



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

August 01, 2022

7:00 PM

**Fridley Civic Center - 7071 University Avenue
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AGENDA

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- [1.](#) June 6, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

New Business

- [2.](#) Park Plan Communications and Engagement Plan
- [3.](#) Moore Lake Park Community Building Update
- [4.](#) Park Entrance Sign Recommendation

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: August, 1, 2022

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Mike Maher, Community Services Director

Title

June 6, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

Background

Attached are the meeting minutes of the June 6, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission. Please note that there was not a July meeting held for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Financial Impact

None.

Recommendation

Staff recommend the approval of the June 6, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes.

Attachments and Other Resources

- June 6, 2022 Parks and Recreation Minutes.

Vision Statement

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



PARK COMMISSION MEETING

June 6, 2022

7:00 PM

Locke Park Pavilion, 840 71st Ave. NE Fridley, MN 55432

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT

Mike Heintz
EB Graham
Peter Borman
Ken Schultz
Shanna Larson
Mike Maher, Community Services Director
Mayor Scott Lund
Karen Blaska, Anoka County Parks Planner

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Commissioner Larson to approve the Agenda with the change to move agenda item 3, Anoka County Rice Creek West Regional Trail Master Planning Process, to item 2. SECONDED by Commissioner Graham. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of March 7, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

MOTION by Commissioner Larson to APPROVE the May 2, 2022 meeting minutes. SECONDED by Commissioner Borman. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Anoka County Parks Rice Creek West Regional Trail Master Planning Process

Karen Blaska, Anoka County Parks Planner, presented an update on Anoka County Parks plans to create a new master plan for the Rice Creek West Regional Trail. This is a four-mile segment of trail which runs through several City of Fridley parks as well as Locke County Park, which is owned by the City of Fridley but operated by Anoka County under a Joint Powers Agreement.

Ms. Blaska provided an overview of the Anoka County Parks system including parks, trails and facilities. She outlined the history of Locke Park and how it had come to be operated by a Joint Powers Agreement. Both the Rice Creek Trail Master Plan and Joint Powers Agreements were over 40 years old and need updates.

Ms. Blaska shared an overview of the process that Anoka County will undertake to work in partnership with the City of Fridley to update the Master Plan and Joint Powers Agreement. Ms. Blaska indicated that Anoka County Parks was currently gathering input from community stakeholders and that she would like to hear from the Commission with their thoughts on park and trail improvements.

Mayor Lund stated that the Fridley City Council would like to work in close partnership with Anoka County to provide input to the Master Plan and Joint Powers Agreement because the City of Fridley is the landowner. He stated that a lack of clarity in the Joint Powers Agreement has resulted in neglected maintenance in the parks and trails operated under the agreement.

Mayor Lund detailed the desires of the City to have more input in the future vision of the park and trails and outlined the desires of the City for accessible trails, more available restroom facilities, improved signage and increased removal of trees and debris on the Rice Creek waterway.

Chair Heintz requested that Anoka County attend a future meeting to provide an update on the progress of the Master Plan and Joint Powers Agreement and how the City of Fridley's requests have been incorporated.

3. Moore Lake Park Community Building Update

Community Services Director Mike Maher provided an update to the Commissioners on the initial concept design process for a community building at Moore Lake Park. Mr. Maher shared that the City of Fridley has selected Ortel Architects to work on the project. He indicated that staff had shared program requirements for the building such as a gathering room, restrooms available from the exterior and views to the lake.

Mr. Maher shared four concept layout schemes with the Commission and indicated that there are plans to share refined concepts with the City Council at their June 27th Conference meeting. Commissioners would be welcome to attend this meeting.

4. 2022-2023 Parks and Recreation Commission goals

Mr. Maher shared a list of proposed goals with the Commission including refinement of Parks and Recreation policies, serving as a resource for the park System Improvement Plan, review of parks capital investment and providing recommendations on programs.

Mr. Borman indicated that he would like to see more contact with representatives from community athletic associations.

Ms. Larson shared a goal for the Commission to play a more active role in providing recommendations to the City Council.

OLD BUSINESS

STAFF REPORTS

5. Springbrook Nature Center Report

Mr. Maher provided an update on May activities at the nature center. He indicated that spring season field trips have grown in number and that summer seasonal staff was being trained for the summer day camps, which begin the week of June 13th.

6. Fridley Parks and Recreation Report

Mr. Maher provided an update on hiring and training of summer seasonal staff. He reported that the summer ROCKS program will begin the week of June 13th and would be held at Fridley Middle School.

7. Park Maintenance and Construction Report

Mr. Maher reviewed the report prepared by Jeff Jensen, Operations Manager for Streets, Parks and Facilities. It was reported that much of the parks maintenance team has been focused on preparing all of the athletic fields for spring and summer sports.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Larson made the MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m., SECONDED by Commissioner Schultz. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Maher
Community Services Director



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: August, 1, 2022

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Mike Maher, Community Services Director

Title

Park Plan Communications and Engagement Plan

Background

The Park System Improvement Plan will fund \$30 million in upgrades to the Fridley Park System over the coming years. Throughout the process of creating the plan, a high value has been placed on keeping residents informed and engaged in the process. This emphasis will continue during the final design and construction phase of the project. A plan for initial engagement on the first four parks to be upgraded is provided for Commissioners to provide feedback on. Commissioners are encouraged to attend community engagement events and participate in gathering feedback from residents.

Financial Impact

None

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission pass a motion endorsing the plan.

