

AGENDA

1. ROLL CALL: Beck, Erdos-Thayer, Rasmussen, Davis, Rochon-Washington, Rentsch
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
 - A. March 24 Meeting Minutes
3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES
4. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. New PRF Commissioner Matthew Rentsch: Oath of Office
 - B. Sanborn Renaming Group
 - C. New Park Signs First Run
5. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Triangle Park Pump Track
 - B. Manor Park Playground Update
 - C. Sanborn Update
 - D. Commission Priorities for Next Meeting
6. INFORMATION ONLY
 - A. Parks
 - B. Music in the Park Series
 - C. Recreation
7. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES

1. Called to order at 7:03 PM

ROLL CALL: X Beck, X Erdos-Thayer, X Davis, Rasmussen, X Rochon-Washington

Also in attendance: Matt Bazyk-Staff Liaison, Dave Uherka-Robbinsdale Resident, Klause Weber-Robbinsdale Resident, Greg Salers

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion:

2nd:

Vote for approval: yes, no

Motion to accept agenda with addition of Public Comment:

3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- A. PRFC 1/27/26 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Rochon-Washington

2nd: Beck

Vote for approval: 4 yes, 0 no

4. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Sanborn Playground: Midwest Playscapes

Davis: Look into not installing until Spring if we can't open until Spring.

- B. Sanborn Tennis and Pickleball Courts

Matt gave an update, to Commission on USTA

- C. Sanborn Park Renaming

Erdos-Thayer: Dakota are displaced. Lakota or other tribes are more prevalent in the area.

5. OLD BUSINESS

6. INFORMATION ONLY

- A. Recreation:

Eggstravaganza: This Saturday March 28th. Recreation helping with event for second year in a row. Bring your kids! At City Hall 1-3 pm

Music in the Parks Series: April 23rd, 6-7 PM at Kelly Park. Mariachi Jalisco de Mexico (other dates: May 28, June 18, July 30 and August 28)

Working to get AED's available to people in parks.

- B. Forestry:

Awaiting to hear if all expected ReLeaf Grant funding from the DNR will be approved (expected \$125K)

Working with Prairie Restoration Inc. and other staff on design for converting City Hall to native landscaping (4 separate management areas in project)

Applying collectively to a DNR Grant seeking funding for the above conversion project (both installation & management) through June, 2029

MNL Plant Kit Sale to opened in early March we have sold 113 kits so far!

Tree Trust Tree Sale to opened March 2nd. Price per tree \$50. Pickup at Public works on 14 (evening) and 16 (morning) of May

Worked with our GreenCorps member to design a post card which we'll be sending out to every residence - one side will advertise the tree sale and the other the plant kit sale. Excited to see what the response may be since this will be a first try to get more folks to participate!

Reminder that Plymouth has a surplus of wood, a sawmill and a kiln. If anyone has park infrastructure ideas in need of lumber not requiring specific treatments let staff know and we'll each out to Plymouth

Discussing carving up the ~14 foot high bur oak snag with Iowa Falls chainsaw artist Gary Keenan at Sanborn Park into something cool. He's willing to do something here the next time he's in our area. Any ideas on what to carve? You can see some of Gary's work attached.

7.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn: Rochon-Thayer

Davis: 2nd

Vote 4-0



TO: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission
PREPARED BY: Matthew Bazyk, Recreation Services Manager
DATE: May 26, 2026
RE: New PRF Commissioner Matthew Rentsch: Oath of Office

Background:

Matthew Rentsch, Ward 1 resident, is joining the PRFC as an At Large member from Ward 1.

Analysis:

Matthew must recite and sign the Oath of Office.

Recommendation:

Attachments:

1. OATH OF OFFICE

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STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)
CITY OF ROBBINSDALE)

I, _____, solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution and will obey the laws of the United States and of the State of Minnesota, that I will, in all respects, observe the provisions of the charter and the ordinances of the City of Robbinsdale and will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commissioner to the best of my judgment and ability.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

By: _____

Telephone No. _____

Title: _____



TO: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission
PREPARED BY: Matthew Bazyk, Recreation Services Manager
DATE: May 26, 2026
RE: Sanborn Renaming Group

Background:

Sanborn Park has been in the renaming process since 2023. Staff updated Council in December 2025 on the community feedback and received the directive to focus on utilizing Dakota Language to rename the park. City staff informed Council that in order to utilize Native Language in the naming process, we would need to release the naming rights to the Dakota people and develop continued education within the City and adopt a land acknowledgment statement.

