

**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 Haneman 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.