



# Agenda

## Minnetonka Park Board

Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 7 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting on WebEx

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1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

\_\_\_\_\_ Elliot Berman

\_\_\_\_\_ Korey Beyersdorf

\_\_\_\_\_ James Durbin

\_\_\_\_\_ Chris Gabler

\_\_\_\_\_ David Ingraham

\_\_\_\_\_ Ben Jacobs

\_\_\_\_\_ Katie Semersky

\_\_\_\_\_ Chris Walick

3. Reports from Staff

4. Approval of Minutes

A) April 7, 2021

5. Citizens wishing to discuss items not on the agenda

6. Special Matters

7. Business Items

A) 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program

8. Park Board Member Reports

9. Information Items

10. Upcoming Park Board Agenda Items

11. Adjournment

### Board Vision:

A city with outstanding parks and recreational opportunities within a valued natural environment.

### Board Mission:

The mission of the Minnetonka Parks & Recreation Board is to proactively advise the city council, in ways that will:

- Protect & enhance Minnetonka's natural environment
- Promote quality recreation opportunities and facilities
- Provide a forum for citizens interested in our parks, trails, athletic fields and open space.

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**Minutes  
Minnetonka Park Board  
Wednesday, April 7, 2021**

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call**

Park Board Members Present: Elliot Berman, Korey Beyersdorf, James Durbin, Chris Gabler, David Ingraham, Ben Jacobs, Katie Semersky and Chris Walick.

Staff members in attendance: Darin Ellingson, Carol HejlStone, Kathy Kline, Kelly O'Dea, Christine Petersen, Janet Van Sloun, Sara Woeste and Leslie Yetka. Information technology staff: Jeff Dulac and Gary Wicks.

Gabler called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

**3. Reports from Staff**

Recreation Director, Kelly O'Dea reported that an addendum was sent to park board members.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Walick moved, Ingraham seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 3, 2021 as submitted. Jacobs abstained. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

**5. Citizens wishing to discuss items not on the agenda**

Diana Houston, member of Friends of Minnetonka Parks explained that the group is a volunteer network of residents with hundreds of members representing Minnetonka Parks including: Big Willow Park, Cullen Nature Preserve, Hilloway Park, Jidana Park, Kinsel Park, Lake Rose Park, Lone Lake Park, Meadow Park, Purgatory Park, Tower Hill Park and Victoria-Evergreen Park. They formed in 2021 to support the parks and natural resources in the city of Minnetonka. Houston shared the Friends of Minnetonka Parks recently developed vision, mission and values statement.

Houston added that the Friends of Minnetonka Parks wishes to work with and be partners with the city, park board and be a part of the process for the Parks, Open Space and Trail Systems Plan (POST). They have a lot of value to bring, are a great resource, have a lot of expertise and are available to help with projects. The group wants to have a unifying vision with the city and the plans for the parks system. Their vision aligns very closely with the park board's vision. The public can email them at [mtkaparks@gmail.com](mailto:mtkaparks@gmail.com).

O'Dea added that a couple of staff members will be meeting with the Friends of Minnetonka Parks next week.

Gabler thought it was appropriate for staff to meet with them and report back to the park board at the next meeting.

## **6. Special Matters**

### **A. Cullen Nature Preserve Update**

Natural Resources Manager, Leslie Yetka introduced Friends of Cullen Nature Preserve board members: Jerrold Gershone, Heather Holm and Angela Moreira. They gave a presentation that included an update on the property and forthcoming restoration.

Gershone discussed the following:

1. The oak savanna restoration – there is an abundance of very old oak trees, one dated back to the 1840's. The oldest oak trees in Minnetonka exist on the Cullen Nature Preserve property.
2. The history of Ann Cullen Smith and the property – Ann was born in Hibbing, Minnesota and married Bill Senior. They constructed the home at 2510 Oakland Road in 1937. In 2004, she placed the property on a permanent conservation easement with Minnesota Land Trust. At 104 years old, she helped preserve a rare hummingbird habitat in Tuscan, AZ. She lived on the property until she was 105 years old. Ann passed away at 106 years old and in 2015 the property was transferred to the City of Minnetonka.
3. The Friends of Cullen Smith Nature Preserve timeline of events:
  - 2019 - The group was formed. They work on mobilizing community support. They have about 150 people on their email list.
  - 2020 – The group became a 501c3. They've been conducting bird and vegetation surveys because they want a baseline of what exists there before they start the restoration. Right now there are not a lot of bird species because the property is degraded with buckthorn and garlic mustard. There is not a lot of food for the birds to eat. They've continued organizing evasive species plant removal events.
  - 2021 – They applied for two grants. One from Hennepin County and the other from the DNR/State of Minnesota. They were awarded both grants that totaled \$70,000. The City of Minnetonka has agreed to put in \$20,000. The friends group contributed \$10,000 of in-kind donation. So they have \$100,000 to do some serious restoration work.

Holm went into more detail about the process for the forthcoming grants and restoration.

1. The grant from Hennepin County was \$25,000 and needs to be completed in a two year timeframe. The second grant is from the DNR and was for \$45,000 and needs to be completed in a three year timeframe. One of the challenges with the property is that even though it has very old oaks, it's largely become degraded with one of our primary invasive plant species, European buckthorn.
2. The groups is working with Restoration Specialist, Janet Van Sloun with finding contractors and are hoping to hire one contractor to do both projects at once.

3. The Friends are modeling the restoration after a similar restoration conducted by the City of Burnsville.
4. The work will entail a lot of biomass removal, so a lot of removal of the woody invasive plants in addition to some native tree species. The intent is to get more light into the property for successful regrowth and introduction of herbaceous species in order to improve overall biodiversities. They are trying to bring back some of the bird species that were once there and rely on this more open grown savanna habitat.
5. One of the restoration tools that will be used by the contractors is a prescribed fire. If done at the right time, it can help reduce the amount of new buckthorn seedlings that will come back once the large buckthorn is removed. It also helps to cycle nutrients and stimulate plant growth.
6. Reintroduction of plants and the understory.
7. The group will be doing some prep work this year which includes removal of invasive species. A major part of the work will start the winter of 2022.