Analysis:

Matt Bazyk has been working with a group of local experts to achieve the renaming goals. This group includes: Sisokaduta, Jim Rock and Crystal Boyd. Bios are below.

Šišókaduta (Wayne Joseph Bendickson) is an enrolled member of the Lake Traverse Reservation and a leading voice in Dakota language revitalization. He currently serves as Linguistic Director of Dakhóta Iápi Okhodakichiye, where he directs development of the Dakhóta Iápi Wičhóie Wówapi Dakota Language Dictionary app and leads language camps and community programming.

For fifteen years, Šišókaduta served as Dakota Language Senior Teaching Specialist at the University of Minnesota–Twin Cities, where he developed the curriculum for beginning and intermediate Dakota language courses, helped establish the world's first undergraduate Dakota language major, and co-created Dakhód'iapi Wahóhpi, a Dakota language nest at the Child Development Laboratory School. He holds a B.A. in American Indian Studies from UMN-TC.

A prolific presenter and researcher, Šišókaduta has shared his work at conferences across the North America, and led a delegation of 32 Dakota and Lakota language teachers on a cultural exchange with Māori language leaders in 2024. His documentary history of the Dakota language, Dakhóta Iápi: A Brief History in Three Parts, received the 2025 Minnesota History Award and the 2024 Virginia B. Kunz Award from the Ramsey County Historical Society.

Šišókaduta serves as Board Chair of Dakhóta Iápi Okhodakichiye and holds board memberships with the Lakota Language Consortium, Makoce Ikikcupi, and the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council Language Working Group.

Jim Rock (Dakota) taught astronomy, chemistry, and physics at Wayzata High School for almost 30 years. He also spearheaded a summer program at the University of Minnesota called Andogiikendassowin / Wasdodyawacinpi (Seek to Know), which introduced students to Indigenous ways of knowing that combine science, music, sacred sites, waterways, and experiential learning. Jim and his wife, Roxanne Gould, continue to support Indigenous-led projects like Makoce Ikikcupi (Land Recovery) from their home in Golden Valley.

Crystal Boyd grew up in Golden Valley and is a community organizer for the H̄h̄h̄ Wakpádaŋ / Bassett Creek Oral History Project. She has served on the Minnesota Historical Society's Historic Resources Advisory Committee and the Minnesota National Digital Newspaper Program Advisory Board. She volunteers with the Robbinsdale Historical Society and co-hosts the history podcast Robbinsdale Revisited. She earned Bachelor of Arts degrees in English and Spanish from the University of Minnesota and a Master's degree in Museum Studies from the University of Colorado.

After a brief pause in January, due to the disturbances happening around Minneapolis and St. Paul, we have reengaged in conversations on how to rename Sanborn Park. This will include a prayer ceremony, which will be done in private, by a local spiritual or cultural leader. Sisoka is identifying who this individual will be. Once we have the name, we plan on unveiling the new name to the park in the Spring of 2027, along with a new park sign and playground.

Recommendation:

Support the continued work of City Staff to achieve the desired result from the years of City Council, staff and community input during this renaming process.

Attachments:

None

TO: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission
PREPARED BY: Matthew Bazyk, Recreation Services Manager
DATE: May 26, 2026
RE: New Park Signs First Run

Background:

The Parks and Recreation Departments are planning to replace the monument signs for the parks in 2026 and 2027. Attached is the first attempt from a group that works with the vendor where we can purchase them. We have discussed having three different sized signs for the different sized parks. For the parks with multiple amenities, we want to have icons depicting what visitors will find in the park.

Analysis:

Staff feel that this version of the signs is too basic and have asked for another design with more character. They are currently working on a design that will hopefully feature the city outline and add a bit more whimsy to our parks.

