

CITY OF LAKEVILLE
PARKS, RECREATION & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 2026

Members Present: Holly Weberg, Vicki Schwartz, Dan Volkosh, Mark Engler, Angie Lueschen, Pat Sauer
Members Absent: Rachel Bland

Staff Present: Parks and Recreation Director Joe Masiarchin

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Weberg called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Lake Marion Conference Room.

2. Approval of April 15, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Volkosh made a motion, seconded by Schwartz, to approve the April 15, 2026, minutes as written.

Ayes: unanimous

a. New Committee Member Introductions

New committee member Angie Lueschen was introduced to the rest of the committee.

3. Citizen Comments

No citizens were present.

4. Discussion Items

a. Park Facility Naming Request

Staff has received a request to rename the Casperson Park Outdoor Performance Stage to the Doug and Deb Anderson Family Amphitheater. Given his leadership during his tenure as mayor and their ongoing involvement in the community, staff considers this an appropriate request that falls within the department's Rules and Regulation for Park Naming and Memorials Policy.

Schwartz – Will a monetary contribution be required? Not in this case similarly to the renaming of facilities in honor of outgoing park directors or other mayors, a monetary contribution would not be required.

Schwartz/Sauer – Asked for additional clarification on the recommendation to include spouse and family in the facility naming. Asked if it was a typical request to include spouse and family. Staff indicated that there is no other facility in Lakeville that includes this, but considers it an appropriate request under the department's policy.

Engler/Volkosh – In agreement that spouse and family would be appropriate, considering the time and energy that is given to support a family member who is running for/holding an elected office. Also noted that the Mayor and spouse are considered a family unit, not necessarily referring to extended family.

Weberg – The suggested facility name seems long. Are there parameters for the length of names? No, it could be shortened for publications, advertisements, etc., where necessary. After further discussion, the committee decided to put forth the Doug and Deb Anderson Amphitheater as their preferred naming choice, but would also approve the proposed name put forward by staff.

Volkosh made a motion, seconded by Lueschen to recommend the renaming of the Casperson Park Outdoor Performance Stage to the *Doug and Deb Anderson Ampitheater* as the committee's first preference and the *Doug and Deb Anderson Family Amphitheater* as their second.

Ayes: unanimous

The renaming request and the committee's recommendation will be sent to the June 1 City Council meeting. A dedication ceremony is anticipated to take place later this summer.

b. 2026 Playground Replacements

Staff presented three playground replacements for committee review. Following the standard replacement schedule, Brackett's Crossing, Dakota Heights, and Valley Lake Parks are all due for playground replacements this year. A number of playground designs were shared with neighbors of each of these park locations for their input on the proposed designs. An online survey was shared via postcards, onsite posters and social media from April 28 to May 10. Following the committee's recommendation, the preferred playgrounds will be purchased, and installation will begin in 5-6 weeks.

Motion was made by Engler, seconded by Sauer to approve the playground designs as chosen by those who provided feedback via the surveys.

Ayes: Unanimous

c. Parks System Master Plan and Facility Study Update

The first Facility Study PMT meeting was held as part of the Parks System Master Plan process. Staff, advisory board members and the consultant met to begin the review and assessment of Lakeville's indoor recreation facilities and future state needs for facilities within the community. Some takeaways from the discussion included the need for multi-generational indoor spaces, the Performing and Fine Arts buildings remaining in downtown and the review of proposed improvements to existing facilities like the Heritage Center. Stakeholder meetings with civic groups, advisory boards, staff, and athletic associations are occurring over the next couple of weeks. Updates will be provided to this committee as the process continues.

5. Staff Report

a. Pioneer Plaza Update

This project is officially underway; the existing water feature has been removed and relocated as the park's ID sign. Old wayfinding (directional) and informational signage that was no longer relevant has been removed. A new picnic table and concrete pad have been installed; the bike loop will be installed as the project continues. The project is anticipated to be completed by mid-June.

b. Arts Center Playground Project Update

The playground equipment arrived today, bench seating has been relocated and landscaping is being planted. The playground installation will be complete and ready for play within the next week with the

artistic fence and sculpture arriving over the next month. This is a very well-utilized playground, and staff is pleased with the project's progression so far.

c. Grand Prairie Park Project Update and Grand Opening

While there are a few components of the project, including landscaping and punch list items that need completion, the official ribbon-cutting is scheduled for June 1 at 4:30 p.m. The mayor will make opening remarks and recognize project sponsors, contractors and other notable project partners. A separate ribbon-cutting recognizing the Lions and their contribution to the splash pad will follow.

Construction of the Lake Marion Greenway way east of Dodd Boulevard will officially begin late this week. Additional trail segments are currently under construction in cooperation with other departments, including Streets and Engineering.

6. Other Business

No other business.

Sauer made a motion, seconded by Schwartz, to adjourn the May 20, 2026 meeting.

Ayes: unanimous

7. Adjourn

Meeting 6:53 p.m.