural assets**. Several residents urge city staff to **minimize disruption, maximize inclusivity, and enhance what's already working**.

## Key Action Items and Questions to Resolve

- Playground option 1 was a clear favorite. What refinements are in order based on community engagement?
- A loop walking trail was a clear interest of residents.
- Is a parking lot warranted to allow the park shelter to serve the larger community through rentals? (Lot is shown in PSIP)
- Does expressed use of hockey/skating rink justify the operational and maintenance costs? (Rink not shown in PSIP – similar service area as Madsen Park)

## Online Survey Responses:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Flanery Park

7/26/2024

- Include water fountain at the pavilion during renovation
- Baseball fields not being used
- On street parking has not been a problem
- No concerns with a small parking lot
- Wants to maintain as many mature trees as possible
- Concerned that concept layout with pavilion and playground adjacent will make it hard for neighbors to use playground because shelter is rented out so much
- Could the slope be reduced between the pavilion and tennis court
- Hockey not used. Removal not a concern
- Does not like how the baseball field in the NW corner is sectioned off from the park by landscape screening. Since baseball is rarely used, why not redevelop it into something more useful such as soccer turf or landscaping with trails
- Neighborhood getting younger
- Would like landscape screening NE of pavilion between park and her home
- Would like to see the tennis/pickleball court reoriented to N-S

**From:** [web-recreation](#)  
**To:** [Mahe, Mike](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Flanery Park Improvement  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 1, 2025 11:51:46 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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**From:** Jotform <noreply@jotform.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 30, 2025 4:58 PM  
**To:** web-recreation <Recreation@ci.fridley.mn.us>  
**Subject:** Re: Flanery Park Improvement



### Flanery Park Improvement

Share your feedback here.

One of the best things about Flanery Park is its year round value through its hockey rink, which my family loves to use and see used frequently in winter. It encourages outdoor activity in the winter, which is greatly beneficial for public health through increased physical exercise and exposure to sunlight, which can help alleviate symptoms of seasonal depression. The park does not recieve enough car traffic to warrant replacing this with a parking lot, as the majority of use comes from locals within walking distance. As a tax-paying citizen, I am very upset and disappointed to see that the utility of this park in winter will be significantly reduced by the proposed removal of the hockey rink. This is such an excellent and unique MN quality, and once removed, likely very hard to replace. The current proposed changes do not offer any type of replacement or plan for an alternative winter use of this park, which is a waste of this space during half of the year. I strongly oppose this part of the plan.

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From: [Jotform](#)  
To: [Maier, Mike](#); [Numedahl, Margo](#)  
Subject: Re: Flanery Park Survey  
Date: Wednesday, July 16, 2025 5:03:09 PM



## Flanery Park Survey

Please provide your email for follow-up questions as needed.

[REDACTED]

Which playground option do you prefer? Option 1

What do you like about Option 1? I think it more kids/people would enjoy it than option 2.

What improvements do you suggest for Option 1? none

Please provide ideas or feedback on the draft concept development plan for Flanery Park.

I like the idea of having a walking perimeter path. Over the last 20 years, vehicle traffic and vehicle speed has increased on the surrounding streets. With the lack of sidewalks on the surrounding streets and the abundance of (street) walkers in the area, I would recommend extending the walking path to the Bacon Drive edge of the park, making it a full perimeter path. I'm not sure how concrete of a plan there is for the basketball and tennis courts. I do know that the courts have been painted/overlayed numerous times to a point that they need to be completely pulled and re-paved. I like the idea of having a full basketball court separate from the tennis/pickleball courts. With the abundance of old, large trees, I also would like more attention to cleanup of fallen branches and sticks throughout the park, as they can be a hazard for anyone playing in a grass area. The city's arborist should also evaluate the safety of several trees on the west end of the park that appear to be frail around their base.

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**To:** [Maier, Mike](#); [Nuredahl, Margo](#)  
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## Flanery Park Survey

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Please provide your email for follow-up questions as needed. [REDACTED]

Please provide ideas or feedback on the draft concept development plan for Flanery Park.

Hello, I have concerns about the proposed placement of a paved parking lot. Can the project team instead please consider using the existing driveway and to-be-decommissioned baseball diamond as the area to place the paved parking lot? There is so much wildlife dependent on the space and so much opportunity to allow for native plant restoration right in the park. Paving the gravel areas that people are already driving on seems to make more sense than destroying existing green space that currently provides natural habitat for flora and fauna. This placement would also be closer to the picnic shelter, which was the main concern stated by the City representatives at the meeting on July 10. At a time when other cities around us are reimagining their park spaces to encourage native plants and wildlife to flourish, thereby improving air quality and soil quality, and providing better enjoyment of those green spaces, why can't we do the same here in Fridley?

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To: Maher, Mike; Numedahl, Margo  
Subject: Re: Flanery Park Survey  
Date: Friday, July 11, 2025 8:32:18 AM



## Flanery Park Survey

Please provide your email for follow-up questions as needed.

[REDACTED]

Which playground option do you prefer? Option 1

What do you like about Option 1? Looks like more options for bigger kid age group!