Recommendation:

Attachments:

1. robbinsdale DRAFT-1

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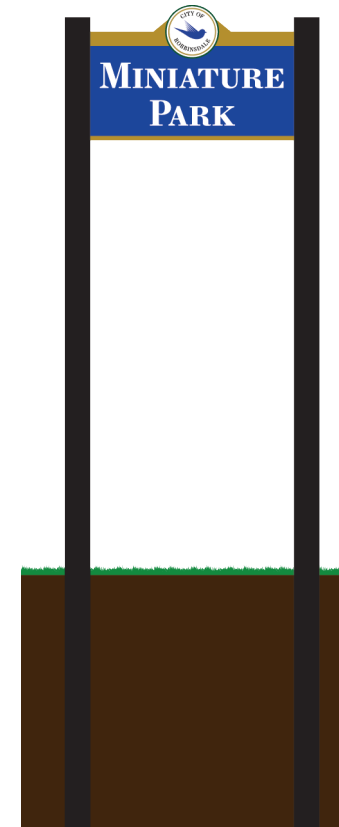
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48"W x 32"H



24"W x 16"H

TO: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission
PREPARED BY: Matthew Bazyk, Recreation Services Manager
DATE: May 26, 2026
RE: Triangle Park Pump Track

Background:

We are looking to install a pump track in Triangle Park next year. Nick Erdos-Thayer and Matt Bazyk met with a representative from American Ramp Company at Triangle Park to discuss the site. While there, they informed us of a new product that is significantly cheaper in price than what we had been planning and will fit nicely in the space and accommodate the age ranges we hope to attract with this new amenity.

Analysis:

We will still need to plan future community engagement sessions at Triangle Park. The lower cost of the pump track should allow us to upgrade more in the park sooner. This could include additional seating, shade, play structures... etc.

Recommendation:

Attachments:

1. Triangle Pump Track Concept
2. New Pump Track Product - 1
3. New Pump Track Product - 2

Triangle Park: Pump Track Concept

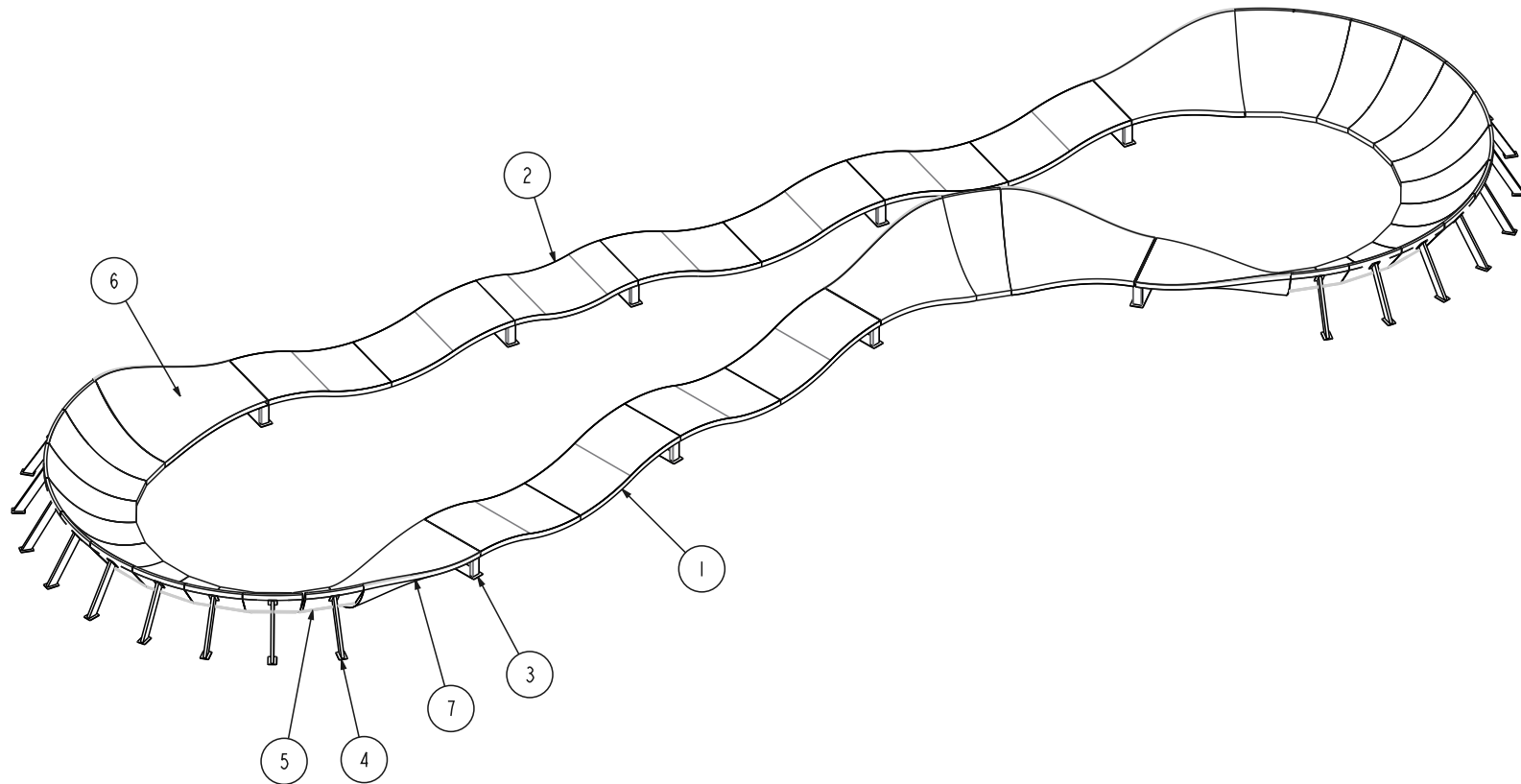
\$350,000 Budget

12-14 month scheduling timeline for construction

A: Budget Sized Project, B: Expanded Larger Project, C: Actual Comparable Project