Moreira explained more about Ann Cullen Smith working with the Minnesota Land Trust and what is detailed in the Land Trust Conservation Easement.

1. During the three year restoration there will be limited public access because they want the restoration to be very successful. If people would like to see the property, they can sign up for volunteering or join the volunteers for a short walking tour after their restoration event.
2. Moreira talked about Ann Cullen Smith's vision and conservation values in the Minnesota Land Trust and how these ideas are used to create preserve use guidelines.
  - Ann Cullen Smith's vision of her property was a place that would be preserved for the appreciation of the natural world. She wanted to maintain the scenic natural beauty for everyone to enjoy. She thought the best way to protect her property from being repurposed was with a conservation easement.
  - She wanted passive use recreation because she wanted a natural habitat for wildlife but also scenic enjoyment for the population of Minnetonka.
  - She didn't want bicycles or horses on the property.
  - She wanted very low impact footpaths, no significant paved trails.
  - She felt restoration management was important to preserve the property because she saw encroachment in degradation from non-native species and wanted to maintain the beauty and native habitat.
  - This is the only park that has this protected status so it is unique and will need to have very defined park-use guidelines for the public.
  - The Friends of the Cullen Nature Preserve and Bird Sanctuary are dedicated to ensure Ann Cullen Smith's wishes. They will continue to refine the preserve use guidelines to reflect the values and guidelines

already in place in the Minnesota Land Trust Conservation Easement document.

Gershone explained that the redheaded woodpecker is their touchstone species. That is because Bill Cullen said he used to see them on the property. They're a species in serious decline but they believe with the right habitat they will get them back to Minnetonka.

Gabler thought the presentation was impressive and thanked them.

Jacobs thanked them for all the work and thinks it will be a beautiful area.

Ingraham thought their goals, vision and follow-through was impressive. With tight restrictions he asked if it precludes having a toilet facility. Also, he asked if there is any signage there to discourage people from entering.

Gershone replied that the Friends of Cullen Nature Preserve group doesn't have signage.

Yetka wasn't sure of what signage is there but that is something staff would continue to work on. One important thing to remember is that as we do the POST planning process, it can help us as we develop master plans for parks in deciding what takes place at this park. There are significant restrictions related to the park and what's in this easement but a lot of these things haven't really been decided or even discussed. There is still some work that needs to be done on that.

Van Sloun added that people are allowed on the property during the volunteering time, however, there isn't any parking. The gate is always closed because there are ruts in the old driveway that could be a hazard. There are some hazards for walking through as well such as metal and old barbwire fencing. Currently there isn't really any place for a bathroom but in the future bathrooms can be there. The bathrooms can't be on any space that is greater than what the house was on so it would have to be on the same footprint of the house.

Gershone mentioned that at his last meeting with city staff, they talked about ways to engage the public. A possible open house was discussed to really start letting the public know more about it but also restricting use for safety concerns.

Durbin asked with both of the grants, what does that do to the time table for the restoration project. He asked if they have any sense of a projected finish of getting the preserve ready.

Holm commented that the Hennepin County grant is a two year grant and the DNR grant is a three year grant. It's going to take at least three years starting in January of 2022 for all of the contractor restoration work to occur. Getting all the buckthorn and woody biomass off the site, and then doing all of those follow-up steps including: stump treating, prescribed burn, seeding and then a lot of volunteer work on the ground and staff work. The funding really is enabling them to do a huge restoration for a short period of time. This is going to be a very different process and they think really robust public engagement is important. This will be a radical change in how the property looks and they want the neighbors to know the reasons why this is happening and the benefits of it.

Durbin wanted confirmation that it starts in 2022 and 2025 is the projected end.

Holm answered that the grant timeline was specified to start in the winter of 2022. There will be fairly large equipment on the grounds and they have to ensure that the ground is frozen in order for the equipment not to cause any soil compaction or damage to the roots systems of the old oak trees.

Durbin added that the park board has discussed the Cullen Nature Preserve numerous times over the years. They've discussed not calling this a park and keeping it named a preserve because it has a different aura around it and people won't treat it like a park. It gives it such a unique feel even though it is a city owned space.

## **7. Business Items**

### **A. Skate Park Request**

O'Dea gave the report. He introduced Paul Forsline with City of Skate.

Forsline, gave some information about City of Skate and projects they have worked on.

1. City of Skate is a non-profit that began in 2015, they have been advocating for quality skate parks in Minneapolis for almost a decade. They spread their mission throughout the whole state of Minnesota because they've learned this is an issue throughout the state with communities trying to provide quality skate parks.
2. With the city of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Park Board they were able to develop a Skate Park Activity plan and that was completed in 2017. It is a document telling you how to plan skate parks, information about the activity and where it is going into the Minneapolis Park System.
3. During master planning with the park board we were able to establish 20 skate park sites throughout the city of Minneapolis.
4. Our efforts at City of Skate were recognized in 2018 by the Tony Hawk Foundation, they gave us their largest grant for a project we are still working on at Central Park in South Minneapolis.
5. City of Skate is working in 2021 on a skate park in downtown Minneapolis. This is a fully custom skate park at Elliott Park, approximately 10,000 square feet, total cost is \$631,000. We are adding 14 trees, 200 plants, we have water gardens, we found one of the partners that is very valuable in our skate park efforts is the Watershed groups and the Mississippi Watershed has donated to this project as well.
6. Prior year we worked at Juxtaposition Arts which is a private skate park facility in a skate spot. We worked with Mississippi Watershed here, again, activating a commercial corridor in North Minneapolis and bringing skateboarding to the youth in North Minneapolis. It's been a huge success and even during COVID times was able to be used with social distancing and such.