What improvements do you suggest for Option 1? Shaded Benches for Parents and caregivers to use while there with the Children More secure Garbage cans for the park in general.

What do you like about Option 2? It has a nice artistic design that looks nice on the drawings. I do like the Colors!

What improvements do you suggest for Option 2? It looks sparse, not enough actual play items for the bigger kids.

Please provide ideas or feedback on the draft concept development plan for Flanery Park. Please move the full sized Basketball court to the space the current old Playground is now- to give some separation from the little kid playground area. I think the older kids and adults who may use i a Basketball Court would like to be farther away from all the often Happy , yet loud at play, screaming kids on the playground . Please consider to put the Loop walking trail over on the Far West side of park near the Oak trees and Bacon Drive city street. To open the Center sandy old play equipment space -to move the Basketball courts to the middle of Proposed plan, Where the old playground stuff is now> Put the Basketball court Farther away to the Private homes or the planned kiddie equipment.

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**Subject:** Re: Flanery Park Survey  
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## Flanery Park Survey

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Please provide your email for follow-up questions as needed.

[REDACTED]

Which playground option do you prefer? Option 1

What do you like about Option 1? All the swings and monkey bars

What improvements do you suggest for Option 1? Keep as many trees as possible

What do you like about Option 2? The colors and tire swing

What improvements do you suggest for Option 2? More swings

Please provide ideas or feedback on the draft concept development plan for Flanery Park. Keep as many trees as possible. That is the best part of the park right now...they are so old and tall and wonderful. Love the basketball court opt and the paved path

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Subject: Re: Flanery Park Survey  
Date: Thursday, July 10, 2025 7:12:13 PM



## Flanery Park Survey

Please provide your email for follow-up questions as needed.

[REDACTED]

Which playground option do you prefer? Option 1

What do you like about Option 1? More different things to try. Geared toward "bigger" kids - keeping them playing outside longer

What improvements do you suggest for Option 1? More spinning items

What do you like about Option 2? This one had more spinning and good climbing

What improvements do you suggest for Option 2? Not enough slides. Kids get bored of climbing quickly

Please provide ideas or feedback on the draft concept development plan for Flanery Park. The walking path should be through the trees on the west side of the park (near Bacon) and not as close to the backyards on the south side. Where the basketball court is proposed nice big old Oak trees exist. Why cut down gorgeous trees? My suggestion is put the basketball court where the current playground sits, between the baseball and tennis courts. That way all the sports are on the north side of the street by fewer houses.

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**From:** [Jotform](#)  
**To:** [Maier, Mike](#); [Numedahl, Margo](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Flanery Park Survey  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 9, 2025 10:28:10 PM



## Flanery Park Survey

Please provide your email for follow-up questions as needed.

[REDACTED]

Which playground option do you prefer? Option 1

What do you like about Option 1? Physical activities look fun for the kids.

What improvements do you suggest for Option 1? Small sandbox for little ones.

What do you like about Option 2? The curved slide

Please provide ideas or feedback on the draft concept development plan for Flanery Park.

Strongly against the playground moving. Where it will be moved, neighbors will hear them.  
The walking trail should go around the whole park, not just a portion.  
Will there be screening for the other house on 75th Ave.  
Don't recommend in removing all the older trees for it provides a lot of shade.  
When the pavilion is used, it allows a lot of people to engage with the park. So, why cram all the changes in half the park, and not using the whole park.  
Other comments already provided to Mike Director of Park & Rec.

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**To:** [Maier, Mike](#); [Numedahl, Margo](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Flanery Park Survey  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 8, 2025 7:15:30 PM



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## Flanery Park Survey

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Please provide your email for follow-up questions as needed.

[REDACTED]

Which playground option do you prefer? Option 2

What do you like about Option 1? Bit more spread out and uses more of the space.

What do you like about Option 2? Like the individual spinning options.

Please provide ideas or feedback on the draft concept development plan for Flanery Park. Removal of hockey rink is a bummer as there aren't really any other options for outdoor skating near by. Small parking lot seems unnecessary. As there is plenty of street parking. A road to the shelter would help improper travel, Or moving those items closer to the road would have the same effect.

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From: [Jotform](#)  
To: [Maier, Mike](#); [Numedahl, Margo](#)  
Subject: Re: Flanery Park Survey  
Date: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 5:40:39 PM



## Flanery Park Survey

Please provide your email for follow-up questions as needed. [REDACTED]

Which playground option do you prefer? Option 1

What do you like about Option 1? Seems more suitable for a broader age range. Multiple towers and slides for make believe and obstacle courses for monkey bars and climbing. Seems like more usable equipment.

What improvements do you suggest for Option 1? I like the individual twirly thing from option 2 - this seems like a hit at Moore Lake Park. Instead of gymnast rings - maybe just the two height bars. Small slide option for smaller toddlers.

What do you like about Option 2? The jumping platforms/petals -similar to current Flanery Park. Unique architecture/design

What improvements do you suggest for Option 2? Platform space seems limited. Seems mostly like a rope course & climbing. Not a fan of rolled slides.

