



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