7. The skate park in Minnetonka is an asphalt surface which is deteriorated to the point of being sandpaper. The ramps have started to sink into the asphalt. Its 4,000 square feet using the criteria we used on our Skate Park Activity Plan. This would not even be considered a skate park but rather a skate spot because of the capacity of the facility.
8. The unique thing about skate parks is its upfront costs. The design and construction are going to make up 90-95 percent of the cost. Your management and operation needs for a quality built concrete skate park that will last 20 to 30 years require minimal maintenance.
9. The size of a community skate park is 7,000 – 20,000 square feet. The size of a regional skate park is 20,000 – 45,000 square feet. St. Cloud has the only regional skate park in Minnesota and it opened last year. The next step up is a statewide draw skate park, these are enormous skate parks that serve all needs and hope to draw people from out of state. Des Moines, Iowa is opening one this May and will be hosting the Olympics qualifying events in May.
10. What makes a great skate park:
  - Led by users
  - Welcomed by the public
  - One Part of the Solution
  - Large Enough
  - Planned for Maximum Social Interaction
  - Designed to Succeed
  - Permanent
  - Integrates with Nearby Attractions
  - Reasonably Managed
  - Celebrates Inclusion

Forsline said Minnetonka is fortunate to already have skaters speaking up for better facilities. He hopes the park board considers all of this for skateboarders of this generation and future generations. The cost for the skate park is upfront and it is a long-term investment that has very little management operational cost. They found great sources for these matching funds to get quality skate parks built properly. An example is the Hennepin County Youth Sports grants. City of Skate developed and steered three grants for skate parks with that program and it's been going on for 12 years. Those grants go up to \$300,000. Watershed Districts have been very receptive to working with the designs and then we have our state level programs. Those would be grants from \$250,000 - \$750,000 if you were building a regional size skate park.

Gabler thanked Forsline and asked for comments.

Else Goll is a Minnetonka Middle School teacher at Minnetonka Middle School East (MME) and she has been at this for about 16 years now. Her mission in life is to help young people in their most formative years find ways to see their value in their community and have a sense of belonging. Most importantly because we know that if a student feels like they are a valuable and important part of their community it just opens so many doors for them for their future. Surprisingly skateboarding came into her life as a mother. She didn't really have access to skateboarding as a young person. As a

mother, she introduced her son to skateboarding and skateboarding introduced her to this entirely new inclusive community that she didn't really fully realize how wonderful it is. She decided to launch the Minnetonka Skateboard League in 2017 and that first year they had 35 students sign up which is already one of their larger clubs in the school. The second year we were up to 53 students that registered and then our last year we were over 70 students. This year due to COVID, they weren't able to launch the league but she had many students that were very actively protesting against it. She is really here to help give some context as to what the community is looking for. She thinks skateboarding is engaging our youth in our parks and in our community in healthy and inclusive ways. There is an urgency for a skate park simply because the young people that want this will be grown if we wait five years to get this done. As far as she is aware, they are the only school sponsored skateboard club or league in the Twin Cities and ironically they are in one of the few cities in the Twin Cities that doesn't have a skate park, which is unfortunate. She invited some students to speak to help showcase the diversity of the participants in the group. Skateboarding is really welcoming to all abilities, genders, also socioeconomic statuses and it really is a sport and an activity that is centered on creativity and self-expression. It helps our students to develop skills with perseverance, personal goal setting and a growth mind set. She thinks we can all agree that those are attributes that we would want in any of our kids or young community members. Unlike a lot of our sports and activities in Minnetonka, this is not a sport of privilege so anyone can just grab a board and get to it. She thinks that there are limited options that kids can do in our parks. She also likes that it doesn't actually require parents to lead and manage. In Middle School it is all about developing some independence and starting to find your way and so she likes that students aren't dependent on their parents. Also, it doesn't have to be competitive and she thinks a lot of our athletics are very competition based. What was probably most surprising to her about starting their skateboarding league is how many students were not traditionally into team sports and athletics. Surprisingly this might be the only sport that they participate in. Because it felt so welcoming they felt brave enough to take a risk and put themselves through some pretty challenging moments to be able to participate.

Alex Kim is a fifth grader. One thing he loves about skateboarding is that it is fun. It is exciting because you get to try a lot of new things and face your fears. He thinks the city would benefit because not many people in his grade skateboard but he feels like if there was a skate park more people would start. It is also good exercise. Some things that they would probably want in the park is a lot of flat ground, a bunch of ramps and things that so anyone new or already experienced people could do.

Andrea Kim, Alex and Joey's mom said that Joey has been part of the skateboard league and Alex tagged along and got into it as well. It's been a great activity for both of them and it has given them a lot to do. They bought a little quarter pipe for their garage so during COVID-19 they could continue to do it at home. Being able to get outside to parks especially not having to drive a half hour to get there would be fantastic. She is not a skater so she can't teach them anything so it has all been about them learning on their own and developing their own skills and helping others. Alex has taken on teaching a number of his friends how to skate. It's been a really great experience for them and it's really helped them grow both physically and emotionally.

Elliot Jones is an eighth grader at MME. He loves skateboarding because it's fun, he has made friends and likes the sense of community. One great thing about skateboarding is that there are not competitions like other sports, everyone gets to participate. When



there are competitions it's more about seeing how good you can push yourself. He would love to have a good quality skate park nearby. Skate parks are also safer to skate at than on the sidewalks, parking lots or streets. He would like to see features like curves, ledges and rails. Picnic tables or benches would be nice so you can sit and talk and eat.

Elliot Jones mom doesn't think you can really say what a kid that skateboards looks like or is because there are all different kinds of kids that skateboard, scooter and all the other things that kids do at a skate park. Having a facility and having this community of kids has been huge for her kid. She feels like the community supporting a skate park is just going to show these kids that they belong here and that they are valued and are important to the community because there is a lot of very competitive sports with privilege that only a few kids really get to excel in. She thinks having a sport and an opportunity for kids that aren't in those sports is important because they still feel like they have a place and they belong; it is so invaluable. She is really excited to hear that this is being considered and they support it one hundred percent.

Carmen Papp said that Goll originally got her into skateboarding in sixth grade. She was just amazed by the community. She was super nervous going into it having never stepped on a board before. She never has met a skater that isn't willing to go cheer on the kids that are scared to do their first ramp. It is just an amazing supportive community that loves teaching new kids and getting them into skateboarding. She thinks a park at a good facility nearby would be such an incredible opportunity for so many kids as a social event and just a way to get outside and be with friends. She thinks it would be invaluable to have that community that is so willing to support each other and have fun in a new creative way. Papp thinks safety is one of her main concerns and the current skate park is not safe. Also, some creative art factor would be super cool. They could get the community involved in creating some sort of mural or art tag on the cinder and concrete areas. She thanked them for allowing her to speak and hopes they will consider a skate park.