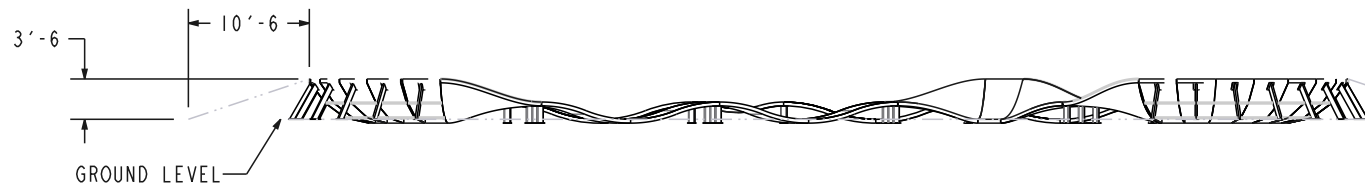
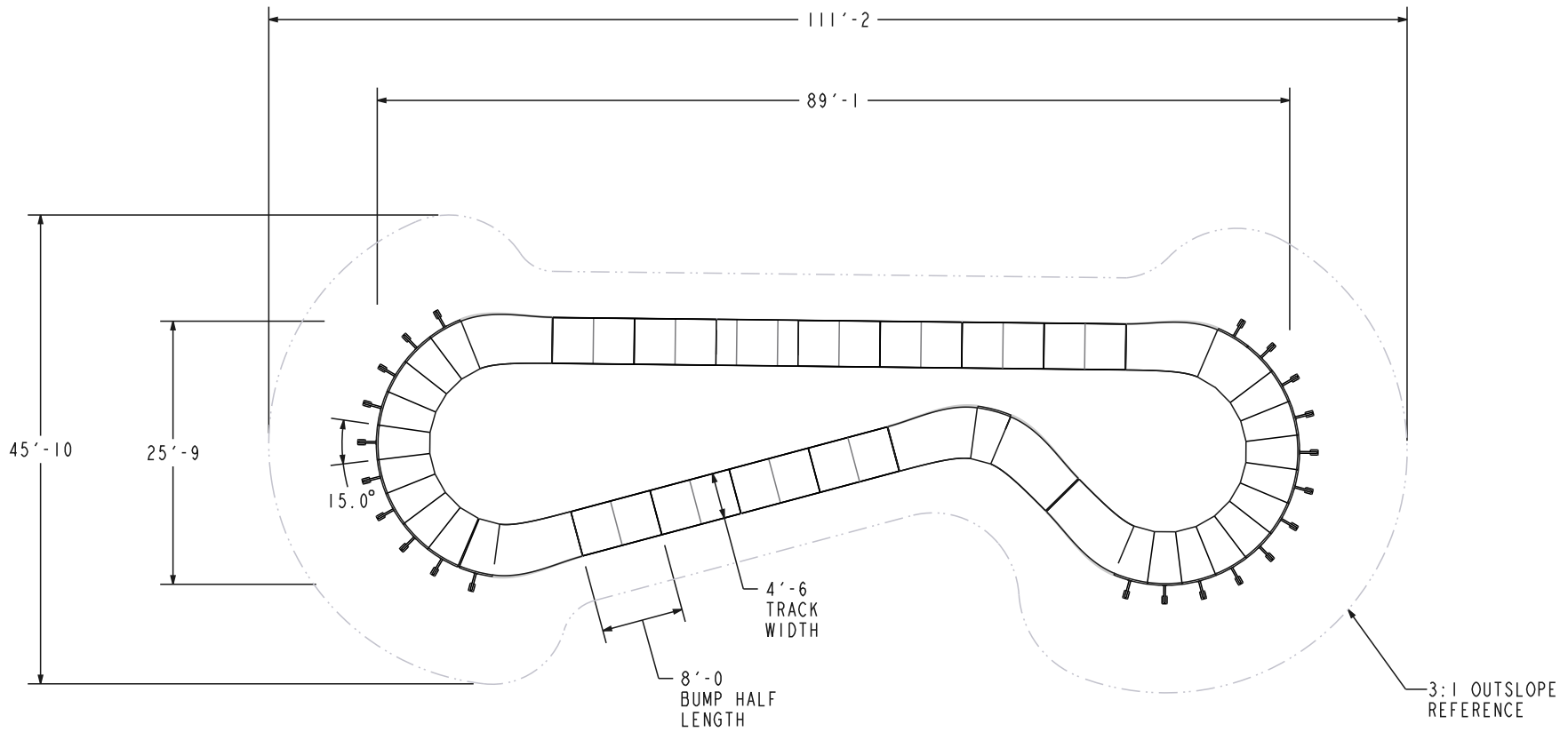
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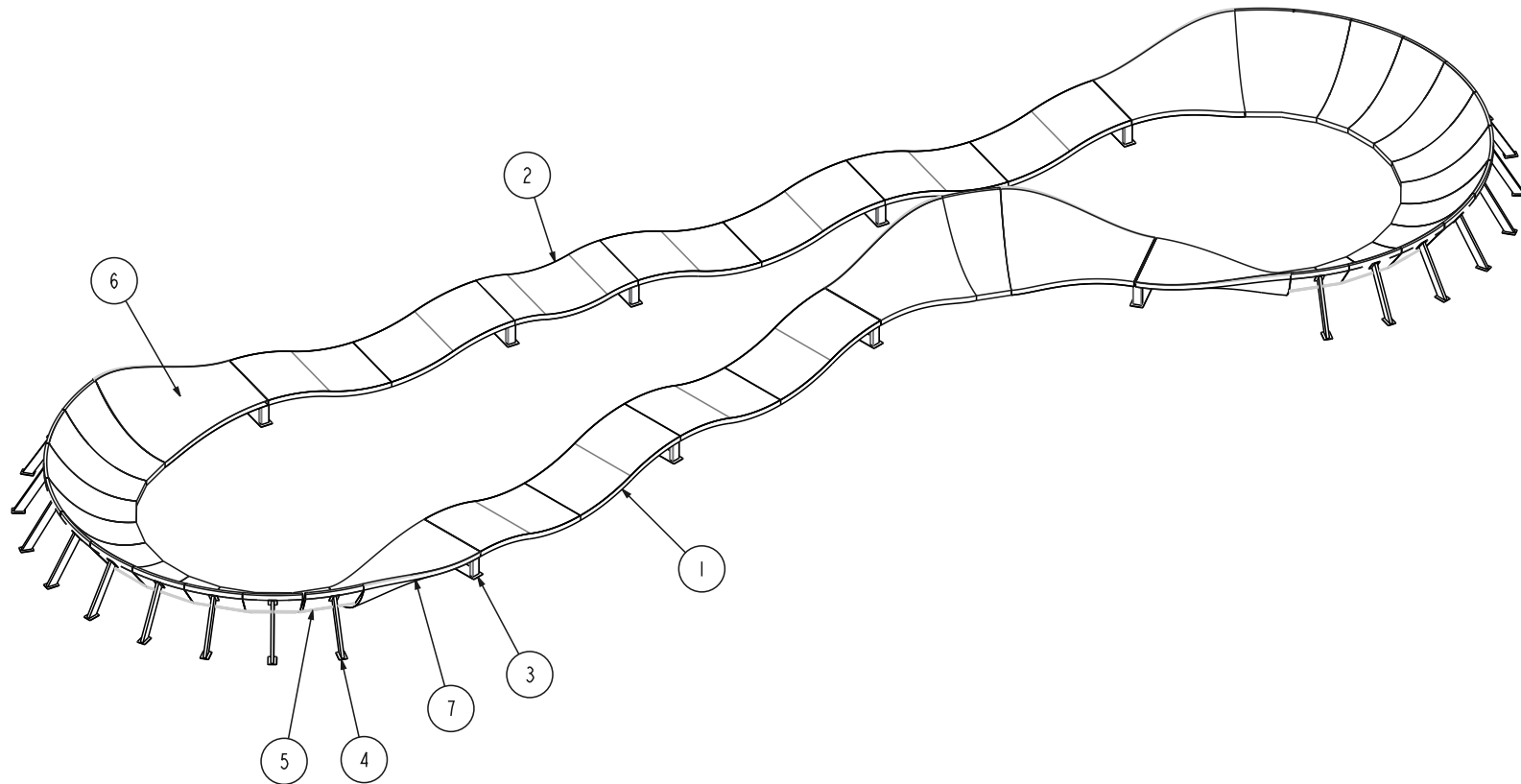
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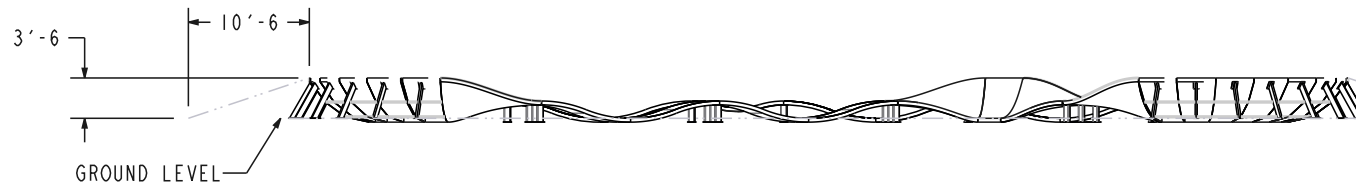