Please provide ideas or feedback on the draft concept development plan for Flanery Park. Removing the ice rink would be a mistake. There is such limited outdoor ice skating spaces in the community among Fridley, Mounds View, Spring Lake. Keep the ice rink.

Off street parking is not needed. There's plenty of street parking and it's a quiet neighborhood park.

New playground equipment is exciting & a full basketball court would likely get good use along with the existing pickle ball courts.

Nuetural on the rest.

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Subject: Re: Flanery Park Survey  
Date: Friday, July 11, 2025 1:29:19 PM



## Flanery Park Survey

Please provide your email for follow-up questions as needed.

[REDACTED]

Which playground option do you prefer? Option 1

What do you like about Option 1?

opportunities for all age levels, having swings & slides are important for smaller children - playground options are more realistic for what children want & has features where children can engage & play together as well as alone. Option 2's "unique" features appear to be more directed toward "individual play" as a lot of the "unique" features are smaller/designed for only 1.

What improvements do you suggest for Option 1?

exclude the "boogie board"

What do you like about Option 2?

there is not anything to point out as a "like" for option 2

What improvements do you suggest for Option 2?

use option 1 vs option 2 - assuming these are the only two options

Please provide ideas or feedback on the draft concept development plan for Flanery Park.

1. Do NOT remove the hockey rink - instead maybe the city could actually care for it better so it could be used. Once the city floods the rink historically they have done no upkeep after. Us residents have to clear the snow build up to even try to use it.

2. Do NOT add any more basketball courts - there are plenty in all the other parks around the city which also have a better ability to accommodate the parking needs that come with the courts.

3. KEEP & improve the baseball field(s) - the little leagues and one on one coaching utilize the field on the north side frequently. The south side field is essentially inaccessible and very under maintained.

4. KEEP the tennis courts & improve them - lots of "elderly" individuals use these for tennis and a lot of younger individuals use these for pickle ball.

5. Do NOT add walks/trails - these are not typically used & there are plenty of trails all over the city that people actually use.

6. KEEP as much of the natural vegetation that is already there - the trees need to stay - they do need a good pruning though.

7. Do NOT add an area of off street parking - the 6-10 stall in the suggested document is essentially a waste of space/funds. Keeping this park smaller and less crowded is ideal for residents of the area especially when there are already larger parks already available (even really close by - ie Moore Lake park). Off street parking will only attract potential unwanted issues & will create a true need for the suggested "security light". Currently the park as is, is "safer" & does not draw unwanted "activities" especially as compared to other parks in the city.

8. Do NOT add "challenge area" - this will only go unused and will be waste of funds & space that could be natural vegetation.

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**Subject:** Re: Flanery Park Survey  
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## Flanery Park Survey

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Which playground option do you prefer? **Option 1**

What do you like about Option 1? **The tower**

Please provide ideas or feedback on the draft concept development plan for Oak Hill Park. **Like the plan for a full basketball court at Flannery Park.**

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**To:** [City of Fridley Communications Division; Maher, Mike](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Flanery Park Survey  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 8, 2025 5:44:13 AM



## Flanery Park Survey

Which playground option do you prefer? Option 2

What do you like about Option 1? Everything it's beautiful!

What improvements do you suggest for Option 1? Nothing because both are great!

What do you like about Option 2? How open it is-

What improvements do you suggest for Option 2? It's great

Please provide ideas or feedback on the draft concept development plan for Oak Hill Park. Where is Jubilee park?? I thought this was for Flanery? Isn't Onondaga not Onondona? A new sign on Onondaga would be great maybe blocks or Bricks? Please leave the rink and the lights it is used a ton- I remember when I was a kid they would take it down but am so glad now as an adult they leave it up there is a ton of people that can leave their dogs run free supervised and lots of kids play soccer or tag In there. Just a side note I do not have either dogs or children but live across the street and love seeing people in there! Also love the lights in the winter when it's snowing.

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# AGENDA REPORT

**Meeting Date:** August 4, 2025

**Meeting Type:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**Submitted By:** Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

## Title

Summit Square Park Community Engagement Summary

## Background

Summit Square Park is scheduled for reconstruction in 2026 and several opportunities have been made available for residents to provide feedback on the park layout and components of a new playground. As part of the Park System Improvement Plan (PSIP), a concept plan for Summit Square Park was developed and includes a concept design and set of recommendations. This information has been posted on the City of Fridley website and was presented at a neighborhood meeting held on July 17<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the park layout concept plan, two playground concept designs were developed by Flagship Recreation for residents to evaluate. An online survey was made available for three weeks for residents unable to attend the in-person event held in the park. Community engagement and Commission input will guide staff in developing an updated park plan to be used for park reconstruction.

## Financial Impact

The improvements to Summit Square Park were authorized by the approved Park System Improvement Plan and the concept plan calls for improvements ranging from \$280,000 to \$340,000.

## Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission carefully review the community engagement summary and concept development plan in the PSIP and make recommendations for areas where engagement may show variation from the concept plan. Playground options labeled A and B were shared with residents. Comments strongly favored playground concept B.