Gabler thanked everyone and asked for questions.

Durbin asked if the intention is to look for a larger area or rehab the skate spot in Glen Lake.

Goll said she thinks as a community, they are just looking to get the ball rolling with the city in a skate park. It may be something using an already existing space like Glen Lake but to bring it up to par. Because Glen Lake is such a small space, they hope it would be part of maybe a larger skate park plan for the city. If that site isn't ideal, they are open to finding other sites to make it a little bigger. They are just looking for whatever they are able to get. We would just like something to skate on that is of quality in the city.

Durbin looked at the cost and said that it is quite expensive. There was one example where there was a 7,000 square foot park for \$350,000. If you break that down, it turns into about \$250,000 just making that current spot modern. He wanted to point out that it is cool that there are grants out there to support these kinds of endeavors. Anything that gets young kids outside and breathing fresh air, he is always a proponent of. Durbin doesn't consider skateboarding necessarily a sport but more like hanging out and having fun.

Goll appreciated Durbin bringing up the idea of skateboarding not being viewed as a sport traditionally. She is excited to say that skateboarding is making its debut in the Tokyo Olympics. We should be very excited to welcome skateboarding to the official sport category and this is a perfect time to dial it in. Yes, there is an upfront cost but the maintenance cost really balances it out. Fields require so much maintenance for so few users.

Forsline explained that the cost is broken down to \$15 per square foot. That is a good round number to figure out the facility you are going to build. You can sometimes make it in the right situations for less or if you add more amenities it might be a little more.

Ingraham asked if people use skate parks in the winter and how they are maintained.

Forsline said kids will shovel the skate parks in order to skate them. At the Juxtaposition skate park in North Minneapolis they used a colored concrete and on a rainy day it will be dry within three minutes. They've also found that snow melts rapidly if they can keep the snow conditioned. If kids can get them dry and ice free, they will be out using them. It is a facility that is heavily used year-round, it's not just seasonal.

Ingraham wasn't sure what it costs to build ball fields or pickleball courts for summer but if this is a facility that is used in the winter, that is a lot of use. He's a big proponent of our sports fields but they don't get used a lot in the winter. He applauded the efforts by the community here to push this issue. He thinks it is a good thing to examine and he would be supportive of the staff looking at this. From his perspective it would need to be something bigger than a skate spot, more like a community scaled skate park.

Gabler asked if they have approached the school district about this as well. Considering if you are looking at MME, there is quite a bit of land over there. Maybe this could be a partnership facility or something. How receptive has the school district been if you have talked to them?

Goll replied that the only conversation she had so far is with their Athletics Director at MME. They approached her in seeing her skaters after school taking over the bus lanes once the busses are gone. He thought maybe they should consider putting something in. They have had 3<sup>rd</sup> Liar come out and do skate shows and skate activities on student reward days and they've put up a modular park for the day. Our community at the schools certainly sees value there and they do have land. She doesn't know what their priorities are in terms of funding or with PE classes and how they spread out over the field. Those fields are certainly used to the max during PE classes in the warmer months. She thinks there is an openness to it from an athletics perspective at MME.

Semersky added that is a creative idea. She is super supportive with moving forward with the potential feasibility of this. She is a mom of a skateboarder, he is 10 years old and absolutely refuses to go to Glen Lake. They went once for two minutes and he turned around and didn't want to touch it because he was too scared. It is terrifying on many levels especially for newer skateboarders. They drove this week 30 minutes to Shakopee just so he could skate. She sympathizes with what everyone is saying, you have to drive really far to get to a good park and that is really unfortunate for a city such as ours.

Walick commented that adults are always wondering what youth want to do and what they want. They are coming to us and saying this is what we want and he is totally supportive of this.

O'Dea asked if the dollars were available in our 2022 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), would the park board be supportive of looking at a feasibility study. A feasibility study could be a small dollar figure where we got a lot of help from people such as Forsline and City of Skate or feasibility studies can get expensive. O'Dea thinks we would be looking at a medium range one that could look at a location too. He knows a few people mentioned MME and he thinks location is one of the things they would have to look at if they are really thinking about upgrading our skate park. If we want to do what it seems like the residents want, they are looking at a 10,000 square foot facility. Glen Lake might be challenging so we might have to look at other places too. The other question is if they want to include a skate park in the 2022-2026 CIP. We'll be bringing the CIP back to you in June. Typically what happens with larger projects like this, when we look at \$500,000 or \$600,000 projects, we put it into our CIP as unfunded just so everybody knows it is on the horizon. It might not get funded in the first year but at least city council and city leadership knows that is something that we are interested in.

Gabler thinks a feasibility study is good idea and said yes to put it into the CIP.

O'Dea added that getting something in the CIP unfunded is something staff does all the time. It doesn't mean that a project is going to go. There are a lot of different options once it gets in the CIP.

Gabler said it would be prudent to do the feasibility study. Not only the need but also to look at location and see if Glen Lake could be used. He doesn't know where you would put anything bigger than what is in there already. He would be in favor of a feasibility study.

Walick would like to do a feasibility study too. We don't know what the availability of space is and we just need to know more about it. He agrees to put it in the CIP.

Durbin agrees that he thinks we need a feasibility study that considers a few options. If it stays at Glen Lake in the current square footage, or if we get maybe something that is 6,000-7,000 square feet or maybe something 10,000 square feet. He wants some options so they can see what might actually work and hopefully a fair choice would come out of that. He would definitely put this in the CIP as an unfunded so it is marked for potential funding as well.

Semersky said if they need any board member volunteers, she is happy to help.

## **B. Natural Resources Master Plan Update**

Yetka gave the report and introduced Fred Rozumalski, Senior Landscape Ecologist and a Landscape Architect with Barr Engineering. Yetka and Rozumalski gave a presentation that included a brief history, plan description, data collection and maps, issues and challenges, strategies and solutions as well as the next steps.

Ingraham thought the maps were really fascinating with the landscape and how much change has happened. He has much greater appreciation now with how much the city puts into natural resources.

### **C. Natural Resources Education & Outreach Plan**

Program and Outreach Coordinator, Christine Petersen gave the report.