Attachments and Other Resources

- Communications and Engagement Plan 2022-2023.pdf

Vision Statement

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Park System Improvement Plan

Communications and
Engagement





Park System Improvement Plan

Communications and Engagement

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Communications and Engagement Plan

Park System Improvement Plan – General Information and Funding

Project	Deadline	Staff	Notes
Fridley for You Article – Promote through website newsflash, social media	July 15	Mike, Brooke	Update on bonding process and first park projects
Project web page refresh	July 30	Brooke, Olivia	Update webpage with completed projects, current projects and future projects, refresh to future-facing narrative
Video highlight of each of first four parks	August 5 th	Brian, Mike	Use existing footage at park sites to show current condition and concept plan for new features. Invite to in-person event for engagement.
Updates to Parks and Rec Commission	August 1 st	Mike	
Develop PSIP Project Boards for Events along with card handouts with links.	July 30	Mike, Brooke, Olivia	Boards with Overall Project Phasing, Highlights, etc. QR codes to web page
Develop options for common amenities for Parks Commission	August 19 th	Jeff and Mike	Park signs, garbage and recycling, benches, bike racks, dog bag stations, picnic tables, wayfinding sign style. Drinking fountains



Park System Improvement Plan

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Moore Lake Park

Project	Date/Deadline	Staff	Notes
Building layout and concepts presented to Council	July 11	Mike, Jim K.	Option 2 was selected as preference, will update site plan with WSB and new building style, location
Create Moore Lake Project Boards for Community Events	July 29	Brooke, Olivia	
Updates to Parks and Rec Commission	August 1 st	Mike	
Get three or more concept plans for Play Equipment	August 12	Jeff and Mike	Goal to have three options for each park
Develop Moore Lake Park Yard Signs that link to concept and project, survey on play equipment	August 12	Brooke, Olivia	Have in park September 1-14.
Monthly social media posts on project design and development updates	Monthly beginning August 2022	Brooke, Olivia	Links to play equipment surveys, updated building concepts, park layout concepts, etc.
Playground survey launch	September 1	Brooke and Mike	Run from September 1 – 14.
Billboard ad	September 1		
On-site event to get feedback on concept plan. Share refined building concept and site plan.	September 10 10 am – Noon	Mike, Jeff, Olivia, Nic, Jim, Brooke, Melissa, Rec team.	Need updated site plan with new building style and location. Invite Council & Commission



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Creekview Park

Project	Date/Deadline	Staff	Notes
Design and mail targeted postcard invitation to evening event. Create park survey for area residents who can't make it to event.	July 29 th	Mike, Brook Olivia	Include link to survey in postcard. Survey open August 10-24.
Yard sign – updates coming in 2023 with QR code to page	July 29 th	Brooke, Olivia, Mike	Install leading up to in-person events, include date.
Night to Unite	August 2 nd	Mike, Olivia	Stop by events near Moore Lake, Ed Wilmes, Skyline and Creekview with concepts and PSIP info
Work with play equipment vendors to get three playground concepts	August 5	Jeff, Mike, Nic, Jim	
Create project boards with play equipment options	August 9	Jeff, Mike, Brooke, Olivia	May be provided by play equipment vendors
Present project boards at Rec and Roll – Design your park edition	August 11 12:30 – 2:00 pm	Mike and Brice	
Plan and staff August evening event. Grill, ice cream, etc. Get feedback on park concept and play equip.	August 16 6 pm – 7 pm	Mike, Jeff, Nic, Jim, Olivia, Brooke, Melissa	Invite Council and Parks and Recreation Commissioners
Engagement Debrief	August 18	All	11 am
Order play equipment	September 20 th	Jeff, Nic	Date varies by vendor



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Ed Wilmes Park

Project	Date/Deadline	Staff	Notes
Design and mail targeted postcard invitation to evening event. Create park survey for area residents who can't make it to event.	July 29 th	Mike, Brook Olivia	Include link to survey in postcard. Survey open August 10-24.
Yard sign – updates coming in 2023 with QR code to page	July 29 th	Brooke, Olivia, Mike	Install leading up to in-person events, include date.
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Create project boards with play equipment options	August 12	Jeff, Mike Brooke, Olivia	May be provided by play equipment vendors
Plan and staff August evening event. Grill, ice cream, etc. Get feedback on park concept and play equip.	August 16 6-7 pm	Mike, Jeff, Nic, Jim, Melissa, Brooke, Olivia, Recreation team	Invite Council and Parks and Recreation Commissioners
Engagement Debrief	August 18 th	All	11 am
Order play equipment	September 20 th	Jeff, Nic	Date varies by vendor



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Skyline Park

Project	Date/Deadline	Staff	Notes
Design and mail targeted postcard invitation to evening event. Create park survey for area residents who can't make it to event.	July 29 th	Mike, Brook Olivia	Include link to survey in postcard. Survey open August 10-24.
Yard sign – updates coming in 2023 with QR code to page	July 29 th	Brooke, Olivia, Mike	Install leading up to in-person events, include date.
Night to Unite	August 2 nd	Mike, Olivia	Stop by events near Moore Lake, Ed Wilmes, Skyline and Creekview with concepts and PSIP info
Work with play equipment vendors to get three playground concepts	August 5	Jeff, Mike, Nic, Jim	
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AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: August, 1, 2022

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Mike Maher, Community Services Director

Title

Moore Lake Park Community Building Update

Background

As part of the Park System Improvement Plan, which has been reviewed and endorsed by the Parks and Recreation Commission, a community building is planned for Moore Lake Park. This project and other improvements at Moore Lake Park are scheduled to begin in 2023.

The City of Fridley has enlisted the services of Oertel Architects for building design. Based on preliminary feedback provided by staff of expected uses of the community building for rental, events, classes, programs and park amenities, a refined layout and three options for a building concept design were shared with the Council at the July 11th Conference Meeting. Council shared a preference for "option two", which will be further refined in the design and development phase of the project.

A refined site concept plan showing the building and park layout is being developed to share at a September 10th community engagement event that will be held at Moore Lake Park. Commissioners are encouraged to attend and participate in conversations with residents to help finalize the park plan.

Financial Impact

None

Recommendation

No action is needed at this time. This is an informational item for the Commission.

