



AGENDA
PARKS, RECREATION & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
MEETING

April 16, 2025 - 6:00 PM
City Hall Council Chambers

1. Call to Order
 - a. Election of Officers
 - b. Introduction of New Committee Members
2. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. March 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes
3. Citizen Comments
4. Discussion Items
 - a. Recreation & Heritage Center Strategic Plan | Presentation
 - b. Kensington Park Playground Replacement
 - c. Marion Fields Park Playground Replacement
5. Staff Report
 - a. Future Meeting Location Discussion
6. Other Business
 - a. Lakeville Area Active Adults Committee Member Appointments
7. Adjourn



Memorandum

To: Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources Committee Members
From: Joe Masiarchin, Parks and Recreation Director
Date: April 11, 2025
Subject: Election of Officers

At our meeting, we will have you elect the officers of the committee for the next 12 months which will consist of the chair, vice-chair and secretary. In 2021, the city council discussed how to standardize the officer election process for the various committees and commissions. It was determined that the process would be as follows:

1. The existing chair, which is Holly Weberg in our case (or vice-chair if chair is no longer on the board) should ask for nominations. If vice-chair (Steve Henneberry) isn't available, then the secretary (vacant) would ask for nominations and if the secretary isn't available then the most tenured member of the board will handle the nomination process. Nominations can be taken individually by position (chair, vice-chair, secretary) or as a slate of officers. This call for nominations should occur three times (are there any nominations; are there any more nominations; are there any more nominations). The presiding officer shall announce that self-nominations are allowed.
2. Once three calls for nominations are completed, the chair shall state that nominations are closed.
3. A vote on the positions, either individually or as a slate, shall occur. The person with the most votes is elected.
4. The newly elected chair takes over presiding duties.

**CITY OF LAKEVILLE
PARKS, RECREATION & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
March 19, 2025**

Committee Chair Weberg called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Members Present: Holly Weberg, Steven Henneberry, Lindsay Haneman, Monica Joubert

Members Absent: Daniel Volkosh, Erin Young, Shahid Nadeem, Surya Ganesan (alternate)

Staff Present: Parks and Recreation Director Joe Masiarchin, Environmental Resources Manager Mac Cafferty

1. Approval of February 19, 2025 minutes

A motion was made by Joubert, seconded by Volkosh to approve February 19, 2025 minutes with correction to citizen comments as communicated by staff.

Ayes: unanimous

2. Citizen comments

No citizens were present.

3. Lord of Life Townhomes Preliminary Plat, Easement Vacation and Variance

This preliminary plat consists of twenty-four twinhome lots and one common area lot within one block located west of Dodd Lane, south of Dodd Boulevard and east of Pilot Knob Road. The parcel is 5.74 acres with 0.42 acres being dedicated as Dodd Lane right-of-way. Development of the townhomes includes the construction of five-foot-wide concrete sidewalks with pedestrian curb ramps along both sides of Esprit Court. There are no wetlands on site and the preservation plan identified four significant trees that will be removed and replaced at a ratio of 2:1 per City ordinance.

Committee Member Weberg – Will additional screening between the higher density and single-family homes be included? Staff indicated that there is a channel and vegetation that will provide screening in addition to landscaping that the developer will be responsible for.

Motion was made by Haneman, seconded by Joubert to recommend to City Council approval of the Lord of Life Townhomes Preliminary Plat, Easement Vacation and Variance as presented in the March 11 Planning and Engineering reports.

Ayes: Unanimous

4. Pumpkin Creek Preliminary Plat & Rezoning

The proposed subdivision is located south and adjacent to 185th St. W., north of and adjacent to The Preserve of Lakeville Third Addition. The preliminary plat consists of twenty-six single-family lots on 20.03 acres. The developer is dedicating 1.28 acres as 185th St. W. right-of-way.

Four wetlands were identified on site totaling 1.6 acres, a replacement plan was submitted for review by the appropriate agencies. The proposed plan identifies impacts to 0.17 acres of wetland. Three outlots have been included as wetland and buffers and stormwater management basins that will be deeded to the City. The tree preservation plan identifies 548 total trees on site and proposes the preservation of 134 trees (25%). The park dedication will be collected in cash at the time of final plat.

Motion was made by Joubert, seconded by Haneman to recommend to City Council approval of the Pumpkin Creek Preliminary Plat & Rezoning as presented in the March 11 Planning and Engineering reports.