Gabler liked the report.

## **8. Park Board Member Reports**

Gabler mentioned he has received emails regarding off-leash dogs at Purgatory Park. There is quite a big thread on NextDoor regarding this as well. He thinks there is a lot of confusion and doesn't know if signage can be put up. A lady emailed him and she said the Community Service Officer (CSO) wasn't much help and said the park board didn't want to put signs up. He didn't know if that was accurate but it sounds like this is becoming a bigger issue now as we go forward.

Ingraham answered that they talked about this at the last meeting. More signs were supposed to go up once the snow melted. He didn't see any new signage at the beginning of the week. This has been an ongoing issue for a long time but he thinks this year it seems like there is more intrusion on the maintained path by off-leash dogs.

O'Dea commented that staff connected with other departments. He connected with the police department to make sure the CSOs were making their rounds and including Purgatory Park. Staff also worked with communications and something will be in the May Memo that explains information has been updated on the website. O'Dea said that he is seeing many cities struggling with their leash laws and are trying to get information out as well.

Ellingson explained that they are in the middle of spring work and street sweeping. The signs are made but staff needs to find a day to get them installed and get locates done. He is hoping by the end of next week they should be installed.

Ingraham will be representing the park board on the sustainability commission. There is an orientation meeting this month for commission members and he will report back whenever there is something to report. He thinks the first meeting might be held in May sometime.

Jacobs said the Leprechaun Hunt over in the park was a real success. There were a lot of kids there and he had a lot of fun.

Semersky seconded Jacobs and said her family had a blast. She thanked staff for the efforts to set that up and communicate it to the community.

**9. Information Items**

**Summer Program Registration Update**

O'Dea gave the report.

**Outdoor Rinks Reports**

O'Dea gave the report.

**Winter Farmers Market Recap**

O'Dea gave the report.

**Off-leash dog update**

O'Dea gave the report.

**Ridgedale Area Park Improvements Update**

Park and Trail Planner, Carol HejlStone gave the report.

**Excelsior Boulevard Trail – Phase 2**

HejlStone gave the report.

**10. Upcoming Park Board Agenda Items**

O'Dea gave the report. He added a slow ride will be taking place on May 19. Also, bike to work day will be on May 21. There will be energizer stations at City Hall and Faith Church from 7 – 9 a.m.

**11. Adjournment**

Walick moved, Jacobs seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathy Kline*

Kathy Kline  
Recreation Administrative Coordinator

**Minnetonka Park Board Item 7A  
Meeting of June 2, 2021**

<b>Subject:</b>	Review of the 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program
<b>Park Board related goal:</b>	Enhance long-term Park Board development
<b>Park Board related objective:</b>	Review and recommend Capital Improvements Program for 2022-2026 related to parks, trails & open space
<b>Brief Description:</b>	Review, discuss and recommend proposed 2022 – 2026 Capital Improvement Park and Trail Improvement Fund projects and prioritization

## Background

Annually, the park board is asked to review and recommend the park and trail related items that are included in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to the city council. The CIP is the city's five-year plan to provide and maintain public facilities for the residents and businesses of Minnetonka, balanced against constraint of available resources. Projects included are ranked to determine their funding priority. Priority rankings include:

1. Projects necessary for public health and safety, or to meet legal mandates.
2. Projects which help maintain or make existing systems more efficient. Cost benefits and coordination with related projects will be considered.
3. Projects expanding existing systems, providing new services, or for general community betterment.

### Staff Suggested Priority Rankings

In addition to the three priority rankings established by the city council, staff has established suggested guidelines on prioritizing the scheduled and unscheduled projects in the following order:

1. All park board recommended and city council adopted agreements (city-owned and non-city owned) be funded as agreed upon.
2. Rehabilitation of existing trails in order to maintain a preventative and proactive maintenance system.
3. Park and Trail Investment Plan projects based upon a 30-year asset inventory are completed to prevent deferred, emergency, or corrective repairs. This category would include city athletic fields.
4. Building and structure related projects are completed to protect the investment of each respective facility.
5. Expansion of the trail system by selecting highly rated segments from the Trail Improvement Plan.
6. Expansion of the park system by the acquisition or acceptance of land that has park and recreational value, especially to areas that are currently underserved or lacking access to the existing system.
7. Planning and system studies that would provide the research and planning materials to benefit the public, staff, park board and city council on matters pertaining to the park, trails, open space and recreational needs of the city.
8. Expansion of the trail system by the construction of miscellaneous trail links not identified through the Trail Improvement Plan, but petitioned to the city.
9. Non-city owned athletic field improvements and expansion.
10. Non-city owned park and trail amenities petitioned to the park board and city council.

It is staff’s intent that these priorities remain flexible in order to adapt in the event that specific or prospective projects become available. By establishing guidelines, and not a specific policy, there remains the opportunity to take advantage of available grants, external partnerships, or acquisition that otherwise would be limited by a defined policy.

CIP Process

The 2022-2026 CIP is being proposed for review and comment by the park board at the June 2, 2021 meeting. There are certain project funding levels that the status of is unknown at this time and require further deliberation and discussion, especially with the City Council at their upcoming Study Session on June 21, 2021. However, it is appropriate that the Park Board review the draft CIP projects and make a recommendation to the City Council. By providing feedback and direction, it will benefit staff and the City Council on the priorities of the parks and trails projects as they deliberate the 5-year policy document.



The city council will review at the June 21 study session and adopt at a later date in the calendar year.

Prior Studies

The Community Facility & Programming Space study led by Recreation Services was finalized in March 2019. The study was presented to the Minnetonka City Council on March 4, 2019 and to the Minnetonka Park Board on March 6, 2019. The outcomes of the study included recommendations to better serve the recreational needs of the community along with a list of maintenance needs at city facilities. Many of the maintenance items identified are included in the Capital Improvement Plan or operational budget.

Trail Improvement Plan

The Trail Improvement Plan is a multi-year plan created to enhance the city’s trail and sidewalk system and consists of unscheduled and unfunded trail segments. This list encompasses approximately 50 miles of new trail or missing link segments. Cost estimates for the construction of those segments exceed \$75 million when it is assumed the work does not coincide with a larger roadway project. This category also accounts for the existing trail system that requires ongoing maintenance and rehabilitation. In 2018, the City Council approved the implementation of a gas franchise fee and an increase in the electrical franchise fee, with the use of those revenues dedicated to trail construction.

