

**ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES FOR  
MAY 4, 2021 6:30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Arneson, Baggenstoss, Boulton, Brown, Dahlstrom, Heikkila, Hoag, Kim, Lenhart, Ybarra  
**ABSENT:** Carlson  
**STAFF:** Brokke, Christensen, Johnson

**1) INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Hoag introduced the virtual Zoom format for the meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic. State Law allows for an exception to in-person public meetings during pandemics to ensure the safety of commissioners, staff and the public. The public was still encouraged to participate in the meeting using the Zoom platform.

**2) ROLL CALL/PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Roll Call Commissioners:** Arneson, Baggenstoss, Boulton, Brown, Dahlstrom, Heikkila, Kim, Lenhart, Ybarra and Hoag.

Chair Hoag called for public comment by members of the audience. No audience in attendance.

**3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 6, 2021 MEETING**

Commissioner Heikkila moved to approve the minutes. Vice-Chair Dahlstrom seconds.

**Roll Call**

**Ayes:** Arneson, Baggenstoss, Boulton, Brown, Dahlstrom, Heikkila, Hoag, Lenhart and Ybarra.

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**4) PARK DEDICATION REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION – MIDLAND LEGACY ESTATES – 2395 COUNTY ROAD B WEST**

Staff provided an overview of the updated proposal for the Midland Legacy Estates location at 2395 County Road B West which included information on the Park Dedication process, history, purpose and options.

The Commission reviewed location maps of the parcel and the proposed site plan for the development which would include a proposed sidewalk along Eustis. This parcel is located in constellation J. There has been a long standing and strong desire for additional park and recreation opportunities in this area of the city.

The project qualifies for Park Dedication. The proposal summary for Midland Legacy Estates includes:

- Total Acreage = 6.1
- 11 new lots (10 new)
- Cash Amount: \$42,500 (\$4,250 per unit X 10)
- Land Amount: .61 Acres

Staff noted that a similar plat proposal on this same property was reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission in May and June of last year. For that proposal, the Commission made a recommendation to accept useable parkland somewhere along County Rd B, and specified an area on the south and southwest side of the development as a preferred location. That overall proposal ultimately was not approved by the City Council. On this new proposal, the developer focused on the Commissions previous parkland dedication recommendation for useable parkland on the south side of the parcel. The developer has stated that the proposed land dedication will be turned over to the city as useable parkland that is 95% flat and seeded. Additionally, the developer has committed to protecting the three large existing oak trees on the east side of the current driveway which would allow for existing tree cover to the new park space.

Chair Hoag reminded everyone that the role of the Commission is not to scrutinize the development but to recommend land or cash to the City Council to satisfy Park Dedication.

The Commission discussed the development location in order to orientate themselves with the exact location of the parcel. They also discussed what a .61 size park could potentially look like.

Commissioner Baggenstoss asked if there will be trail connections as part of this development. Staff responded that pathways would be outside the scope of Park Dedication. However, it is staffs understanding that the developer has the intention to create pathways as part of the Pathway Master Plan along the south and west side of the parcel.

The Commission looked at pictures and discussed the large oak and maple trees that the developer has proposed to save as part of the parkland.

Commissioner Baggenstoss thanked the developer for bringing back a creative proposal that addressed the Commissions requests that were made in the previous park dedication recommendation.

Commissioner Baggenstoss proposed to recommend the developer's parkland proposal of useable parkland (.616 acres) located on the south side of the parcel, which is 95% flat and seeded with protection of the three large existing oak trees to the City Council. Commissioner Brown seconded.

**Roll Call**

**Ayes:** Arneson, Baggenstoss, Boulton, Brown, Dahlstrom, Heikkila, Hoag, Lenhart and Ybarra.

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**5) STAFF REPORT**

**a) NEW OR RELEVANT COMMUNICATIONS AND UPDATE ITEMS**

• Operational Update

○ Recent Events

- Roseville's Skating Show took place with COVID-19 protocols on April 23 and 24
- Kite Day brought 125 residents to Central Park at the Victoria Ballfields on April 24 (10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)
  - Free event
  - Sponsored by Roseville Parks and Recreation, Do Good Roseville and Kiwanis Malt Shop at the MN State Fair
- Earth Day at the Harriet Alexander Nature Center on April 24