Attachments and Other Resources

- Moore Lake Community Building Update – Council Conference Meeting July 11.pdf
- 07152022 Moore Lake Park – Option 2 updated.pdf

Vision Statement

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Moore Lake Community Building

Driven by a Shared Vision



Moore Lake Park Community Building Driven by a Shared Vision



- Compliment Springbrook Nature Center as year-round community gathering spaces for Fridley
- Provide indoor restrooms for park users
- Four-season hub for recreation, education and enrichment programming
- Build civic pride and sense of community as a well-used and beautiful shared amenity

Classes, Programs and Events

- Outdoor recreation and community gathering focus with future Commons Park building to serve as hub for athletics, fitness and youth enrichment
- Fishing events, classes and workshops
- Paddle sport classes, events and workshops
- Youth programming for sports, outdoor recreation, play and social development
- Adult programming such as workshops, clubs (book, walking, discussion) and classes
- Instructor-led youth birthday parties



Community Gatherings

- Typical events would include birthday parties, family gatherings, baby and bridal showers, business meetings and community group meetings.
- Wedding ceremonies and receptions would not be a primary function of the space. Smaller weddings and receptions would not be prohibited in normal hours of operation and within approved policies.



City of Fridley Additional Uses

- Commission meetings could be held in meeting room
- Water rescue and safety training opportunities
- Possible voting location
- Partnership programs with community organizations such as North Suburban Center for the Arts and Anoka County Libraries



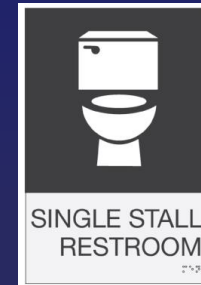
Operational Assumptions – Policy and Staffing

- Building rentals would be operated under policies and guidelines approved by City Council
- Staffing for event and rental support would be provided by Community Services Department
- Staffing for custodial and maintenance work would be provided by Public Works Department
- Public Safety is committed to regular patrol of the park, park building and restrooms
- The Community Building would be staffed only when there is a rental, program or event
- Alcohol service would not be permitted under current city code



Operational Assumptions – Building Function

- Restrooms and drinking water will be open daily from an outside doorway or vestibule
- Building design could allow regular renters to access meeting space with a code or key card
- There will be a secure interior place for staff to shelter in case of a lockdown or threat
- Building controls will be integrated with Civic Campus security and other systems, lighting will be controlled on expandable system that can control future park installations