Staff continues to recommend delaying the Baker Road trail segments from Minnetonka Boulevard to County Road 62 as a part of the above recommendation. Three Rivers Park District (TRPD) has worked to complete a master plan with city staff participation for a new Eagle to Bryant Lake Regional Trail, which includes the Baker Road segments as well as trail segment 26, Rowland Road – Baker Road to SWLRT Trail. Although TRPD has not yet scheduled construction funding, the project nearing completion of the master planning process, which will refine the design and identify grant opportunities for project funding. Staff will coordinate utility burial along Baker Road and construction of trail segment 25, Rowland Road – Lone Lake Park to Opus Trail System, with TRPD, as appropriate.

Staff received a resident request to swap trail segments along Minnetonka Boulevard to prioritize the segment between Woodlawn Avenue and Tonkawood Road and delay the segment between Tonkawood Road and the Marsh. Park board and city council recommended and approved, respectively, the trail swap in 2020. The 2022-2026 CIP shows the trail segment between Woodlawn Ave and Tonkawood Road be constructed in 2023, and the segment between Tonkawood Road and the existing trail at The Marsh be constructed in 2026.

In 2020, staff was successful in securing a Regional Solicitation Grant through the Metropolitan Council for the Hopkins Crossroad Trail, for an amount of \$2,300,000. This grant award will allow the advance construction of trail segment 18, Hillside Lane - Hopkins Crossroad to Tanglen Elementary, in 2024 along with the planned Hopkins Crossroad Trail.

#### Park Investment Plan

The park investment plan looks forward 30 years and projects the lifecycle of existing amenities in the park system. This plan was established as a result of a previous park board goal to develop a funding mechanism for future capital needs. This schedule tracks all infrastructure installed in the park system and projects a future cost and replacement schedule. Those costs are then combined and scheduled during the five-year CIP window. This expense category also includes new park construction of Ridgedale Commons and funding for future programming equipment for use at the new park. Funding for a skate park feasibility study was included based on recent interest from the community and the park board to pursue the potential for an upgrade to the current skate park at Glen Lake or the addition of a new skate park in an alternate location.

#### City Owned Athletic Fields

A variety of improvements are scheduled over the next five years to city owned athletic fields. These upgrades include field improvements, safety netting and lighting upgrades to extend play and increase safety.

#### Unfunded Future Projects

Staff have also included a number of projects in the CIP as unfunded. These projects have been identified through staff, residents or studies as future needs. At this time, funding has not been allocated for the projects.

#### **Discussion Points**

- **Does the Park Board recommend any changes to the proposed CIP projects?**
- **Does the Park Board recommend the addition of any projects to the proposed CIP (funded or unfunded)?**
- **Does the Park Board recommend the deletion of any projects in the proposed CIP?**

**Recommended Park Board Action:** Review and discuss the proposed 2022-2026 CIP and make recommendations regarding any changes, additions or deletions to the proposed projects

#### **Attachments**

1. 2022-2026 Proposed CIP Park and Trail Improvement Pages - DRAFT



2022 - 2026 Capital Improvement Plan

2022 *thru* 2026

Department 2-Recreational Facilities

City of Minnetonka, Minnesota

Contact Recreation Director

Project # RecF-22206  
 Project Name Skate Park Feasibility Study

Type Improvement

Useful Life 15

Category Recreational Facilities

Priority 3 Expansion of New/Existing

Description

Total Project Cost: \$30,000

In early 2021, a group of residents approached the Minnetonka Park Board inquiring about a new or updated skate park. The city currently owns one skate park, located in Glen Lake off of Excelsior Boulevard. This 20-year-old skate park is an older style skate park and is not heavily used. This feasibility study will assist staff in determining the need for skate park amenities as well as location(s) and types of structures available.

2022: Feasibility Study

Justification

The Park Board directed staff to conduct a feasibility study to assess options for upgrading the current skate park or adding a new skate park in the city.

Expenditures	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Improvements	30,000					30,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,000</b>					<b>30,000</b>

Funding Sources	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Park & Trail Improvement Fund	30,000					30,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,000</b>					<b>30,000</b>

Budget Impact/Other

A future, unfunded page for a skate park has been included as part of the 2022-2026 CIP. One goal of this project will be to explore sustainable options for this project.

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Department 2-Recreational Facilities  
 Contact Recreation Superintendent  
 Type Improvement  
 Useful Life  
 Category Recreational Facilities  
 Priority 3 Expansion of New/Existing

City of Minnetonka, Minnesota

Project #	RecF-22203
Project Name	Shady Oak Beach Improvements

Description	Total Project Cost: \$160,000
<p>Shady Oak Beach is jointly operated by the cities of Hopkins and Minnetonka. The facility is open from June – August each summer with the revenues generated from season pass sales and daily admissions. The facility was most recently renovated in 1998. An additional renovation on the lifeguard shack was completed in 2021.</p> <p>2022: Miscellaneous building components, i.e. installation of energy efficient lighting in restrooms/gate area, patio tables and chairs, dock maintenance (\$25,000)                      2023: Miscellaneous building maintenance (\$10,000); concession equipment (\$5,000)                      2024: Inflatable replacement (\$10,000); parking lot mill and overlay (\$80,000)                      2025: Miscellaneous building maintenance (\$20,000)                      2026: Miscellaneous building maintenance (\$10,000)</p>	

Justification
<p>The joint agreement between the city of Minnetonka and city of Hopkins provides for the sharing of the operating and capital expenses of Shady Oak Beach. These expenses are split 67% city of Minnetonka and 33% city of Hopkins.</p> <p>These improvements are in keeping with the efforts to maintain a quality facility.</p>

Expenditures	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Construction/Maintenance	25,000	15,000	90,000	20,000	10,000	160,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>90,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>160,000</b>

Funding Sources	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
City of Hopkins	8,200	4,950	29,700	6,600	3,300	52,750
Park & Trail Improvement Fund	16,800	10,050	60,300	13,400	6,700	107,250
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>90,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>160,000</b>

Budget Impact/Other
<p>Maintenance costs tend to rise as facilities age. A consistent replacement schedule of older items will allow operating costs to be maintained. These capital projects will not have an effect on the facility’s annual operating costs or revenues long-term.</p>

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Department 3-Parks, Trails & Open Space

City of Minnetonka, Minnesota

Contact Natural Resources Manager

Project #	Park-22301
Project Name	Plant Pest Program

Type Maintenance

Useful Life

Category Park Improvements/Refurbish

Priority 3 Expansion of New/Existing

Description

Total Project Cost: \$931,000

This program funds asset-related costs associated with the arrival of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) insect.