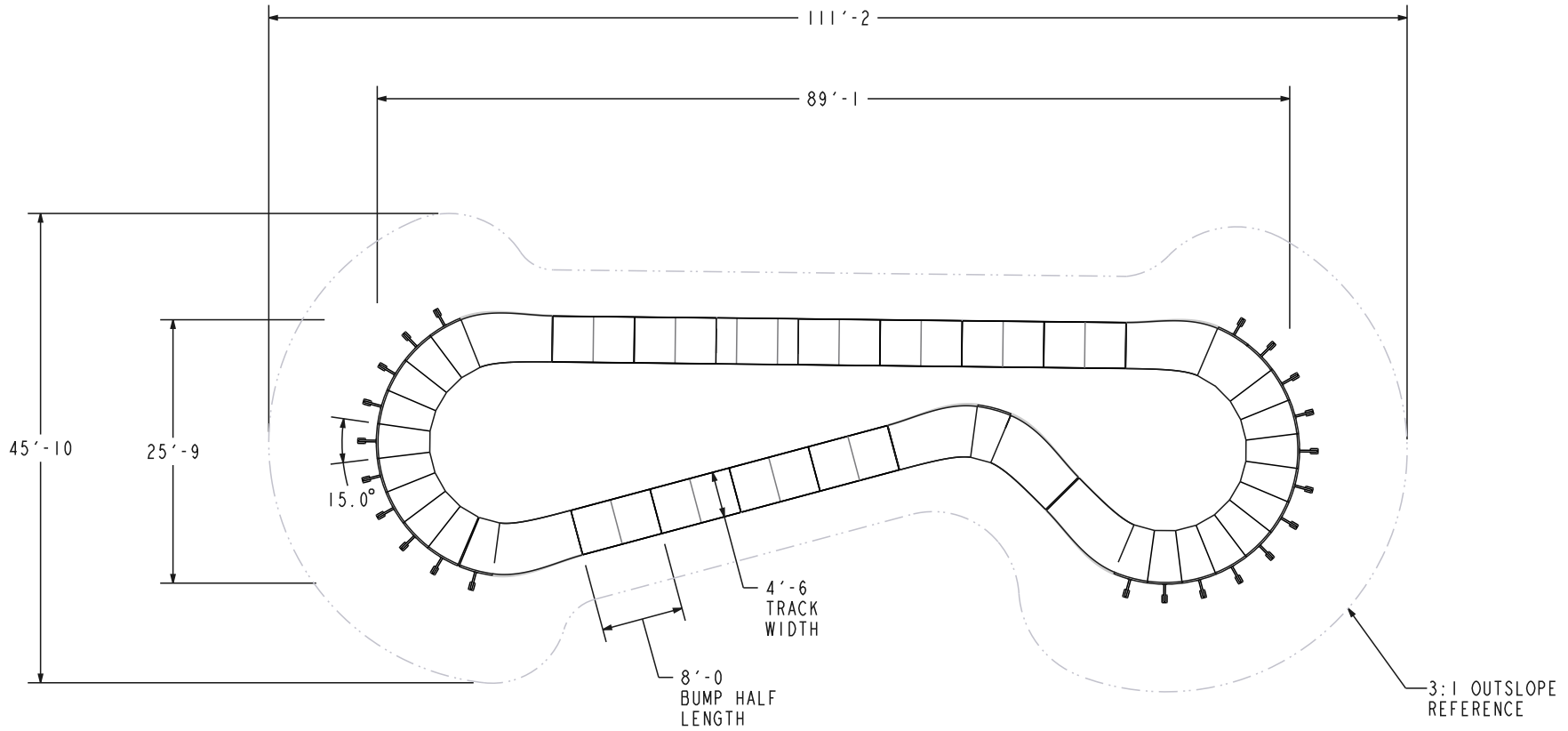
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TO: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission
PREPARED BY: Matthew Bazyk, Recreation Services Manager
DATE: May 26, 2026
RE: Manor Park Playground Update