## Attachments and Other Resources

- Park System Improvement Plan Concept Plan and Recommendations for Summit Square Park
- Summit Square Park Community Engagement Summary

## Vision Statement

We believe Fridley will be a safe, vibrant, friendly and stable home for families and businesses.

# Summit Square Park

5201 CAPITOL STREET NE

**PARK TYPE:** NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

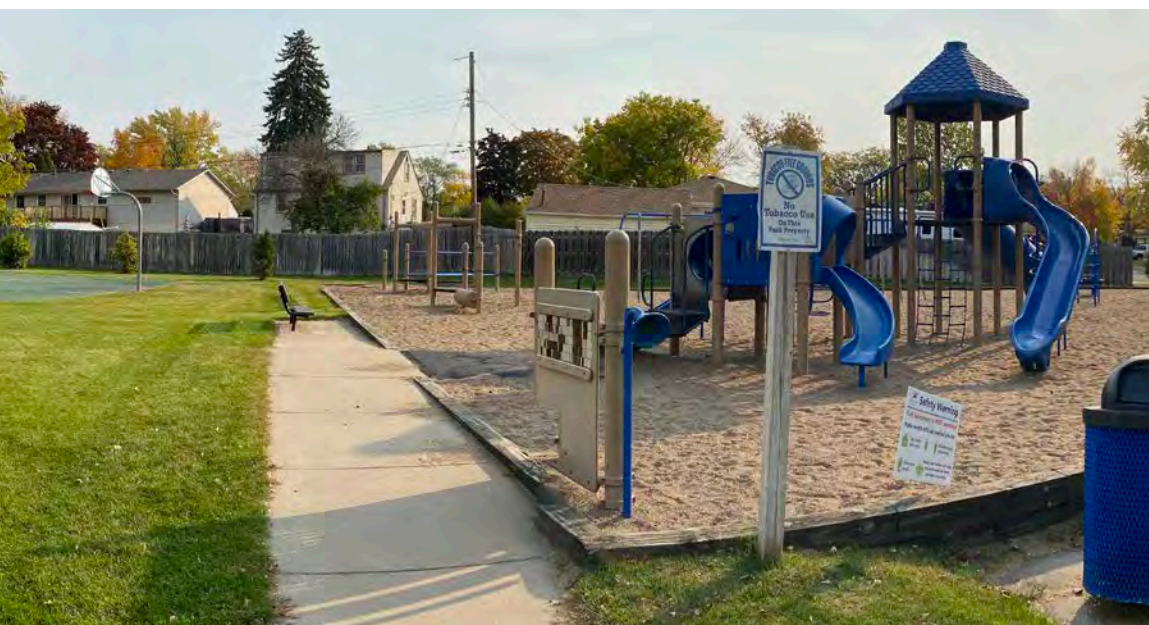
**SIZE:** 1.0-ACRES

**RESIDENTS SERVED:** 1329

**SPECIAL USES:** UNDERGROUND INFILTRATION BASIN

**DESCRIPTION:**

This neighborhood park services neighborhood #39 but also helps to service neighborhood #35. It is somewhat hidden in the neighborhood and is split onto two separate lots with an undersized full basketball court and playground on the north lot and a single tennis court and lawn on the south lot. The south lot also contains an underground infiltration basin structure that prohibits improvements above it.



**EXISTING PARK FEATURES:**



**RECOMMENDATIONS & ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS:**

General recommendations includes replacement of existing amenities as needed for an improved recreational experience with a stronger visual connection to tie the separate parcels together.

Recommendations include:

- Park sign at corner of Hughes and Horizon
- Landscape enhancements & screening
- Low-grow lawns in select areas
- New trail connections between the two park parcels (remove some hedge plants)
- Replace playground equipment meeting broader range of challenge levels and age groups
- ADA compliant playground surfacing (engineered wood fiber)
- Concrete playground border
- Repave basketball court (potentially enlarge)
- Improve tennis court when necessary
- Site furnishings with common characteristic (benches, tables, receptacles, bike racks, drinking fountain, etc.)
- Wayfinding signs
- Security light

The estimate of probable costs for completing the recommendations shown range from approximately \$280,000 to \$340,000.

Specific assumptions and exclusions:

- Does not account for unknown site factors (poor soils, drainage concerns, etc.)
- Does not include utilities

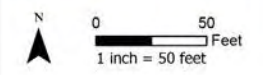
**PRIORITY LEVEL:**



This park provides a broad range of recreation for multiple neighborhood service areas and is ranked medium.