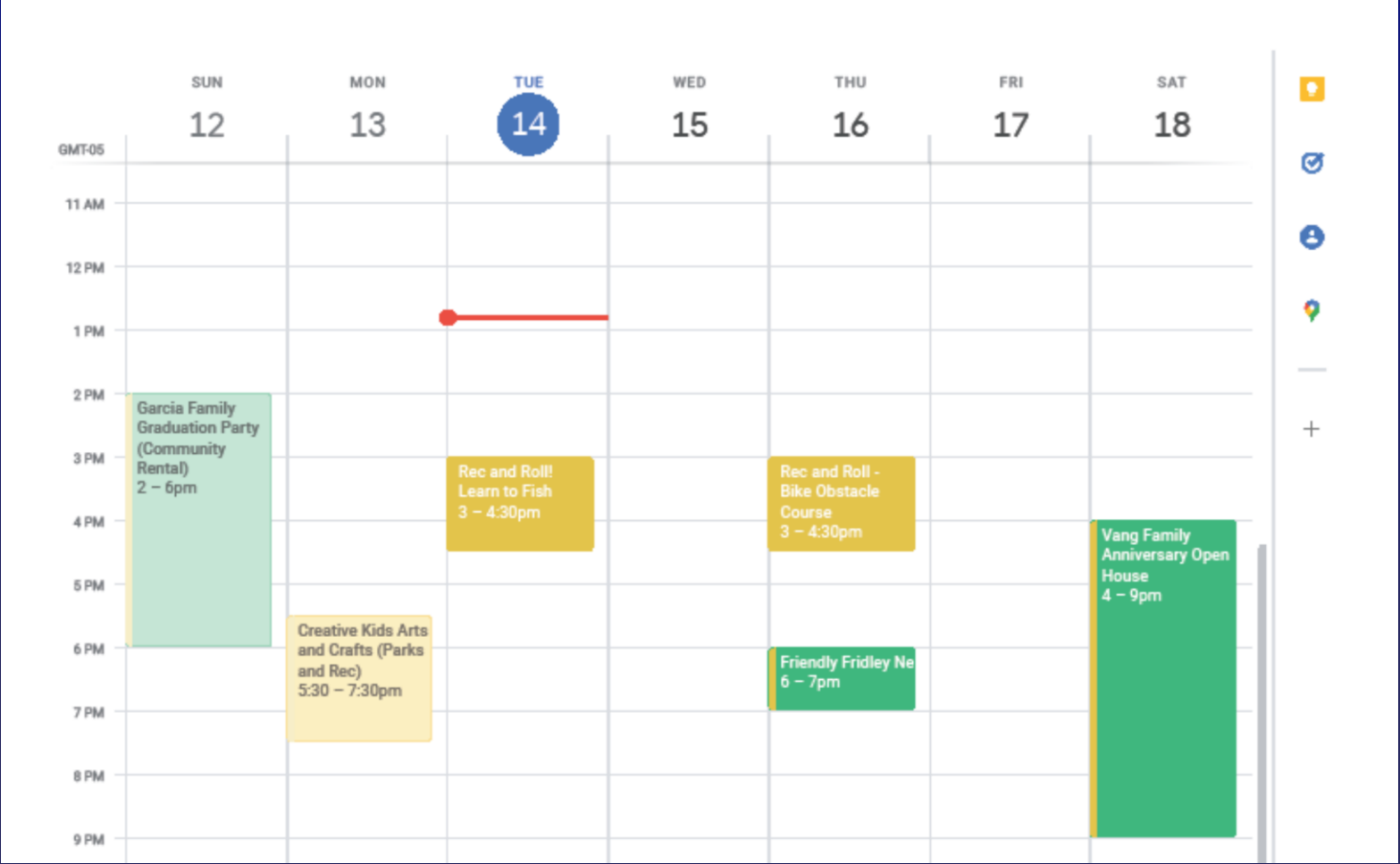


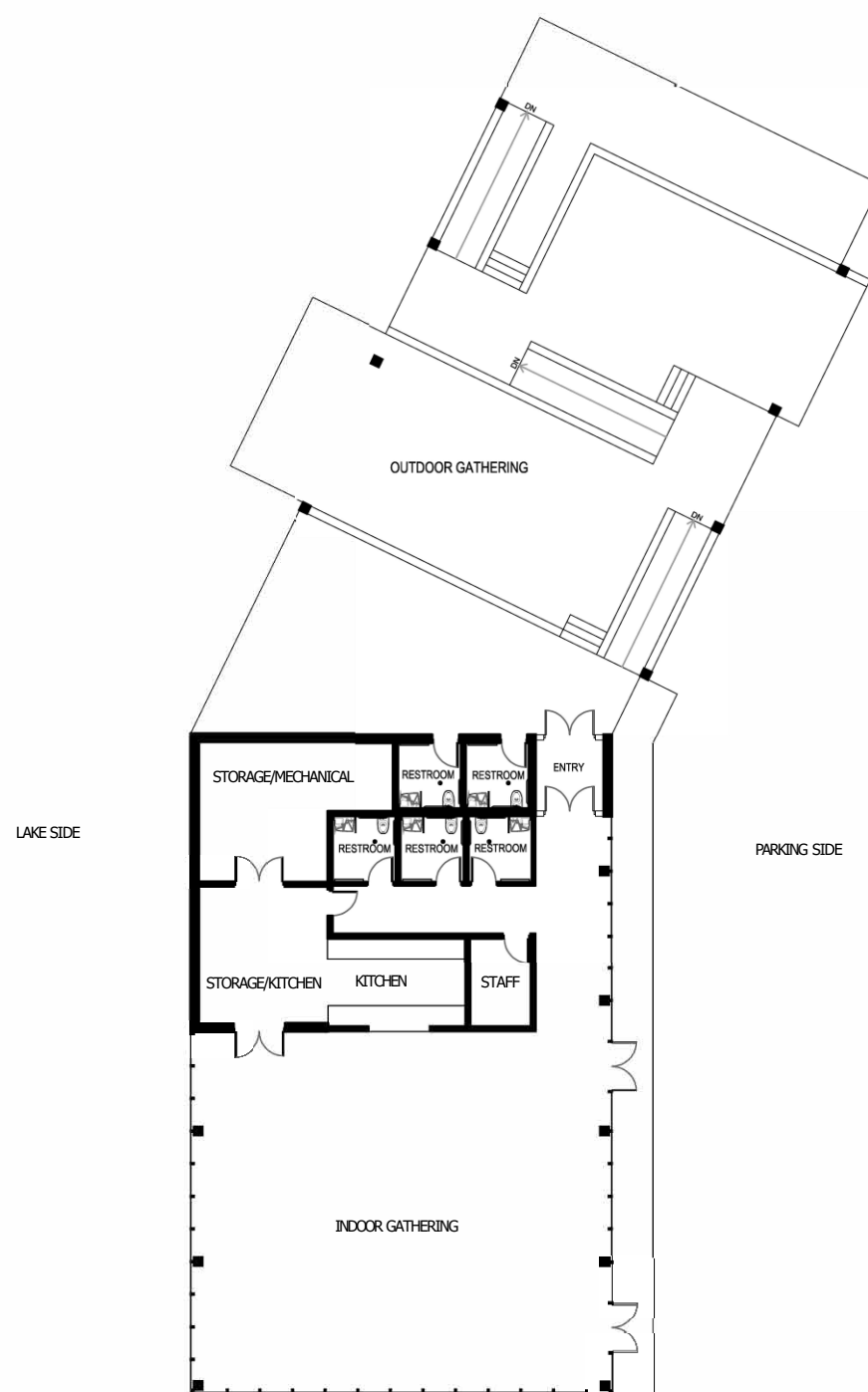
Operational Assumptions – Building Function

- Seamless transition of indoor and outdoor space for events and rentals
- Building can provide amenities such as wayfinding, restrooms, drinking water, shade, seating, WIFI, rain protection, changing space and interpretive media without being fully open or staffed
- Public amenities can be accessed and enjoyed without interfering with a facility rental, class or program



Operational Assumptions – Typical Schedule

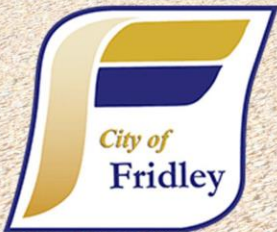




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Moore Lake Park Facility
Fridley, MN

Option 1
Lakeside



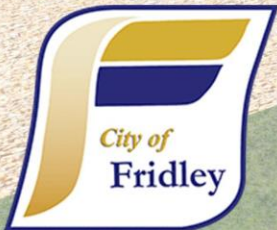
Moore Lake Park Facility
Fridley, MN

Option 1
Parking
Side



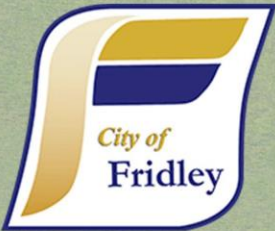
Moore Lake Park Facility Fridley, MN

Option 1
Patio



Moore Lake Park Facility Fridley, MN

Option 2
Lakeside



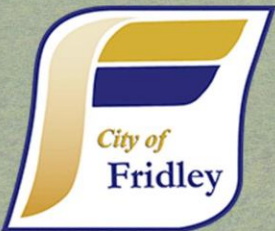
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Fridley, MN

Option 2
Parking
Side



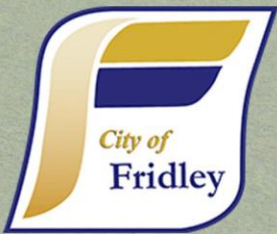
Moore Lake Park Facility Fridley, MN

Option 2
Patio



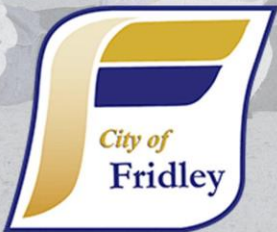
Moore Lake Park Facility
Fridley, MN

Option 3
Lakeside



Moore Lake Park Facility
Fridley, MN

Option 3
Parking
Side

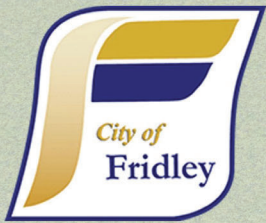
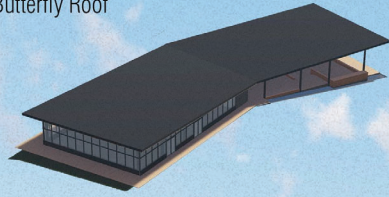


Moore Lake Park Facility Fridley, MN

Option 3
Patio

Discussion Questions?