Ayes: Unanimous

5. Heritage Center Update | Presentation

Active Adults Recreation Program Coordinator, Bridget Samson attended the meeting to provide an update on Heritage Center activities. Membership continues to grow and has reached a record high of 1,606 members. Popular visits include bread, coffee bar, library, fitness programs and pickleball. Groups that saw significant growth in 2024 included pickleball (260), walking (36), ladies' golf (100), biking (70) and men's golf (78). Over the year, eighteen new programs and special events were added.

The facility underwent a number of upgrades this past year including, the installation of a new sound system, planting of a flower garden and new cameras were installed in the game room and atrium. Facility rentals also increased that resulted in a \$9,912 rental fee collection from 2023.

A number of new offerings are slated for 2025 including collaborative classes with the Arts Center, pen pal program, Eccentrics for Golfers Workshop, Potluck Pickleball Tournament, Pizza at the Park and in-house calligraphy classes.

6. Staff Report

Staff provided an update on the status of the Strategic Planning process that began in February. Heritage Center and Recreation staff met to develop an 18-month implementation plan.

A contract with WSB was approved by City Council to plan and design two trailheads as part of the Lake Marion Greenway project. The new trailheads will be located at Ritter Farm Park and downtown Lakeville on Howland Avenue near the Arts Center. The project will include construction of new trails and some trail reclamation, grant funding opportunities are being explored.

Staff thanked committee members Lindsay Haneman and Monica Joubert for their service on the committee.

Motion was made by Henneberry, seconded by Joubert to adjourn the March 19, 2025 meeting.

Ayes: unanimous

6. Adjourn

Meeting 6:55 p.m.



Memorandum

To: Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources Committee

From: Joe Masiarchin, Parks and Recreation Director

Date: April 11, 2025

Subject: Kensington Park Playground Replacement

The Kensington Park playground is scheduled for replacement, the current play structure was installed in 2000 and meets the requirements of the City's standard replacement schedule. Staff worked with Webber Recreational Design, Inc. on the design of two concepts for the future playground.

Staff sent postcards to 137 immediate neighbors of the park and invited them to share their feedback on the two concepts and choose their preferred. The postcard and survey link were also shared via social media by a City Council member who lives in the neighborhood. The survey went live on March 19 and closed on April 11; staff received 35 responses. The comments and survey results along with two concepts are included for committee review. Option 1 was the more popular playground design of the two provided. Staff is asking for a motion of approval on the preferred concept selected by residents of the Kensington Park neighborhood.

Choose one option:	Let us know if you have any comments or feedback:
Option 1	Would like to have the traditional baby swing added to the swing set area. There are a lot of babies in the neighborhood.
Option 1	
Option 1	
Option 1	Would like to have the extra play structure from option 2 on the option 1 play ground.
Option 1	We love the current playground where you can run to the other side like a fort type feeling.
	Hope they can keep that types of features.
Option 1	We appreciate the use of tax dollars to make parks safe and fun. What are you doing with the old equipment?
Option 1	tub slides are best
Option 1	Please put pickleball courts in grassy area
Option 1	
Option 1	
Option 1	
Option 1	Our family (including our 8 & 13 year old) liked option one over option two because of the two-story slides and platforms. They like being able to climb higher and look over the park!
	Would be happy to see a slightly more involved side play area for some smaller kids ages 1-3.
Option 1	
	Looking forward to a new playground for the kids!!
Option 1	
Option 1	My kids love monkey bars, would be nice to see those.
Option 1	
Option 1	
Option 1	
Option 2	
Option 2	
Option 2	Option 2 seems to be the best use of space
Option 2	
	These are great! My kids are excited. We like option 2 the best, but swap out the car structure for the house. Is there a way to add monkey bars? My kids love those.
Option 2	Our two grandchildren like Option 2 best. We use the park most days even in winter. Ages 6 and 3.5
Option 2	
Option 2	The park serves all ages. It would nice to have some big kids(over 5) things and some little kids (5 & under).

Kensington Park (Option 1 UPDATED) Lakeville, MN



Kensington Park (Option 2 UPDATED) Lakeville, MN





Memorandum

To: Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources Committee

From: Joe Masiarchin, Parks and Recreation Director

Date: April 11, 2025

Subject: Marion Fields Park Playground Replacement

The Marion Fields Park playground is scheduled for replacement, the current play structure was installed in 2002 and meets the requirements of the City's standard replacement schedule. Staff worked with Burke on the design of two concepts for the future playground.