**Summit Square Park**  
Park Implementation Project  
Fridley, MN





# Summit Square Park Community Engagement

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July 21, 2025





## Summit Square Park Community Feedback – July 17, 2025

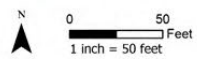
ATTENDANCE: 19



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**Summit Square Park**  
Park Implementation Project  
Fridley, MN





# Summit Square Park Community Engagement

7-21-2025

## **Site Plan Comments At In-Person Event:**

- No volleyball!!, No volleyball!!, No volleyball!!
- Pickleball?
- Street signs on Capitol St. at intersections of Main and Hughes reading "Kids at Play" or "Watch for Children" or "Slow Down – Park" etc.
- Resurface basketball and tennis courts

## **Playground Concept 1 – 9 Votes**



## **Playground Concept 2 – 16 Votes**





## Online Survey Responses:

### Respondent 1

- Please provide ideas or feedback on the draft concept development plan for Oak Hill Park: What about installing some pickleball courts for seniors . We need some courts in Columbia Heights. Thanks.

### Respondent 2

- Which playground option do you prefer? Option 2
- What do you like about Option 1? Zip line
- What improvements do you suggest for Option 1? More shade
- What do you like about Option 2? More fun activities.
- What improvements do you suggest for Option 2? More shade.
- Please provide ideas or feedback on the draft concept development plan for Oak Hill Park: Paint pickleball lines on the tennis court, and add lights.

### Respondent 3

- Which playground option do you prefer? Option 2
- What do you like about Option 2? The zip line, the 3 slides, and the climbing options.
- What improvements do you suggest for Option 2? None
- Please provide ideas or feedback on the draft concept development plan for Oak Hill Park: A trail between the 2 parks would be nice. Replace playground equipment with wood fiber, improve the basketball court and tennis court (maybe have an option for volleyball) security light, and update site furnishings (new benches, new water fountain).

### Respondent 4

- Which playground option do you prefer? Option 2
- What do you like about Option 1? No response
- What improvements do you suggest for Option 1? No response
- What do you like about Option 2? Swings and slides.
- What improvements do you suggest for Option 2? No response
- Please provide ideas or feedback on the draft concept development plan for Oak Hill Park: Trails would be great also volleyball.



## Summit Square Park Community Engagement

7-21-2025

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Item 4.

### Key Questions and Actions:

- Playground option 2 was clearly preferred. What refinements could further improve the design?
- Tennis court with pickleball overlay seems to be preferred
- A group has been driving to the park and setting up cookouts and installing a temporary volleyball net on the tennis court for several years. Several residents expressed frustration at this use and pointed out it is not consistent with use of a neighborhood park and that this use may deter others from using the space. Should expanded volleyball courts on a variety of surfaces be looked at our community parks?
- Several residents expressed concern about traffic and speeding in the neighborhood around the park.



# AGENDA REPORT

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**Meeting Date:** August 4, 2025

**Meeting Type:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**Submitted By:** Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

## **Title**

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2026 Proposed Meeting Dates

## **Background**

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A proposed schedule of 2026 meetings for the Parks and Recreation Commission is attached for consideration. Meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of the month, except where there is a conflict with a holiday. The calendar reflects past years where the June meeting is held at a city park as a work session and there is no meeting scheduled in the month of July.

## **Financial Impact**

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None

## **Recommendation**

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Staff recommends the Commission approve the 2026 schedule of meeting dates.

## **Attachments and Other Resources**

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- Proposed 2026 Meeting Dates of the Parks and Recreation Commission

## **Vision Statement**

We believe Fridley will be a safe, vibrant, friendly and stable home for families and businesses.



## Fridley Civic Campus

7071 University Ave N.E. Fridley, MN 55432  
763-571-3450 | FAX: 763-571-1287 | FridleyMN.gov

# Park and Recreation Commission 2026 Proposed Meeting Schedule

**Unless Indicated Otherwise, Meetings are the first Monday of each month  
at 7 pm in City Council Chambers (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

Monday, January 5, 2026

Monday, February 2, 2026

Monday, March 2, 2026

Monday, April 6, 2026

Monday, May 4, 2026

Monday, June 1, 2026 (Work Session at Park Location TBA)

**July 2025 - NO MEETING**

Monday, August 3, 2026

**Tuesday**, September 8, 2026 (shifted one day due to Labor Day)

Monday, October 5, 2026

Monday, November 2, 2026

Monday, December 7, 2026

Revised. 7/23/2025



# AGENDA REPORT

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**Meeting Date:** August 4, 2025

**Meeting Type:** Parks and Recreation Commission

**Submitted By:** Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director

## **Title**

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Fridley Parks and Recreation Staff Report

## **Background**

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Attached is the update from the Fridley Parks and Recreation Staff for the August 4, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

## **Financial Impact**

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None.

## **Recommendation**

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None.

## **Attachments and Other Resources**

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- Attached is the update from the Fridley Parks and Recreation Staff for the August 4, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

## **Vision Statement**

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# STAFF REPORT

## Recreation Division: June - July 2025

### Summer Programs

Below is a list of programs and participation numbers for those that took place in June and July.