Butterfly Roof



Moore Lake Park Facility Fridley, MN

Option 2
Lake Side



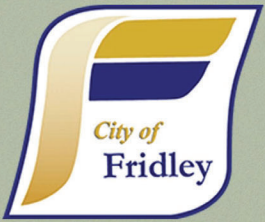
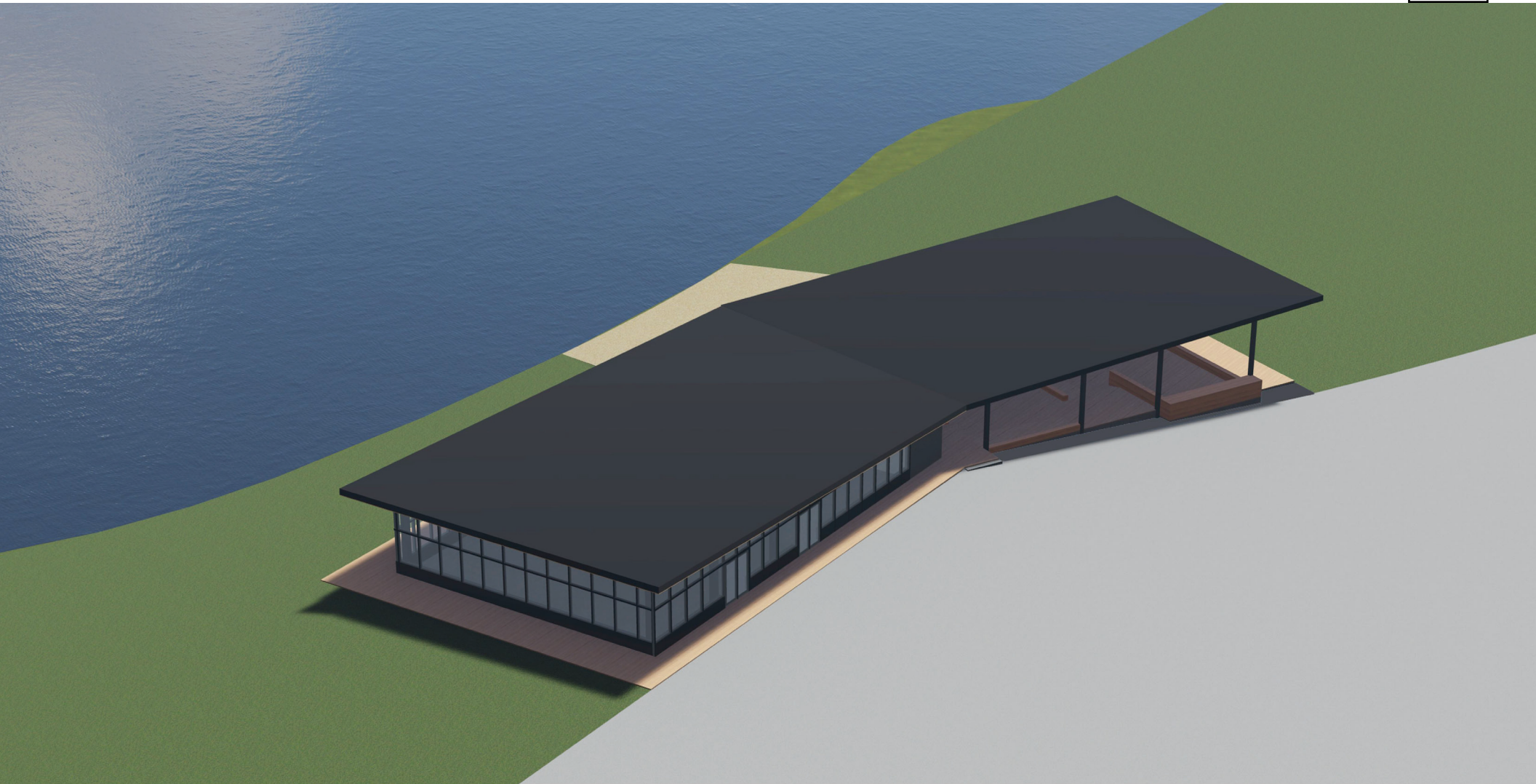
Moore Lake Park Facility Fridley, MN

Option 2
Parking Side



Moore Lake Park Facility Fridley, MN

Option 2
Patio



Moore Lake Park Facility Fridley, MN

Option 2
Aerial
Perspective



Moore Lake Park Facility Fridley, MN

Option 2
East
Elevation



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: August, 1, 2022

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Mike Maher, Community Services Director

Title

Park Entrance Sign Recommendation

Background

Beginning in 2023, Fridley will be improving about four parks per year as the Park System Improvement Plan is implemented. As parks are improved, new entrance signs will be included as part of the project. I would like to work with the Parks and Recreation Commission to make recommendations on standard items for the park system. This would include items such as park signs, benches, garbage and recycling containers, picnic tables and bike racks.

Financial Impact

The Park System Improvement Plan budget includes line items for park amenities. Staff will present options to the Commission that will be compatible with the budget.

Recommendation

The Commission may pass a motion recommending a specific sign style or may refine the options to several preferences that could be refined and brought back to the Commission for the September 6 meeting.