Background:

The new Manor Park Playground was installed last November. The next stage will be to install the rubberized surfacing under parts of the playground.

Analysis:

In order to install the pour-in-place surfacing temperatures must be over 50 degrees for 48 hours. We are currently waiting for the weather to warm up.

Recommendation:

Attachments:

None

TO: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission
PREPARED BY: Matthew Bazyk, Recreation Services Manager
DATE: May 26, 2026
RE: Sanborn Update

Background:

Sanborn is going through some updates. This is a large project that is slated to take 3-4 years to complete.

Analysis:

Current projects underway

Stormsewer Pipe: Installation is complete. Crews are currently working on regrading of the park. The park needs some pretty extreme regrading to address flooding in the park. As we go through this process some parts of the park will be higher than others until dollars are available for future projects. (North ball field and area beyond the fence.)

Tennis Courts: Bids are out for the tennis and pickleball courts project. We will open those in June and submit a final grant request to USTA for funding. If funds are granted, we will begin construction late summer or early fall 2026.

Playground: We are expecting to hear about the DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant in June. If we receive the grant, we will start construction on the playground in the fall of 2026 due to the grant schedule. If we do not receive the grant, we will begin construction in the summer of 2026. We are currently collecting color schemes for the playground that will be reviewed by the PRFC and then sent to the public for vote on which one they like the best.

Softball Field: The softball field on the north side of Sanborn Park is being reconstructed. The fence is installed and sod has been laid. There is a two-week period in which the sod needs to settle. Once that passes, the field will open.

Recommendation:

Attachments:

None



TO: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission
PREPARED BY: Matthew Bazyk, Recreation Services Manager
DATE: May 26, 2026
RE: Commission Priorities for Next Meeting

Background:

It was requested in 2025 that I add a section at the end of the PRFC meetings for Commissioners to request topics for the next month's meeting. Is there anything in particular that Commissioners would like to discuss during our next meeting?

Analysis:

Recommendation:

Attachments:

None

TO: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission

PREPARED BY:

DATE: May 26, 2026

RE: Parks

Background:

Dock ramp is in at its current location. Still working on plans to move it west.

Driveway pad has one layer of base at West Broadway Community Garden with the final layer completed.

Permanent water source at Lake Dr community garden site hopefully going in soon. Ten new beds have been added.

Still working on starting up all irrigation.

Analysis:

Recommendation:

Attachments:

None

TO: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission

PREPARED BY:

DATE: May 26, 2026

RE: Music in the Park Series

Background:

We have scheduled a Music in the Park Series for the Summer. We did not receive the grant that we were relying on to pay for the artists and musicians for this series. We had to postpone the April event, pushing it to September. We renegotiated with the groups and found dollars in our budget to afford to keep the series alive. All future dates will run as scheduled.

Analysis:

The first MIP date is this Thursday the 28th at Triangle Park from 6-8 pm. The band is "Lost in Deutschland".

Recommendation:

Attachments:

None



TO: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission
PREPARED BY: Matthew Bazyk, Recreation Services Manager
DATE: May 26, 2026
RE: Recreation

Background:

Volunteer Shirts for Events: Discuss expectations when wearing them.
Commissioner Appreciation Dinner: July 8th, 5:30-7:00 PM

Analysis:

Recommendation:

Attachments:

None