#### Preschool: Ages 3-5

Soccer (2 classes/4 sessions): Jun-Jul	23
T-ball (4 sessions): Jun-Jul	14
Track and Field (4 sessions): Jun-Jul	9
Little Ninjas (4 sessions): Jun-Jul	15

#### Elementary – Middle School: Grades K-6

Soccer (4 sessions): Jun-Jul	14
Track and Field (4 sessions): Jun-Jul	8
Little Ninjas (4 sessions): Jun-Jul	9
Safety Camp: Jun 24-25	38
Summer ROCKS: Weeks 1 - 7	350

#### Adult Fitness and Athletics

Zumba (1 class/6 sessions each): Jul-Aug	7
Pickleball Skills & Drills: Jul-Aug F=2, SLP=7	9
Pickleball for Beginners: Jun-Jul F=5, SLP=3	8
Pickleball Ladder League All Ages (2 leagues): May-Jul F=36, SLP=16	52
Pickleball Ladder League Ages 20-40: May-Jul F=4, SLP=14	18
55+ Golf League: May-Aug	17
Sand Volleyball Coed Rec: Mondays, May-Aug*	13 teams
Sand Volleyball Coed Rec: Wednesdays, May-Aug*	8 teams
Sand Volleyball Coed Com: Mondays, May-Aug*	6 teams

#### Public Safety Programming

Heartsaver CPR: Jun 26	10
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\*North Metro Leagues are offered in cooperation with Mounds View, New Brighton, and Spring Lake Park.

**City of Fridley Parks & Recreation Programs**

PORTS • EIGHT • CONCERT SERIES • YOUTH PROGRAMS • ADULT PROGRAMS • NATURE PROGRAMS

RECREATION DIVISION

FEATURING HOSKINS FILM JULY - SEPTEMBER

City of Fridley Parks and Recreation Department  
763.572.2370  
cityof Fridley.gov/recreation

Springbrook Nature Center  
763.572.2388  
springbrooknaturecenter.org  
springbrooknature.org

**YOUTH EVENING SPORTS (AGES 3-13)**

The sports leagues listed are organized for children's health and fitness while having fun and having fun. Activities focus on teaching sportsmanship, responsibility, and teamwork while having fun. All equipment is provided. Participants must be the same as indicated by the level of the program. Classes will be held at Spencer Elementary School, 2000 Grandview Blvd. in Grandview.

FOOTBALL	SOCCER
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**SUMMER ROCKS**

RECREATION DIVISION  
MON - THURSDAY

**LITTLE PEBBLES**

ROCKS-LITTLE PEBBLES CAMPS (AGES 3-5)

ROCKS-LITTLE PEBBLES CAMPS (AGES 6-10)

MOORE SUMMER FUN CAMP

**NORTH METRO SPORTS ADULT LEAGUES**

FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

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INDOOR VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

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## Parks and Recreation Brochure

Content for the Sept/Oct brochure is complete, and the document is in the design process. The brochure will be mailed to residents beginning on August 25.

## June - July Facility Rentals

Facility	Reservations
Moore Lake Community Building	47
Moore Lake Shelter #5	9
Locke Park Shelter #1	27
Locke Park Shelter #2	3
Flanery Park Shelter	8
Community Park Fields	488 hours
Commons Park Ball Fields	63 hours
Ray Thompson Little League, Terrace and Flanery Ballfields	77 hours

## Field Use

The City's athletic facilities continue to be busy in June and taper off a bit in July. Fridley Youth Sports Association Baseball program used fields at Ray Thompson Little League, Terrace, Flanery, and Commons Park through the end of June. Frights (Fridley/Columbia Heights) Youth Soccer used six youth soccer fields at Community Park in June and July. In addition, we have rented Community Park Field #2 on Mondays to Woodcrest Baptist Church for the Twin Cities Baptist Church Softball League. On a variety of Saturdays we have reserved three fields at Community Park for the MN Venezuelan Softball League.

## 2026 Park Improvement Engagement Meetings

Staff hosted two engagement events, one at Flanery Park and the second at Summit Square Park. We received great feedback on the plans for the 2026 neighborhood park improvements. In addition, participants were able to vote for their favorite of two playground designs. The playground designer from Flagship Recreation was also on-site to describe features and gather feedback.

## Summer Programming

Summer programs are in full swing! Full time and seasonal staff are busy with ROCKS, Rec 'N Roll, Evening Youth Sports classes, Adult Leagues and Classes, Concerts, and Events! Look for a full recap of summer activities in the August staff report.

## Upcoming Events and Programs

- August 8: Children's Musical The Little Mermaid Jr. - 10:30 a.m. at Locke Park
- August 11: Northeast Orchestra Flute Duo – 7 p.m. at Moore Lake Park
- August 12: Bluegroove Bluegrass Band – 7 p.m. at Springbrook Nature Center
- August 19: Touch-A-Truck and Popsicles with Public Safety – 4-7 p.m. at Civic Campus
- August 19: Jack Brass Band – 7 p.m. at Civic Campus

- August 25: Northeast Orchestra Horn Quintet – 7 p.m. at Moore Lake Park

**Fridley '49er Days Parade and Festival Recap**

The Fridley '49er Days Committee held a successful parade and festival on June 12 – 14. The events were supported by the City, Fridley School District, Fridley Lions Club and many community sponsors. The committee secured 26 sponsors for the festival this year, which allowed all the activities to be offered free of charge, creating an event that everyone in the community could attend.