Attachments and Other Resources

- Fridley Park Entrance Sign Options
- 2022 Vacker Product Catalog Pricing 3-17-22 Park Entrance Signs

Vision Statement

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Moore Lake Park

5890 Central Ave. NE



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MOORE LAKE PARK

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Routed Bi-Color HDPE Park Entrance Signs

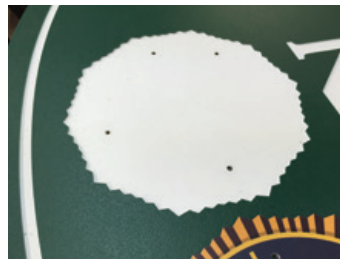


UV stabilized
Graffiti resistant
Easily cleaned
Will not swell or rot
Never need painting
Will not crack or chip
Will not delaminate

Combining Design Excellence and Durable Sign Products

Vacker is a provider of routed bi-color HDPE sign panels. A co-extruded, 2-color sign board is routed or carved, revealing an interior contrasting color. Letters and graphics can be routed flat or carved with a V-groove. Complex logos and other graphic elements can be achieved with TUFF panel inserts. While clients are encouraged to express a desired “look” or style at the outset of the design process, every panel is custom designed to achieve the proper proportions, elements and type styles. Virtually any font, logo and design element can be incorporated into our signs.

Logo Panel Insert



Flat routed green / white / green HDPE with full color detailed American Legion logo achieved with TUFF panel logo insert. A “pocket” is flat routed to accept logo panel. The logo panel is fastened with screws and threaded inserts.



Logo panel insert

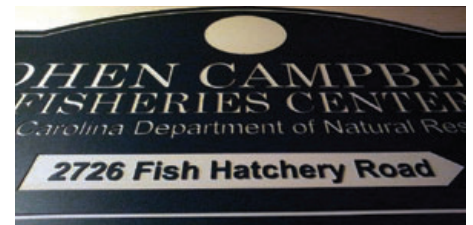
V-groove Letters



Tan / brown / tan with carved V-groove letters

Design Process

With a talented design staff, Vacker is committed to excellence in design development ensuring that every panel design reflects an appropriate image and identity for its site. While clients are encouraged to express a desired “look” or style at the outset of the design process, every panel is custom designed to achieve the proper proportions, elements and type styles. Virtually any font, logo and design element can be incorporated into our signs. Contact us to get started on your project.



Standard Shapes

Early in the design process, clients are encouraged to select a desired panel size and shape. Then, based on the copy, logos and graphic elements to be included, the desired shape is refined to achieve pleasing visual proportions.



Color Options

*(Colors are approximate). Contact us for a material color sample.



Dark Woods Green / Tan / Dark Woods Green



Green / White / Green



Black / White / Black



Tan / Green / Tan



Tan / Brown / Tan



White / Black / White



Brown / Tan / Brown



Brown / White / Brown



White / Green / White



Red / White / Red

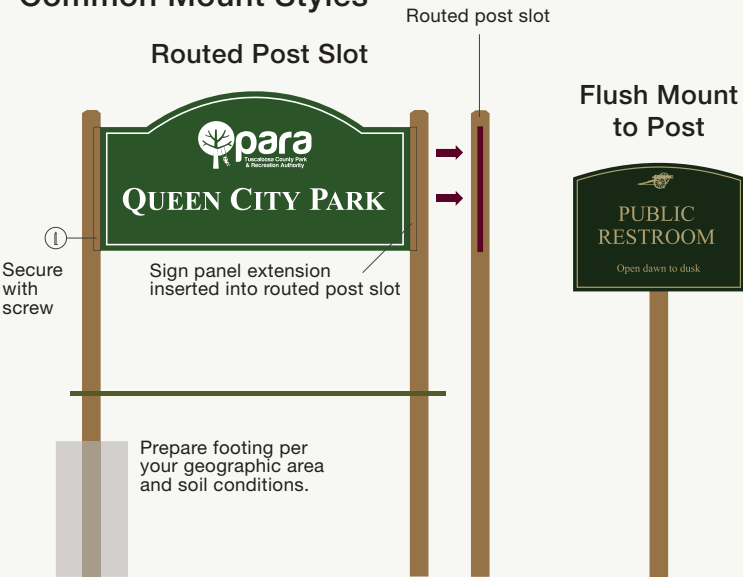


Blue / White / Blue



Green / Tan / Green

Common Mount Styles



Expansion and Contraction

Routed plastic signs can be mounted and supported in a variety of ways. In addition to the methods shown here, angle aluminum brackets are another option. HDPE plastic sign board will expand or contract with temperature fluctuation. The material should be allowed to move freely with expansion and contraction. Any drilled holes should be oversized by 1/8"-.1/4" and care should be taken to not overtighten fasteners.

Panel Pricing*

	47"x92"	47"x47" 23"x92"	32"x48"	24"x48"
Single-sided routed sign	\$1,384.00	\$872.00	\$695.00	\$573.00
Single-sided routed sign with logo panel insert	\$1,482.00	\$952.00	\$775.00	\$645.00
Double-sided routed sign	\$1,599.00	\$1072.00	\$820.00	\$680.00
Double-sided routed sign with logo panel insert	\$1,675.00	\$1142.00	\$880.00	\$760.00

**Price estimates are for typical park entrance sign design. Excessive text such as park rules or reverse copy can effect cost.*



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: August, 1, 2022

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Tara Rogness, Springbrook Nature Center Manager

Title

Springbrook Nature Center Report

Background

Attached are the June and July 2022 updates from Springbrook Nature Center

Financial Impact

None.

Recommendation

None

Attachments and Other Resources

- Springbrook Nature Center June 2022 Update
- Springbrook Nature Center July 2022 Update

Vision Statement

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Springbrook Nature Center

Park & Rec Commission Report

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June Highlights

- It is summer camp season! We are in full swing with a full camp. There are a few spots left for the entire summer. Our staff has done an outstanding job with training and the first couple of weeks. It is so much fun to see all the smiles, hear the giggles and smell the copious amounts of bug spray and sunscreen.
- We are excited to have junior leaders back as a part of our program. We are lucky to have many former campers joining us in this leadership role. They assist the naturalist staff by playing games, being a buddy to nervous campers, helping set up and take down activities, and much more. While volunteering, they gain valuable leadership skills, often reaching back out to staff for references for jobs, college scholarships, and more.
- The first summer concert happened on June 14th at Springbrook. The evening was extremely warm and sunny. The weather held numbers down with somewhere between 35-50 concert goers braving the temperatures.



