



AGENDA

1. ROLL CALL: Beck, Erdos-Thayer, Davis, Rassmussen, Rochon-Washington
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES
 - A. PRFC 1/27/26 Meeting Minutes
4. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Sanborn Playground: Midwest Playscapes
 - B. Sanborn Tennis and Pickleball Courts
 - C. Sanborn Park Renaming
5. OLD BUSINESS
6. INFORMATION ONLY
 - A. Recreation
 - B. Forestry
7. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:05 PM

ROLL CALL: _X_Beck, _X_Erdos-Thayer, _X_Davis, _X_Rochon-Washington,
_X_Rassmussen

Also in attendance: Matt Bazyk: City Rep, Holly Larson: National Park Services Rep, Sam: Resident

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: Rochon-Washington

2nd: Beck

Vote Passes: 4-0

3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A. November 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Rochon-Washing

2nd: Davis

Vote Passes: 4-0

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Robbinsdale Bike and Pedestrian Plan

Holly Larson presented the Bike and Ped plan that City staff are preparing to present to City Council upon completion spring of 2026. PRFC gave feedback.

Davis: Funding is a concern. Can we do this without raising taxes or assessments?

Davis: Focus on improving safety first.

Rassmussen: Focus on schools and kids who are walking to Lakeview. Potentially kids who attended Noble. Safe Routes to Schools funding.

Rochon-Washington: With art aspects, be open to paying artists for their designs and work in beautification.

Davis: Could volunteer groups help with the upkeep to painted crossings?

Beck: Communication for improvements. Hubbard bike path was lacking.

Beck: Noble Ave bike path took out a lot of trees.

B. Shoreline Bike Path Show of Support

Bazyk presented the PRFC with the current Shoreline reconstruction project that is proposing a off street bike path be added to the North side of Shoreline Drive. A letter of support from the Sustainability Committee was presented to the PRFC and a vote of support was taken. This will go to City Council showing we are in favor of adding a bike path on the north side of Shoreline Drive.

Motion that the PRFC show support for the proposed bike lane to the north side of

Shoreline Drive: Davis

2nd: Rochon-Washington

Vote: 4-0

C. 2026 Budget and Projects Plan

Discussed 2026 project timelines. Created attached calendar based on discussion.

Erdos-Thayer: Grant funding clarity to PRFC.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Sanborn Renaming: Erdos-Thayer: Nick Estes could help with park renaming.

B. Bus Stop Benches: Commission is interested in pursuing this project.

Erdos-Thayer: Comms to help test interest from community supporting project.

Formalize process for using fallen trees from Shoreline project to Plymouth/Wayzata for processing.

6. INFORMATION ONLY

A. Recreation: Bazyk presented current plans for the Sanborn building, took feedback and answered questions about the plans for the building and surrounding area.

B. Parks

C. Forestry: Bazyk presented Forestry notes.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn: Rochon-Washington

2nd: Davis

9:38 Adjournment

2026 Projects Approximate Schedule	Sanborn Tennis and Pickleball Courts	Park Sign Redesign	Sanborn Playground	Triangle Park Reconstruction	Sanborn Park Renaming (Ongoing)	School Bus Stop Benches (Ongoing)
Jan						
Feb						
Mar						
Apr						
May						
Jun						
Jul						
Aug						
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						



TO: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Commission

PREPARED BY:

DATE: March 24, 2026

RE: Sanborn Playground: Midwest Playscapes

Background:

Analysis:

Recommendation:

Attachments:

1. Midwest Playscapes Sanborn Park

Midwest Playscapes
Non-Grant Funded
(350,000 approximate)

CHOICE, CHALLENGE, & ZONES

Inclusive playgrounds do not segregate 'accessible and inclusive' features from the overall environment. Grouping similar play movements like spinning in the same area while providing different levels of challenge allows children of all abilities to participate in group activities with their peers without the stigma of being isolated. The rocking and spinning features in the bottom right introduce accessible and inclusive play features the moment a child enters the playground, communicating this is a place for everyone!



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ACCESS VIA EQUIVALENT FACILITATION

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, access to play via rope features meets access requirements if those features provide substantially equivalent or greater access and usability for individuals with disabilities than traditional ADA transfer stations. Adding climbing elements that are accessible from the playground surface provides open-ended and non-prescriptive opportunity that allows children with special needs to enter a dynamic play experience immediately after transferring, whereas a transfer station alone requires users to move up to the first play event in order to begin their experience. Our goal with a hybrid play system is to provide a dynamic play environment that challenges ALL children at their ability level and allows them to participate in dynamic play with their peers, supporting group play and the development of social skills.

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EXTENDING PLAYTIME

Providing shaded accessible places for care-givers to sit and children to rest is a critical step in creating an outdoor recreation environment that is inviting and comfortable. Our design integrates shades into both the rest and playground areas to support longer activity periods for children and their caregivers while visiting the park. In addition to the shade structures, we strongly recommend exploring tree plantings around the playground to soften the environment and provide environmental cooling through natural shade.



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AGE-SEPARATED PLAY

Inclusive outdoor recreation environments should separate pre-k and school-age play environments as a best safety practice. However, it is critical to provide clear sight-lines and central viewing positions for caregivers supporting multiple children of different ages to ensure play is monitored. Our design has several central viewing areas and the playground equipment has a high level of visual transparency to support observation of multiple children in a large recreation environment. The recreation spaces are linked by a shared swinging play feature to ensure the environment is well connected to promote safe joint experiences between the age groups.

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RE: Recreation

Background:

Eggstravaganza: This Saturday March 28th. Recreation helping with event for second year in a row. Bring your kids! At City Hall 12-3 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.

Analysis:

Recommendation:

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None

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RE: Forestry

Background:

- 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.

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1. Wood Carvings