**Sponsors**

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|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| • Fridley Lions Club                                     | • Shortstop Bar and Grill | • Miller Funeral Home & Crematory |
| • City of Fridley  | • RAO Manufacturing Co.   | • Roers Companies                 |
| • Fridley Lions  | • Fridley American Legion | • Schmit Towing                   |
| • Northern Stacks  | • Fridley Rotary          | • Willows Bend Senior Living      |
| • Twin City Gateway                                      | • Bob's Produce Ranch     | • Custom Graphix                  |
| • Blaine Festival  | • Fridley Public Schools  | • Kroger Insurance Agency         |
| • Allina Health  | • CenterPoint Energy      |                                   |
| • Spine Care Fridley powered by The Minnesota ChiroWorks | • Forgotten Star Brewing  |                                   |
|  | • Landmark of Fridley     |                                   |

**Sunday, June 8 – Saturday, June 14**

**Medallion Hunt**

The second annual City-wide Medallion Hunt was held in Fridley's park system with clues posted each day beginning on June 8. The medallion was found in Riverview Park on Thursday, June 12.

**Thursday, June 12**

**Pre-Parade Party**

The weather was a bit wet for the party this year, but we still had a good crowd come out to enjoy the activities, inflatable bouncers, slides and obstacles, food trucks, vendors and more! Thank you to our contributing partners for joining in and providing fun activities for the families: Anoka County Public Health/Child & Teen Checkups, City of Lakes Youth Hockey Titans, City of Fridley Recycling, Fridley Community Education, Fridley Fire Department, Home Depot, Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths, Springbrook Nature Center and Avail Academy.



### Fun Run

Thirty-two runners participated in the Fun Run this year prior to the parade! The Fridley High School Cross Country team joined the Fridley Rotary to coordinate the run this year and had great participation. The run was sponsored, so entry was free.



### Fridley Lions '49er Parade

The rain subsided just in time for the parade and 78 of the 85 registered units participated. Fridley parade fans didn't shy away due to the weather and enjoyed the evening and candy!



### Friday, June 13

Friday events were cancelled due to cold and rainy weather. The cancelled activities, Trivia Mafia and Ninja Anywhere, will be rescheduled.

### Saturday, June 14

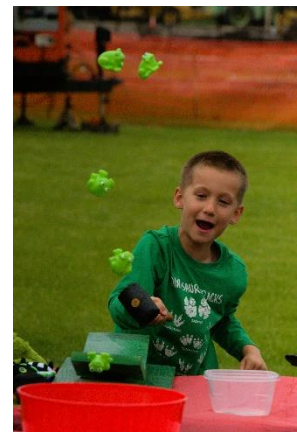
The community came out to Commons Park for the wide variety of activities, music, vendors, food and fireworks on Saturday!

- Ninja Anywhere | 2-6 p.m.



- Fridley Boy Scouts Archery | 2-6 p.m.
- Fridley Girl Scouts Game & Craft | 2-6 p.m.
- Temporary Tattoos | 2-6 p.m.
- Kids Karate with DeltaKai | 2-6 p.m.
- Vendor Fair | 2-6 p.m.
- Creative Flow Art Center Activity | 2-6 p.m.
- Food Trucks, Beer and Wine | 2-10 p.m.

- Moore Than Dance Performance | 2:15 p.m.
- Mingling Magicians | 4-6 p.m.
- Salsa Del Soul Salsa Band & Dance Instruction | 4-6:15 p.m.
- All School Class Reunion | 6-10 p.m.
- The MagicBrad Show | 6:30 - 7 p.m.
- Power of 10 Band | 7-10 p.m.



**Fridley '49er Committee Members**

It takes the planning committee a full year to plan and prepare for the festival. Thank you to the 49er Committee!

President/Treasurer ..... Jo Young

Secretary..... Angie Nolan  
 Sponsorship..... Gordon Backlund, Scott Lund, and Ann Bolkom  
 Parade Chair..... Nick Kroger  
 Vendor Fair..... Brad Gudim  
 Social Media..... Paul Diederich  
 Fridley Historical Society..... Mark Bonesteel  
 Fridley Schools Liaison..... Stephen Keeler  
 City Liaisons..... Margo Numedahl and Mike Maher

## Springbrook Nature Center

### June & July Education Programs

Summer is here! The Camp Springbrook program is well underway with our campers having an excellent time trying new things, enjoying time outdoors, and getting VERY VERY tired throughout the day. Our staff have done a great job interacting with their campers this summer.

**Number of Children Taught: 587**

**Number of Hours of Teaching: 11,342**



### June & July Rentals & Birthday Parties

June & July Birthday Parties	6
June & July Indoor Room Rentals	6
June & July PAC rentals	12

### Grants

- Springbrook Nature Center Foundation was recently awarded a grant to fund a project entitled "Community Science in Action" from the Xcel Energy Foundation. Plans will include adding more community science projects with the hopes to increase volunteerism and science literacy in our area. We are beginning to implement this grant program with upcoming projects like Project Feederwatch, Bluebird Trail Monitoring, Phenology monitoring with Chronolog and Nature's Notebook.



