

**ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES FOR
AUGUST 4, 2022 6:30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Brown, Dahlstrom, Hoag, Lenhart, Matts-Benson
ABSENT: Arneson, Boulton, Baggenstoss, Carlson, Ybarra
STAFF: Johnson, Scholl, Taylor

1) INTRODUCTIONS

2) ROLL CALL/PUBLIC COMMENT

Roll Call Commissioners: Brown, Dahlstrom, Hoag, Lenhart, Matts-Benson

Staff introduced Parks and Recreation Intern, Eliza Scholl, to the Commission. She attended the meeting to learn more about the Parks and Recreation Commission as part of her intern program.

Chair Dahlstrom called for public comment by members of the audience. No audience members were present.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 7, 2022 MEETING

Vice-Chair Hoag moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Matts-Benson seconds.

Roll Call

Ayes: Brown, Dahlstrom, Hoag, Lenhart, Matts-Benson.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

4) GUIDANT JOHN ROSE MN OVAL PROJECT SUMMARY AND UPDATES

Staff provided a brief history of the Guidant John Rose MN OVAL:

- The OVAL was constructed and opened in 1993
- It is one of four full international speed skating tracks in the United States
- The OVAL is the largest refrigerated sheet of ice in North America
- John Rose was the legislator from Roseville who was instrumental in getting funds to build the OVAL
- The OVAL is home to two speed skating clubs, U.S. Bandy, and Roseville Area Youth Hockey Association
- The World Women's Bandy Championship was hosted at the OVAL in 2017
- Some open skating sessions can bring in 500 skaters

- Summer use at the OVAL includes:
 - Skate Park
 - Roll in Movies
 - Larger Events

- History of the current MN OVAL Project
 - Timeline
 - History of state contributing to OVAL capital repairs
 - 2018 Condition Assessment Report
 - 2019 began to pursue state bonding dollars
 - Awarded \$3.9 million in 2020 MN Bonding Bill
 - 2021 agreement with state and hired B32 Engineers Group
 - 2022 awarded bid packages
 - Work began in March 2022

- Project Areas
 - Replace perimeter track
 - Uneven cracking and inadequate drainage of the perimeter track that was last replaced in 2009
 - Reinforced concrete and a trench drain have replaced the previous asphalt perimeter track
 - Correct and improve drainage
 - Frost heave of the previous drainage system caused a two and a half inch difference in the height of the concrete in some places
 - Previous catch basins were over 25 years old
 - Corrected drainage system will prevent future heaving
 - Replace items in the refrigeration system that have outlived their useful life
 - Chiller
 - Condenser
 - Brine pumps
 - Water pumps
 - Control System
 - Alarm System
 - Replace speedskating padding system
 - Current System
 - Stationary year round chain link fence
 - New System
 - Selected by Best Value methodology
 - Designed by Impakt Sports
 - Made by Kaiser Manufacturing

- Free standing with bungee system
 - Meets current standards
 - Have space for advertising
 - Will require more storage space and help from affiliated groups to set up
 - May move a bit in the wind
 - Improved OVAL access for persons with disabilities
 - New heated concrete ramp to the OVAL
- Progress to Date
 - Staff relayed that the project is approximately 65% complete
 - Work Complete:
 - Drainage correction
 - Track repair
 - Removal of old mechanical
 - ADA ramp installation
 - Wiring/conduit upgrades
 - Padding system prototype
 - Fixed the heave on the rink surface
 - Repaired leaking refrigeration pipe
 - Work Remaining:
 - Installation of refrigeration items
 - Chiller
 - Pumps
 - Other mechanical items
 - Site grading and restoration
 - Railings on ADA ramp
 - Install new controls
 - Install new alarm system
- Future Items
 - 2022 Bonding Bill Items that were submitted (the 2022 Bonding Bill did not move forward in the legislature).
 - Skating Center restrooms
 - Lobby and mechanical room rooftop
 - Banquet facility renovations
 - Other Items
 - Upgrade skate park equipment
 - Scoreboard
 - Lighting

Commissioner Lenhart asked if the pipes running under the OVAL were replaced. Staff responded that no pipes under the OVAL have ever needed to be replaced. Only areas outside of the OVAL have experienced heaving or pipe breaks.

