

## **AGENDA**

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1. ROLL CALL: Beck, Erdos-Thayer, Rasmussen, Rentsch, Rochon-Washington, Davis
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES
  - A. Minutes from 6.23.26 Meeting
4. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. No Smoking Signs at Splash Pad
  - B. Bike and Pedestrian Plan Update
  - C. Bike Racks in Parks
5. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. Grubs in Lawns Update
  - B. Triangle Park Budget Update
  - C. Sanborn Playground Color Voting
6. INFORMATION ONLY
  - A. Commissioner Concerns for Next Meeting
7. ADJOURNMENT

## MINUTES

1. Call to order at 7:04

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2. ROLL CALL: \_X Beck, \_X Erdos-Thayer, \_X Rasmussen, \_X Rentsch, \_X Rochon-Washington, \_X Davis

Also in attendance: Matt Bazyk: Commission Liaison, Greg Sayers: Resident Ward 2,

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to add Sanborn Playground Designs to Old Business: Erdos-Thayer

Second: Rensch

Vote: 6-0

Motion to Speak on Public Comments During Meeting: Erdos-Thayer

Second: Rensch

Vote: 6-0

ET: Requests during meetings after, public has opportunity to bring talking points,

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- A. May 26 Meeting Minutes PRFC

Motion to Approve: Rochon-Washington

Second: Davis

Vote: 6-0

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Community Gym Update

Erdos-Thayer: Make cancelling memberships a priority so that customers aren't charged once the gym is closed.

Rentsch: Reciprocity with other cities for their gym space. What other options are out there?

Rochon-Washington: Are the school gyms an option

- B. Grubs in Lawns: Education about Lawn Care

Beck: If native species are a priority, we should also be discouraging invasive species.

Education on how to treat and what happened if people lost their lawn.

ET: Education and selling of remedy kits.

- C. Shoreline Road Construction Update

Bazyk: Gave update for Shoreline.

- D. Lights at Lee Field:

Rentsch: Photo metric images for community consumption

6. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Triangle Park Updates: Discussed options for how to layout updates to Triangle Park.

Rentsch: Potentially have the pavilion or building on the west side of the park. Closer to parking spots for accessibility.

Bazyk: Discussed moving entrance to the east side of the park, helping to direct traffic to and from Downtown.

- B. Manor Playground: Update website. Quotes from community “It says two days. It’s been two weeks.”

- C. Commission Priorities

Davis: Community members smoking at the Splash Pad. Could we install no smoking signs on building or posts.

Davis: Bike and Pedestrian Plan

Davis: Commissioner Dinner Information

ErDOS-Thayer: Bike racks in parks

Rasmussen: Sponsorship from businesses to buy bike racks

- D. Sanborn Playground Update

Beck: Manor Park went to Community that was there. Be sure to have Ward 2 participation in vote.

## 7. INFORMATION ONLY

- A. Whiz Bang Days Schedule

## 8. ADJOURNMENT: 8:33

Motion to adjourn: Rentsch

2<sup>nd</sup>: Rochon-Washington

TO: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission  
PREPARED BY: Matthew Bazyk, Recreation Services Manager  
DATE: July 28, 2026  
RE: No Smoking Signs at Splash Pad

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**Background:**

Commissioner Davis brought a concern about community members smoking at the splash pad in Manor Park.

**Analysis:**

A request was made to have signage posted at the splash pad indicating that smoking is not allowed. The request was made, but we didn't have any signs in stock.

**Recommendation:**

Signs have been ordered and will be installed when they arrive.

**Attachments:**

None

TO: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission  
PREPARED BY: Matthew Bazyk, Recreation Services Manager  
DATE: July 28, 2026  
RE: Bike and Pedestrian Plan Update

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**Background:**

We began updating our Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan in 2025. This included the development of a new committee involving city staff, residents and fellow professionals in the transportation field. We also held multiple community engagement opportunities to gather information on where people are going to, from and where the challenges are in between.

**Analysis:**

Holly Larson of the National Parks Service has been leading this project with help from Kansas State University Students. Currently, we are updating/creating maps with the help of our GIS Technician, Colin Hausladen.

**Recommendation:**

The goal is to have the plan completed by the end of Summer 2026 and have the Council adopt it this Fall.

**Attachments:**

None

TO: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission  
PREPARED BY: Matthew Bazyk, Recreation Services Manager  
DATE: July 28, 2026  
RE: Bike Racks in Parks

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**Background:**

Commissioner Erdos-Thayer expressed a concern about not having enough bike racks in our parks. City staff have tried to get grant funding to remedy this, but were unsuccessful. Staff do plan to redistribute some of the bike racks that are currently in our park system that are poorly placed.

**Analysis:**

Current parks with bike racks in our Park System: Manor, Lakeview Terrace, Sanborn, Spanjers and Lee in addition to multiple Downtown.

**Recommendation:**

We will continue to work optimizing the bike rack locations and add more to our park system.

**Attachments:**

None

TO: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission  
PREPARED BY: Matthew Bazyk, Recreation Services Manager  
DATE: July 28, 2026  
RE: Grubs in Lawns Update

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**Background:**

Commissioner Beck brought a concern to the City about grub damage in lawns with a request for education on the matter and the potential for grub remediation kits being sold, similar to the native plant kits.

**Analysis:**

City staff found credible grub education through the University of MN and have posted multiple links on our website. Research was also done to see if any groups sell grub remediation kits. Unfortunately, we found no such group.

**Recommendation:**

We will continue to have the links on our site for educational purposes. We will not be able to sell grub kits at this time.

**Attachments:**

None

TO: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission  
PREPARED BY: Matthew Bazyk, Recreation Services Manager  
DATE: July 28, 2026  
RE: Triangle Park Budget Update

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**Background:**

Triangle Park will be the focal point for 2027 park improvements. Last meeting we discussed some of the things happening in 2026 to move this project forward in 2027.

**Analysis:**

After last meeting, we had to adjust some project budgets to cover some additional costs for the Sanborn building, totaling nearly \$100,000. Part of these funds came from the 2026 Triangle Park budget.

**Recommendation:**

The removal of the building will now happen in 2027. With the reduced price of the pump track, we should still have enough money in the budget to do what we are planning. The timeline might shift slightly. I am currently working with American Ramp Company to develop the next steps to this project.

**Attachments:**

None



TO: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission  
PREPARED BY: Matthew Bazyk, Recreation Services Manager  
DATE: July 28, 2026  
RE: Sanborn Playground Color Voting

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**Background:**

After selecting the new playground for Sanborn Park, there was a vote sent out to residents for the color scheme of the playground. This was due to the community input going into the RFP for the playground options and not the playground selection itself.

**Analysis:**

We have received nearly 600 votes on the color scheme. This is the best engagement we have had on any survey so far. The survey will be up until July 31st.

**Recommendation:**

In the last PRFC meeting there was a comment to ensure that Ward 2 residents had the opportunity to participate in the voting and get their voice heard. We did not track voters and their Wards, but I have spoken to many Ward 2 residents who have told me they were excited for the new playground and submitted a vote on the color.

**Attachments:**

None



TO: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission  
PREPARED BY:  
DATE: July 28, 2026  
RE: Commissioner Concerns for Next Meeting

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**Background:**

What if any concerns or topics would you like me to bring to the next meeting on August 25th?

**Analysis:**

**Recommendation:**

**Attachments:**

None