

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

Committee Chair Weberg called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in the Lake Marion Conference Room.

Members Present: Holly Weberg, Steve Henneberry, Vicki Schwartz, Renee Brekken

Members Absent: Pat Sauer, Saima Ali, Mark Engler, Dan Volkosh, Shahid Nadeem

Staff Present: Parks and Recreation Director Joe Masiarchin

1. Approval of the October 1, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Schwarz made a motion, seconded by Henneberry, to approve the October 1, 2025, minutes as written.

Ayes: unanimous

2. Citizen comments

Chris Kohlbeck 9502 207th St. W. – Opposes the extension of the Lake Marion Greenway project. Feels that there is already sufficient regional trail connectivity to most of the destinations that are highlighted as part of the greenway. He has also spoken to neighbors and other park goers who were not aware of the greenway proposal and did not think that adequate notice had been provided to the community. Expressed concern over the increased bike traffic that will be drawn to the park.

3. Lake Marion Greenway Trail Design Update

DJ Sosa from WSB provided a status update on the Lake Marion Greenway Trail Design. WSB has been consulting on the project since 2018 when the initial feasibility study was completed. A second open house was held in early November to update stakeholders on the project and provide an opportunity for feedback. Open houses were advertised via direct mailers, City-wide newsletters, City and department Facebook pages, and on the City website.

The current alignment and 90% to completion plans were shared with the committee for feedback. The adjusted alignment is intended to stay close to the road, use existing trails, and minimize impact on the park's natural areas. Impacts on parking will reduce the footprint while improving the efficiency of the parking area. A tree survey was completed with City Staff, WSB, and representatives from Dakota County, encompassing the proposed trial alignment within 100 feet of the trail center. Given the impact on existing trees, the trail grade has been adjusted to improve access and preserve additional valuable trees. The species and health of the trees to be impacted were taken into consideration when grading them. Where able, the equestrian and cross-country ski/snowmobile trails will shift to the current hiking trail. Staff will meet with members of the Sno-Trackers club to finalize trail alignments and assess the impact on ski and snowmobile trails. Speed mitigation, including speed limit signs, will be posted, as will educational signage to direct bike traffic.

Each phase of the design will be presented to the Parks committee and City Council for review and approval.

Committee Discussion:

Can the speed limit be reduced? Yes, an initial speed limit will be set for all trails with adjustments made where needed to accommodate areas of increased traffic or potentially hazardous conditions. Public education will be created and deployed via the City's website and social media channels.

4. Parks System Master Plan Update

The community survey closed with just over 1,300 responses received. The identification of existing conditions of the parks system is nearing completion and moving into the needs assessment phase. Stakeholder meetings have been completed with various advisory board members, athletic association representatives, staff, and Dakota County. A group meeting with the consultant, staff and advisory committee will be held in late December or early January.

5. Other Business

Weberg reminded committee members of the upcoming volunteer opportunities for winter Recreation events including Santa's Secret Store, Illumination Walk and Ritter Fest.

Henneberry made a motion, seconded by Schwartz, to adjourn the November 19, 2025 meeting.

Ayes: unanimous

6. Adjourn

Meeting 7:30 p.m.