○ Volunteers

- April 6 – Reservoir Woods Park clean up (BSA Troop 297, 18 Scouts and 12 parents)
- April 17 – Rain Garden clean-up at Lexington Park (approximately 13 volunteers, 3 new to Natural Resources)
- April 22 – Frog and Toad Zoom Training (12 volunteers attended, 2 new volunteers will do monitoring)
- April 24 – Kite Day
- April 24 – Earth Day (approximately 20 volunteers)
- April 24 – Ice Show (Parent Volunteers)
- April 24 – Youth Baseball had 100 people out at their field Clean-up
- April 24 – Reservoir Woods Clean-up (3 volunteers)
- April 24 – Volunteer-led garlic mustard pull (8 volunteers)
- April 27 – Volunteer-led garlic mustard pull at Reservoir Woods Park

- Cedarholm
  - 2,500 Rounds played
  - 508 Summer league members
  - 78 Jr. league members
  - 195 Sr. league members
  - Rentals are picking up again too
    - All numbers through April 22
- Recreation
  - Registration continues for summer
  - Recreation Programs
    - Full slate of recreational programs
    - Summer concerts/puppet wagon
  - Adult Softball – 135 teams
  - Adult Sand Volleyball – 70 teams
  - Bocce Ball
  - Shelter Rentals – 15 rentals (April 15–May 1)
- Rosefest
  - Wednesday, June 23
    - Discover Your Parks – Villa Park
  - Thursday, June 24
    - Touch a truck
    - Kids Garage Sale
    - Golden Rose Medallion Hunt Kick-off
    - Concert in the Park – Blue Groove Bluegrass Band
  - Friday, June 25
    - 9 and Dine on a Dime Golf at Cedarholm
    - Superhero Carnival
    - Family Free Skate at the Roseville Skating Center
    - Calvary Community Theater in the Park
    - Golden Rose Medallion Hunt
  - Saturday, June 26
    - Run for the Roses 5K
    - Calvary Community Theater in the Park
    - Backyard Campout
    - Golden Rose Medallion Hunt
  - Sunday, June 27
    - Rosefest Golf Tournament
    - Porsche Car Show (tentative)
    - Teddy Bear Band (2 shows)

- Golden Rose Medallion Hunt
  - Unable to offer in 2021
    - Parade – postponed to 2022
    - Party in the Park (fireworks) – postponed to 2022
    - Taste of Rosefest postponed until fall 2021
- Work on the inclusive play area at Central Park Victoria West is anticipated to begin in mid-May. Special thanks to the Friends of Roseville Parks and the donor, both made this special project possible!
- Flower Power planting at Central Park Lexington on Saturday, May 22 from 9 a.m. – Noon. Come volunteer and make Roseville Blooming Boulevard beautiful.
- The Park Dedication Ordinance item that was discussed at the April Commission meeting is anticipated to be on the Agenda at the Monday, May 10 City Council meeting. Staff will send out the agenda and packet to the Commission.
- The Discover Your Park (DYP) sign-up sheet is available online for Commissioners to sign-up to attend. Staff reiterated how important it is to have Commissioners available at the DYP events to gather feedback from community members on the Pocahontas Park renaming item. Staff agreed to resend the link to Commissioners.
- Staff asked the Commission if they felt they would like to meet with the City Council on June 7 or if they would prefer to wait until the Pocahontas Park naming item is more wrapped-up. The Commission discussed wanting to keep Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) before the City Council. However, they agreed that waiting may be beneficial in order to allow for additional updates on the Pocahontas Park name topic.

## 6) OTHER

Commissioner Lenhart shared the land survey of pre-Europe settlement Pocahontas Park (circa 1848). Pocahontas Park was in section 10 of the 1848 land survey. The land description from Section 10 included:

- Land rolling
- Soil second rate (not good for agriculture)
- Scattered timber, oak (bur, white and black)
- Lowlands – marsh and lakes

Commissioner Baggenstoss shared that he greatly appreciates the research on the pre-European land information. However, he wants to reiterate that the Commission needs to hear from non-white voices and what their history and thoughts of the land may be.

Commissioner Lenhart agreed that she looks forward to hearing and learning about those stories as well. However, she relayed that she shared this information as it was readily available and she thought the group might want to know about it from a historical perspective.

Finally, Commissioner Lenhart asked if the Community Gardens in Oasis Park is a Roseville Parks and Recreation amenity. Staff confirmed that, yes, it is a proud summer time Park and Recreation offering.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Danielle Christensen, Department Assistant