## Park & Building Maintenance

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- A new Water Pump Water Feature has been installed in the Nature Play Area. Our visitors are thrilled – this is a very popular section within the Nature Play Area.
- Exterior building painting is planned for sometime after the summer camp season (likely September).



## Upcoming Events

- Summer Concerts at SNC are scheduled for August 12 (Bluegroove Bluegrass) at 7 pm and a reschedule for Juliet & the Montagues (likely September 16 at 7 pm). Bring a lawn chair or blanket and join us!

## Park Maintenance and Construction

- Park maintenance staff have 24 seasonal employees helping our full-time staff with all maintenance, projects and weekend cleaning.
- Staff are completing small projects at Moore Lake Park including seeding, installing a wind deflector on the pickleball court fencing and will be installing the public art piece that will be going in at the park in mid-August.
- The conversion from a softball field to a baseball field is completed at Community Park and we are waiting for the grass to get established and will be installing the netting for protection in the spring.
- We have some grill installations and a fence to put in at the 2025 parks that have been reconstructed this summer as well.
- We are in progress of getting CIP projects underway at Springbrook Nature Center including 85<sup>th</sup> AVE boardwalk replacement, parking lot paving and woodchip trail conversion to rock chips. All three of those projects will not be happening until late fall or early winter when park access is not as destructive to the park.
- Construction was completed at Oak Hill and Jubilee Parks.
- Earthwork and concrete work are completed at Sylvan Hills Park and the project is moving towards installation of amenities such as park shelters and play equipment.
- Work is well underway on phase 2 of the Commons Park project:



Commons Park Construction Aerial Photo

**FREE**

# community concerts

- Bring a lawn chair
- Enjoy live music with your neighbors
- All ages are welcome

We hope to see you there!

## Civic Campus – Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

Come early for food trucks and games on the plaza at 5:45 p.m.! *In case of rain, concerts may be moved to the large shelter at nearby Locke Park.*

**JUNE 24: MR. WINKY BAND, CLASSIC ROCK** Food - Brick Oven Pizza Bus + Flamingo's

**JULY 8: INNOCENT REGGAE BAND, REGGAE** Food - Rustic Chef + Flamingo's

**JULY 22: DARLENE AND THE BOYS, COUNTRY** Food - Brick Oven Pizza Bus + Flamingo's

**AUGUST 19: JACK BRASS BAND, NEW ORLEANS BAND** Food- Rustic Chef & Brick Oven Pizza Bus + Flamingo's Pre-Concert: Touch A Truck & Popsicles with Public Safety 4 - 7 p.m.

## Springbrook Nature Center – Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

*Springbrook concerts are supported by a generous donation from the Springbrook Nature Center Foundation.* In case of rain, SNC concerts will be held in the covered area of the Pavilion.

**JULY 15: JULIET AND THE MONTAGUES, JAZZ**

**AUGUST 12: BLUEGROOVE BLUEGRASS BAND, BLUEGRASS**

## Locke Park – Friday at 10:30 a.m.

**AUGUST 8: THE LITTLE MERMAID, JR.**

Let's go to the theater—but this time at Locke Park! We will watch ETC Production's The Little Mermaid Jr. Come early for the fire engine and kid's book swap!

## Mondays at Moore – Mondays at 7 p.m.

*In case of rain, concerts may be held inside the Moore Lake Community Building at limited capacity.*

**JUNE 2: FRIDLEY CITY BAND** Food - Flamingo's Ice Cream

**JUNE 30: JEFF LOVEN, ROCK N ROLL** Food - Flamingo's Ice Cream

Pre-Concert Event: Bike Rodeo, 5 - 7 p.m.

**JULY 28: DUO CORDA, JAZZ/CLASSICAL/INTERNATIONAL**  
Food - Rustic Chef + Flamingo's Ice Cream

**NORTHEAST ORCHESTRA—  
CLASSICAL CHAMBER MUSIC**

Food - Flamingo's Ice Cream

JUNE 16: STRING QUARTET

AUGUST 11: FLUTE DUO

AUGUST 25: HORN QUINTET

## Music in Our Parks – Mondays at 7 p.m.

### FRIDLEY CITY BAND

JUNE 2: MOORE LAKE PARK

JUNE 9: BRIARDALE PARK

JUNE 30: EDGEWATER PARK

JULY 7: LOGAN PARK

JULY 21: SPRINGBROOK NATURE CENTER

**FREE**

**TUESDAYS**

Moore Lake  
12:30 - 2 p.m.  
5890 Central Ave NE

Creekview Park  
2:30 - 4 p.m.  
6801 Anoka St NE

**THURSDAYS**

Moore Lake  
12:30 - 2 p.m.  
5890 Central Ave NE

Flanery Park  
2:30 - 4 p.m.  
1487 Onondaga St



FRIDLEY PARKS & REC  
**REC 'N ROLL**

**JUNE 17 - AUGUST 14**  
CLOSED 6/19



Look for the Rec N Roll truck for:

- Sports
- Games
- Crafts & activities
- Free snacks for ages 18 & under!



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