Commissioner Lenhart asked if staff have looked into shading the OVAL during the summer, specifically at the bleacher area. Staff relayed that any shade system would need to be moveable and would be incredibly costly. Staff thanked Commissioner Lenhart for her feedback.

5) STAFF REPORT

a) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

- Rosefest was held June 23-29 and July 4. 21 community events were held over seven days. Staff extended a special “thank you” to all of the volunteers who helped make Rosefest a success!
- Emerald Ash Borer
 - 142 Trees removed to date
 - 325 Anticipated removals by the end of the year
 - 70 Trees planted (plantings are currently paused due to high temperatures)
 - 350 Anticipated trees to be planted by the end of the year
 - Tree sale opens on August 15 (pick up October 1)
 - 150 Trees will be sold at \$40.00/tree for Roseville residents
 - Additional tree sales will be held in 2023 and 2024
 - Tree Trust has added information and a QR watering log to all newly planted trees.
- Pickleball courts at Evergreen Park are now open. The tennis courts at the Appétu Téča Education Center have been refurbished and are now playable.
- Pocahontas Park Name Change
 - 23 Names received to date (27 submitted)
 - Plan to continue soliciting name suggestions through the Wild Rice Festival on September 17
 - Reengage with Native American individuals that have participated to-date
 - Bring the item back to the Commission in October
- Healing Garden at Muriel Sahlin Arboretum
 - Pilot program that educates how vegetation can have positive impacts on healing both mentally and physically
 - Partnership with Ramsey County Master Gardeners which is a U of M extension
 - Multiple signs throughout the Arboretum provides education or prompting thoughts for emotional healing/peace. The final sign of the healing garden has a QR code to solicit feedback from participants
 - The Ramsey County Master Gardeners will be at the next Discover Your Park event to discuss the program

b) OTHER NEW OR RELEVANT COMMUNICATIONS AND UPDATE ITEMS

- The fall brochure should be in homes next week.
- Roseville School of Dance classes will begin September 15.
- The first day to register for Roseville Gymnastics will be August 16. Classes will begin on September 12.
- Registrations for the skate school will be opening in the next few weeks. Skating classes will begin on September 12.
- Fall golf leagues are now forming at the Cedarholm Golf Course.
- The Community Visioning project is moving forward and is anticipated to be approximately a one year process.
- Minnesota Recreation and Parks Association will join the Commission at the September meeting to present two Awards of Excellence for 2021 projects.
- Staff received a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Grant for Emerald Ash Borer. This will help contribute to the mitigation funding program.
- A grant was received to continue the natural resources work at Reservoir Woods. This will help continue work that began in 2016.
- Roseville has been awarded a new Community Forestry Corp member. Forestry Corp is the tree division of AmeriCorp's.

6) OTHER

Commissioner Lenhart asked about the timing of the Campus Master Plan. Staff replied that the need has been identified. However, bonding for the project has not been completed.

Commissioner Lenhart inquired about potentially losing Veteran's Park and what opportunities there are for acquiring new parkland. Staff relayed that it is early in the process of the Campus Master Plan and full impact is not yet known. However, staff is always looking at community needs and potential parkland to acquire.

The Commission discussed options to continue exploring current parkland, park amenities and future needs.

Commissioner Lenhart gave kudos to staff of the Summer Spectacular youth program. She added what a great experience her son has had this summer. Staff thanked Commissioner Lenhart for the feedback and acknowledged how great the seasonal staff has been this summer.

The Commission discussed that the Accelerated Emerald Ash Borer Program has been going well.

Chair Dahlstrom reminded the Commission that the next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 6.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Danielle Christensen, Department Assistant