Upcoming this Summer

- The Summer Concert Series will take place at the Amphitheater at Springbrook this summer. We look forward to hearing from Anthony Miltich (June 14), Vinnie Rose Band (July 12), Kid Power with Rachael (August 5), and Blue Groove Bluegrass (Aug 16).

Grants

- We have been awarded an Xcel Energy Foundation Grant in the amount of \$7500. With these funds, we plan to design and install a new exhibit on the Power of Prairies. While we have the funding, we will begin work on this grant project following the very busy summer camp season. More to come later!
- We have been invited to apply for grant funds from International Paper. We are still in the process of determining the project that would be best for the funding level indicated by International Paper.

Springbrook Nature Center

Park & Rec Commission Report

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July Highlights

- It is summer camp season! We are in full swing with a full camp. There are a few spots left for the entire summer. Our staff has done an outstanding job with keeping children engaged, educated, safe and secure. It is so much fun to see all the smiles, hear the giggles and smell the copious amounts of bug spray and sunscreen.
- We are excited to have junior leaders back as a part of our program. We are lucky to have many former campers joining us in this leadership role. They assist the naturalist staff by playing games, being a buddy to nervous campers, helping set up and take down activities, and much more. While volunteering, they gain valuable leadership skills, often reaching back out to staff for references for jobs, college scholarships, and more.
- The second summer concert (Vinnie Rose) happened on July 12th at Springbrook. The evening was lovely, the storms held off until after the concert finished.
- On July 9th, Delphi Jazz Quintet performed in the Amphitheater to delighted audience members. The weather was beautiful, just like the venue.

Upcoming this Summer

- The Summer Concert Series will take place at the Amphitheater at Springbrook this summer. We look forward to hearing from Anthony Miltich (June 14), Vinnie Rose Band (July 12), Kid Power with Rachael (August 5), and Blue Groove Bluegrass (Aug 16).

Grants

- We have been awarded an Xcel Energy Foundation Grant in the amount of \$7500. With these funds, we plan to design and install a new exhibit on the Power of Prairies. While we have the funding, we will begin work on this grant project following the very busy summer camp season. More to come later!
- We have been invited to apply for grant funds from International Paper. We are still in the process of determining the project that would be best for the funding level indicated by International Paper.





AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: August, 1, 2022

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

Submitted By: Margo Numedahl, Recreation Division Manager

Title

Fridley Parks and Recreation Division Report

Background

Attached are highlights from the Recreation Division from June and July 2022.

Financial Impact

None.

Recommendation

None.

Attachments and Other Resources

- Recreation Division Highlights: June and July 2022

Vision Statement

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HIGHLIGHTS

Recreation Division: June - July 2022

Summer Programs

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

PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY

Soccer (2 classes)	24
T-ball/Baseball (2 classes)	24
Track and Field (2 classes)	24
Games and Sports of All Sorts (1 class)	12
Tennis	8

ADULT FITNESS & ATHLETICS

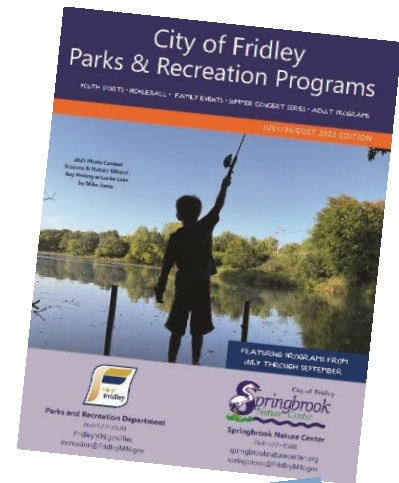
Zumba (2 classes)	12
Beginner Pickleball Clinic (7 – Fridley; 3 – SLP)	10
Pickleball Skills & Drills (3 – Fridley; 3 – SLP)	6
Pickleball Ladder League (11 – Fridley; 9 – SLP)	20
55+ Golf League	18
Adult Men's Softball	6 teams
Sand Volleyball (5 – Fridley; 2 – SLP; 3 – NB)	10 teams

ROCKS

Week #1	42
Week #2	49
Week #3	50
Week #4	41
Week #5	47

Parks and Recreation Brochure

The July/August brochure was mailed to residents beginning on June 27th. Staff have completed the content for the September/October brochure and it is currently being finalized with the designer.



Fridley '49er Days Parade and Festival

The Fridley '49er Days Committee pulled off a successful parade and festival with the support of the City and Fridley Lions Club on June 16th – 18th. An estimated 2,000 people participated in the Commons Park activities, with an additional 2,000 participating in and watching the parade. After two years not holding the event, the community was appreciative and excited to have the activities back! The committee did a great job of fundraising this year and all of the activities were offered free of charge creating an event that everyone in the community could attend.



Thursday, June 16

Pre-Parade Party

Commons Park | 4-7 p.m.

We had a great turn out for the party, an estimated 600 people participated in the kids activities, inflatable bouncers, slides and obstacles, food trucks, vendors and more!



Fun Run

The Fridley Fun Run began at 6:25 p.m. Runners completed the parade route in front of the Fridley '49er Days Parade.



Fridley Lions '49er Parade

The '49er Days Parade had about 50 units and the community came out to watch and enjoy!





Friday, June 17

FHS Reunion, Music, MSMA Car Show & Fireworks

Commons Park | 4-10 p.m.

The Friday evening activities were well attended and enjoyed.