In 2014, the city initiated the EAB Management Plan to begin to address the anticipated effects of EAB infestation. The city has hired additional staff to assist with the implementation of EAB management for both public and private trees. The first full year of the program was in 2015. Phase 2 of the EAB Management Plan began in 2019 after discovery of the EAB within the city boundary.

Justification

The Emerald Ash Borer is an insect now present in Minnetonka that will eventually kill most native ash trees. As a result, the city has a pro-active management program that deals with the anticipated costs of the infestation. These costs include tree removal, stump grinding, reforestation, chemical treatments and public education.

Beginning in 2022, CIP funds specific to the EAB Management Program were expanded to include all plant pests to account for overlap of staff efforts and funds associated with those efforts. Funds will be used to purchase equipment to manage EAB. In addition, the equipment will be used for tree removal related to other existing or emerging pests/diseases (oak wilt, Dutch elm disease, etc.), removal of risk trees, and tree pruning along the right-of-way and on city property as well as reforestation. Funds will continue to be used to hire contractors to remove diseased trees that city field crews cannot remove.

This plan is related to Council Policy 8.3 (Plant Pest Program) and is coordinated with other forestry-related programs.

Expenditures	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Construction/Maintenance	175,000	180,000	186,000	192,000	198,000	931,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>175,000</b>	<b>180,000</b>	<b>186,000</b>	<b>192,000</b>	<b>198,000</b>	<b>931,000</b>

Funding Sources	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Forestry Fund	175,000	180,000	186,000	192,000	198,000	931,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>175,000</b>	<b>180,000</b>	<b>186,000</b>	<b>192,000</b>	<b>198,000</b>	<b>931,000</b>

Budget Impact/Other

The costs above reflect only the capital budget portion of the program, and operating costs for the program are budgeted in the general fund within the natural resources division of the public works department. A \$58,000 per year transfer from the forestry fund balance to the general fund supports the operating costs of the plan including staffing, administration and seasonal employees above its general fund base budget.

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Department 3-Parks, Trails & Open Space

City of Minnetonka, Minnesota

Contact Public Works Operations Man

Project #	Park-22302
Project Name	Athletic Field Improvements

Type Improvement

Useful Life

Category Park Improvements/Refurbish

Priority 2 Important-Provide Efficiency

<b>Description</b>	Total Project Cost: \$300,000
<p>The Minnetonka Park Board’s 2012 update of the city’s Athletic Field Needs Study and the 2019 Facility Needs Study continue to indicate a moderate need for increased game quality athletic fields for the sports of soccer, lacrosse and football; and increased access to quality practice fields for youth softball and baseball through partnerships.</p> <p>2022: \$20,000 field improvements at city owned athletic fields, \$50,000 for outfield safety netting on Big Willow Softball field #6.                  2023: \$25,000 replace safety netting at Big Willow baseball and Little League fields, Guilliams baseball field, and safety netting at all batting cages.                  2024: \$20,000 field improvements at city owned athletic fields.                  2025: \$160,000 replacement of Big Willow Soccer lights with LED lights.                  2026: \$25,000 field improvements at city owned athletic fields.</p>	

<b>Justification</b>
<p>With a lack of available city property for athletic field expansion, the lighting of existing fields, along with partnerships with local school districts, provides the best opportunities to expand access to community fields. This program also funds major upgrades to dedicated city owned athletic fields to maintain acceptable playing standards.</p>

Expenditures	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Construction/Maintenance	70,000	25,000	20,000	160,000	25,000	300,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>70,000</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>160,000</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>300,000</b>
Funding Sources	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Park & Trail Improvement Fund	70,000	25,000	20,000	160,000	25,000	300,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>70,000</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>160,000</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>300,000</b>

<b>Budget Impact/Other</b>
<p>These improvements will reduce annual maintenance costs.</p>

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Department 3-Parks, Trails & Open Space

City of Minnetonka, Minnesota

Contact Recreation Director

Project # Park-22303  
 Project Name Bennett Family Park

Type Maintenance

Useful Life

Category Park Improvements/Refurbish

Priority 3 Expansion of New/Existing

Description

Total Project Cost: \$30,000

Improvements for Bennett Family Park are part of a five-year plan to provide capital funding to the Park starting in 2018.

Bennett Family Park approached the city and requested financial assistance for various improvements. The park board recommended the project for council consideration as part of the 2017-2021 CIP review. Upon council review and approval, a cooperative agreement was developed including a five-year plan, with one-year terms to be approved annually by the City Council, beginning in 2018 and ending in 2022.

Justification

Privately owned and operated Bennett Family Park provides softball, baseball and Miracle Field programs to residents of Minnetonka throughout the spring, summer and fall. This service is similar to other local organizations which provide programs on city owned property, such as Big Willow Baseball, Glen Lake Mighty Mites and GAL softball.

A similar agreement with Bennett Family Park was developed for capital improvements from 1995-2000. A current agreement totaling \$147,000 over 5 years will end in 2022.

Expenditures	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Construction/Maintenance	30,000					30,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,000</b>					<b>30,000</b>

Funding Sources	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Park & Trail Improvement Fund	30,000					30,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,000</b>					<b>30,000</b>

Budget Impact/Other

Capital funding is only for infrastructure investment and should not affect (although possibly lowering) the operating costs which are funded by Bennett Family Park.

