

CITY OF LAKEVILLE
PARKS, RECREATION & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
July 17, 2024

Committee Chair Weberg called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers

Members Present: Holly Weberg, Erin Young, Steve Henneberry, Daniel Volkosh

Members Absent: Surya Ganesan (alternate), Lindsay Haneman, Monica Joubert, Shahid Nadeem

Staff Present: Parks and Recreation Director Joe Masiarchin, Environmental Resources Manager Mac Cafferty, Senior Administrative Assistant Stella Eskelson

1. Approval of June 5, 2024 minutes

A motion was made by Volkosh, seconded by Young to approve the June 5, 2024 minutes as written.

Ayes: unanimous

2. Citizen comments

No citizens were present.

3. Staff Report and Park Bond Referendum Update

Staff shared an updated on a number of Pan-O-Prog events that are organized by the Parks and Recreation department including the July 4th Fireworks (move to July 5th due to weather), 1 and 4-mile runs, Pickleball Tournament, Active Adults Craft and Bake Sale, Art on the Lawn and Art Sale.

Fall program registration begins online August 8 and the brochure will be mailed to residents starting August 23. The number of pages increased from 12 to 16 due in part to the new/returning nature programs planned for the new Ed Mako Environmental Learning Center. Staff is working with the Communications and Environmental Resources Department on online marketing and social media promotion and nature education programs at Ritter Farm Park.

Staff is making changes to indoor facility rental timelines for the winter/spring months. This would allow for rentals from January 1-April 30 beginning August 15 at the John Hennen Pavilion, Parkview, Prairie Lake and Steve Michaud Parks.

Grand Prairie Park grading continues after being delayed due to rain, the contractors anticipate the project still being completed on time. The grandstand and baseball field construction are well underway. Staff is working on developing new policies for the new amenities at the park including the splash pad, among others. Staff has been meeting ongoingly with representatives from Lakeville Baseball Association (LBA) on finalizing the design documents. A sponsorship and advertising policy is being developed to assist LBA on selling advertising and sponsorship space at the ballfield to assist with funding part of their \$1-million pledge to the construction of the facility.

Committee Member Discussion: Has there been feedback on parking at Antlers Park? Staff has heard from several neighbors and is working on temporary and permanent solutions to the parking needs of the park. Drowning, wind,

4. Sundance Lakeville Second Addition Preliminary Plat

This plat consists of one block and one lot with 13 townhome buildings and 167 dwelling units and nine single family home lots on 15.75 acres north of 162nd Street, west of Buck Hill Road and east of Kendale Drive. Formerly the property had been agricultural property and more recently, utilized for aggregate mining.

The construction of Sundance Lakeville Second Addition includes the construction of public sidewalks. Five-foot wide concrete sidewalks, with pedestrian curb ramps, will be installed along one side of Kendale Drive from 162nd Street West to Dupont Avenue. The City's Parks, Trails and Open Space Plan does not designate a future park with this plat and the Park Dedication Fund will be satisfied through a cash contribution of \$9,383 per dwelling unit for high density residential and \$5,774 per dwelling unit for low density residential. A wetland delineation was completed, and no wetlands were identified on site.

The tree preservation plan identified 783 significant trees located within the plat boundaries, most of the trees will be removed with this plat. The developer will be responsible for replacing removed trees following the city ordinance for tree replacement.

Committee Vice Chair Henneberry – Expressed his concern with the number of trees that would be removed from the proposed plat and spoke to the visual and sound barrier that the current trees provide for the existing neighborhood. Given the city's ordinance of removal to replacement ratio, the screening will be significantly reduced. Henneberry proposed that this committee make a recommendation to the Planning Commission and City Council to increase the number of proposed replacement trees along the north and west sides of the plat boundaries along the single-family home lots. Henneberry also indicated that any plat with this proposed amount of tree removal would be concerning to him as PRNRC member.

Committee Chair Weberg – Weberg confirmed the tree removal ordinance and if this committee had the ability to make a recommendation to have the amount of replacement trees increased. Staff indicated that this committee could make a recommendation to the Planning Commission and City Council regarding the tree replacement.

Committee members further discussed the consistency of making similar recommendations and if there were other plats that had been reviewed by this committee where this would have been appropriate. The committee members did not feel as though there was another comparable plat and were agreeance that a recommendation on the proposed tree replacement plan would be appropriate.

A motion was made by Volkosh, seconded by Young to approve the Sundance Lakeville Second Addition Preliminary Plat with a recommendation to the Planning Commission and City Council to add additional screening along the north and west sides of the plat boundaries along the single-family lots.

Ayes: Weberg, Volkosh, Young
Henneberry recused himself from the vote

Motion was made by Henneberry, seconded by Volkosh to adjourn the July 17, 2024 meeting.
Ayes: unanimous

5. Adjourn

Meeting 6:47 p.m.