- Create our Community Mural | 4-7 p.m.
- Information and Vendors | 4-7 p.m.
- Food Trucks; Beer & Wine Tents | 4-10 p.m.
- Dixie Kats Jazz Band | 5-6 p.m.
- Magic Brad! Magic Shows | 6 p.m. & 8:15 p.m.
- Fridley High School All Class Reunion | 6-10 p.m.
- Jonah and the Whales Band | 7-8:15 p.m.
- Jonah and the Whales Band | 8:45-10 p.m.
- Fireworks! | Dusk



Saturday, June 18

Music and More

Commons Park | 3-10 p.m.

A wide variety of activities were offered for. The attendance was great for the Salsa Del Soul Band and kids activities, but less for the Low Voltage Band.

- Create our Community Mural | 3-7 p.m.
- Information and Vendors | 3-7 p.m.
- Food Trucks; Beer & Wine Tents | 3-10 p.m.
- Kids Activities | 3-7 p.m.
- Lions KidSight Vision Screening; Henna Painting; Face Painting; Inflatables; Petting Zoo; Anoka County Library Activity; Boy Scouts Nerf Archery; Laser Tag
- Salsa Del Soul Band & Salsa Instruction | 4-6 p.m.
- Magic Brad! Magic Shows | 6 p.m. & 8:15 p.m.
- Low Voltage! Band | 7-10 p.m.



Summer Concert Series

We have held four summer concerts so far this summer at the Civic Campus Amphitheater/Plaza. The Civic Campus concerts have averaged approximately 160 attendees per concert in the hot summer! 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. We look forward to upcoming concerts in August that will also include a visit from Fox 9 News on August 16th at SNC where they will give away 300 free soft serve ice cream cones from MN Nice Cream! Other upcoming August concerts include a reggae band on August 23rd, and a Brazilian group on August 30th. We hope you can join us for these great community get-togethers!



Music in Our Parks

Fridley Parks and Recreation has partnered with the Fridley City Band to offer additional concert opportunities for our residents! The City Band has performed six concerts on Monday nights in city parks—Edgewater Gardens, Logan, Commons (part of 49er Days), Flanery, Briardale and Springbrook Nature Center. Both residents and band members enjoyed the concerts with the beautiful backdrop of our city parks!

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

Our summer day camp, ROCKS, has been in full swing since June 14th at the Fridley Middle School and Commons Park. We have three age groups (Grades K-1, 2-3 & 4-7) and each week we have been at capacity! Kids enjoy morning classes (sports, STEM, art & crafts) and afternoons involve playground time, games & crafts at Commons Park, and each day ends with free time back at the Middle School. On Wednesdays, we have field trips and special events that have included: Elm Creek Park Adventure School, Como Zoo, Skyzone, Wet & Wild Water Party and Bunker Beach Water Park. The kids are having a blast and one even asked if he could come to ROCKS on the weekend!

Seasonal Staff

We held our summer staff training June 6th-13th. We are happy to report that we have 23 seasonal staff this summer, and they are enjoying working and are asking for more hours! This is the first job for over 80% of our staff, most of who are high school students going into 10th or 11th grade. They have been doing a great job with our programs, and it's been wonderful to watch them grow and do better each week! Many are interested in continuing to work for us in the Fall. In this extremely tight job market, we are very proud of the amount and quality of our seasonal workers, and look forward to welcoming them again next summer, and continuing our partnership with the Career Program at Fridley High School.

Wet & Wild Water Party

Wet & Wild Water Party returned to full capacity on July 13th for the first time since 2019! Staffed stations were set up for sandcastle building, splash ball launcher, sprinklers, and active water games. With the help of the Fridley Firefighters, we set up the giant slip n' slide on the Commons Park hill and the fire engine hose which sprayed in the air to soak the kids at the end of the event. Groups from Summer ROCKS, Spring Lake Park Recreation, Tiger Club, and registered participants all attending this event totaling 200 participants. All stations were overseen and facilitated by Fridley Recreation Staff with child supervision support from other organizations.



Adult Softball League

The 2022 Summer Adult Softball League concluded the 13-week season on July 21st with a single elimination tournament to determine the league champions. The winning team received a team picture with our championship banner, league champ shirts, and a 10% discount on their next registration.

Senior Golf League

The Fridley Senior Golf League is running at the Brightwood Hills Golf course. The league has 18 participants paired in teams of two. Teams play against each other each week for standings. This league will conclude on August 1st with a end of season tournament and banquet.

Pickleball Ladder League

With the growing popularity of pickleball, our Pickleball Ladder League has become popular in June and July. We have partnered with Spring Lake Park Recreation to pool registrations and share facilities. Ladder leagues aim to accommodate players of all skill levels and pair players with similarly skilled opponents from week to week by calculating wins and losses. The league concluded on July 27th and the Fall Pickleball Ladder League is filled at 30 participants!

Adult Sand Volleyball League

The North Metro Sand Volleyball League has been running this summer. Fridley Parks and Recreation has partnered with Spring Lake Park and New Brighton to pool registrations, share facility, and split officiating fees. Ten total teams make up this league played at Lions Park in Spring Lake Park. The league ends August 17th.



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: August, 1, 2022

Meeting Type: Parks and Recreation Commission

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 June and July 2022.

Financial Impact

None.

Recommendation

None.

Attachments and Other Resources

- Park Maintenance Report June and July 2022

Vision Statement

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Memorandum

Item 7.

Date: 7/25/22
To: Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Jeff Jensen, Operations Manager – Streets, Parks, Facilities
DEPT: Public Works
CC: Mike Maher, Community Services Director
RE: August Meeting Report

The park maintenance division has been prepping all athletic fields and in full use. Little League will be done end of month but they might have a smaller fall league. Soccer fields will need to be reconfigured for fall league at Community and no word yet if we will have flag football or softball leagues set for this fall.

We have been weeding, planting and watering all of our flower and pollinator gardens and watering all plantings on University Ave. planting project as we have been having a very dry and hot summer as to date.

Irrigation and tree work is also in high demand this summer.

Seasonals will be leaving in mid-August, so we do not have much time left with them, so we are trying to get a large amount of maintenance done before that.

Have irrigation in and edible orchard fruit trees planted at Civic Campus West Plaza and am trying to find funds to plant more trees, install power and have concrete poured for a plaza as well before end of season.