Staff sent postcards to 90 immediate neighbors of the park and invited them to share their feedback on the two concepts and choose their preferred. The survey went live on March 19 and closed on April 11; staff received 14 responses. The comments and survey results along with two concepts are included for committee review. Option 1 was the more popular playground design of the two provided. Staff is asking for a motion of approval on the preferred concept selected by residents of the Marion Fields Park neighborhood.

Choose one option:	Let us know if you have any comments or feedback:
Option 1	Planting trees around the park to give shade would be awesome!!! We are at the park daily for my daycare. I'm the summer the kids will always sit my the trees to get relief
Option 1	Each picture looks like it has different feature - looks like 4 different options. Currently, there isn't much shade where the park is situated, nor is fun for anyone ages 6 and up. My kids said they loved the enclosed slide. They love the monkey bars. Have the chair spin feature is also really wanted as well as a climbing feature. This revamp is a must have. A basketball/ four square pad of concrete would be nice too, it would have to be addition to what is currently shown and not a replacement feature.
Option 1	Put pickleball courts in the field!
Option 1	Either option is fine..but I like option 1 better.
Option 1	Fun climbing options to a second level. ðŸ˜¸
Option 1	We use this park all year round almost daily in the summer. I wish it could have a bigger part geared towards preschool kids! There are approx 30 daycare kids using this park when we do-ages 4 and under for the most part. Older kids are in school majority of this time and have their school parks geared for them!! Shade-more trees! We picnic all the time and us daycare providers are lugging picnic tables into the shade of one big tree planted at this park. I donâ€™t understand the monkey bars? You have to be really What would also be nice is to add another picnic table and bench or two for parents etc. to sit on when watching their kids. Also, have a permanent place for the garbage/recycling cans.
Option 1	
Option 2	
Option 2	
Option 2	I can't open the 3d tour on my phone but it sure appears your options are jumbled
Option 2	
Option 2	We would love to see pickle ball courts at this park, on this side of town one day!
Option 2	



3D Designer: Kendra

COLOR KEY	
	GRANITE
	LIME
	NAVY
	BLUE/WHITE



SPINNING

Besides being just plain fun, spinning helps children develop spatial awareness, balance and coordination. Children on the autism spectrum often find the motion to be a relaxing, soothing activity that can reset them if they need time to themselves.



IMAGINATIVE PLAY

Imagination is an important part of child development. Often in play, children learn important life skills that transcend the playground. Skills such as understanding, empathy and working toward a common goal are all practiced in imaginative play.



COGNITIVE

So many life skills are learned through play! Skills such as cognitive planning, mastering new concepts, problem solving and expression are developed naturally through play events like climbing, sliding and spinning.



CLIMBING

Climbing brings adventure and challenge to the playground while providing necessary developmental benefits such as balance, agility, upper and lower body strength and decision-making skills! When children climb, they develop confidence and take age appropriate risks that help build skills that will help them throughout their lives.



PLAY VARIETY

This design offers the perfect solution for a great playspace and ensures that the necessary and age-appropriate play components are included. With various slides, climbers and spinning events, kids will be able to enhance physical fitness while having fun playing.



SWINGING

The joy of swinging is a childhood staple and kids LOVE it! Best of all, it has so many developmental benefits, including inner ear development, spatial awareness and sensory integration.



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●	GRANITE
●	LIME
●	NAVY
●	BLUE/WHITE
●	LIME/BLACK
●	GRAY/BLACK

3D Designer: Kendra



OVERHEAD EVENTS

Overhead event that builds upper body strength and endurance, improve eye-hand coordination and elevate children's self-confidence.



IMAGINATIVE PLAY

This Castra™ Playfort has play value, variety and equity built into it with three climbing routes and challenge levels and more than twenty different activities for children designed to support this age group's development.



INCLUSIVITY

Play equity is redefined with the latest play innovation – the 360™ Loop. This slide, transfer, climber combination allows for children of all abilities to have control over their play experience and be able to play and move independently in an all-new way.



CLIMBING

Bringing adventure, excitement and loads of developmental benefits to your playground is the latest in climbing available from Burke. The Approach™ Climber uses the exciting new Tread Pod to encourage children to move, play, imagine and problem solve through play!



PLAY PANELS

Play panels offer opportunities for all children to develop skills, have fun and spend time learning outside. Memory Reactions is an interactive game that challenges kids to improve their memory skills and learn through play.



SWINGING

The Freedom Swing brings the joy of swinging to children of all abilities. With a locked-in harness and comfort-designed seat, the Freedom Swing can be paired with standard swings to create a space everyone can enjoy.