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Department 3-Parks, Trails & Open Space

City of Minnetonka, Minnesota

Contact Facilities Manager

Project #	Park-22304
Project Name	Burwell House Investments

Type Improvement

Useful Life

Category Municipal Buildings

Priority 1 Critical for Safety/Preserve

<b>Description</b>	Total Project Cost: \$390,000
<p>The Burwell House and related structures are subject to the Historic Register of Buildings requirements as well as grant conditions from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The facilities, grounds, and adjacent parkland serve to house the artifacts of the Minnetonka Historical Society, support and provide facilities for both Administrative and Recreation programming, and hosts several special events each year.</p> <p>Buildings on site include: Burwell House and Woodshed, Ice House, Cottage, and Workshop.</p> <p>In 2019, a city consultant completed a facility assessment of all related structures and site. While site and grounds improvements are funded through parks and streets, this page reflects the recommended capital needs estimated in the facility assessment.</p>	

<b>Justification</b>
<p>The facility assessment noted several envelope and interior cosmetic needs. This plan now spreads the funding request over five years; eliminating large single year expenses. Immediate needs that are addressed include: interior flooring, walls, ceilings, and windows, exterior decorative trims, fascia boards, paint and railings.</p> <p>The jump in spending (\$160,000) in 2023 is allocated to paint the exterior of the house and outbuildings, as well as structural repairs to the buildings.</p> <p>Structural deficiencies are showing on the workshop and funding is included to complete a review by a structural engineer.</p> <p>Financial partnerships through SHPO and other interested parties will be pursued as opportunities arise. Currently no building improvement funds are available through state resources.</p>

Expenditures	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Construction/Maintenance	60,000	160,000	50,000	60,000	60,000	390,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>160,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>390,000</b>
Funding Sources	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Park & Trail Improvement Fund	60,000	160,000	50,000	60,000	60,000	390,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>160,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>390,000</b>

<b>Budget Impact/Other</b>
<p>These improvements will reduce annual maintenance costs.</p>

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Department 3-Parks, Trails & Open Space

City of Minnetonka, Minnesota

Contact Public Works Operations Man

Project #	Park-22305
Project Name	Park Investment Plan

Type Improvement

Useful Life

Category Park Development

Priority 2 Important-Provide Efficiency

Description	Total Project Cost: \$875,000
<p>This item provides for the scheduled improvements within the park system on a 30 year schedule and includes small benches, bike racks and other amenities in addition to the projects identified below.</p> <p>Staff has created a 30-year schedule guideline.</p> <p>2022: Linner and Ford Park playground equipment and safety surfacing replacement (\$125,000)                      Big Willow Park bathroom replacement (\$55,000)                      Engineered wood fiber installation at playgrounds (\$10,000)</p> <p>2023: Gro Tonka and Mini-Tonka Park playground equipment and safety surfacing replacement (\$135,000)                      Linner and Junction Park tennis court reconstruction (\$80,000)                      Engineered wood fiber installation at playgrounds (\$10,000)</p> <p>2024: Reich Park tennis court reconstruction (\$55,000)                      Engineered wood fiber installation at playgrounds (\$10,000)</p> <p>2025: Groveland and Sunrise Ridge Park playground equipment and safety surfacing replacement (\$150,000)                      Covington Park tennis court reconstruction (\$55,000)                      Engineered wood fiber installation at playgrounds (\$10,000)</p> <p>2026: Glen Moor and Wilson Park playground equipment and safety surfacing replacement (\$170,000)                      Engineered wood fiber installation at playgrounds (\$10,000)</p>	

Justification
<p>An implementation schedule was created for the park and trail system on a 30 year basis. Improvements will be made upon final evaluation of the listed amenity in order to maintain the park and trail infrastructure. Improvements may include but are not limited to play surfaces &amp; equipment, lighting, site furnishings and bike parking.</p>

Expenditures	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Construction/Maintenance	190,000	225,000	65,000	215,000	180,000	875,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>190,000</b>	<b>225,000</b>	<b>65,000</b>	<b>215,000</b>	<b>180,000</b>	<b>875,000</b>

Funding Sources	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Park & Trail Improvement Fund	190,000	225,000	65,000	215,000	180,000	875,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>190,000</b>	<b>225,000</b>	<b>65,000</b>	<b>215,000</b>	<b>180,000</b>	<b>875,000</b>

Budget Impact/Other
<p>This rehabilitation will not increase annual maintenance costs.</p>

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Department 3-Parks, Trails & Open Space

City of Minnetonka, Minnesota

Contact Recreation Superintendent

Project # Park-22306  
 Project Name Ridgedale Commons - Programming Equipment

Type Equipment

Useful Life

Category Park Improvements/Refurbish

Priority 3 Expansion of New/Existing

**Description** Total Project Cost: \$68,500

Ridgedale Commons will provide space for new recreation programs, activities and special events.

2022: Additional IT Equipment (\$5,000); Curling Equipment (\$8,000); Patio Heaters/Tables (\$3,500)

2023: Additional IT Equipment, i.e. projector/screen (\$7,000); Farmers Market Equipment, i.e. tents (\$3,000)

2024: Additional IT Equipment, i.e. sound system (\$40,000); Miscellaneous Programming Equipment, i.e. outdoor games, fitness equipment (\$2,000)

**Justification**

Due to its central location and various types of programming spaces, Ridgedale Commons will be an ideal location for new programs or as a new location for existing programs and events, such as the farmers market. Various types of equipment are needed to implement these offerings.

Expenditures	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Equip/Vehicles/Furnishings	16,500	10,000	42,000			68,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,500</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>42,000</b>			<b>68,500</b>

Funding Sources	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Park & Trail Improvement Fund	16,500	10,000	42,000			68,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,500</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>42,000</b>			<b>68,500</b>

**Budget Impact/Other**

The purchase of this equipment will allow staff to provide new programs and rental space. Minimal revenues will be generated.



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Department 3-Parks, Trails & Open Space

## City of Minnetonka, Minnesota

Contact Park Planner

Project # Park-22307

Type Improvement

Project Name Trail Improvement Plan

Useful Life

Category Park Improvements/Refurbish

Priority 3 Expansion of New/Existing

### Description

Total Project Cost: \$18,750,000

The Trail Improvement Plan is a multi-year plan created to enhance the city's trail and sidewalk system. New trails and walks added to the system provide safe and active connections between existing trails, parks schools and village centers. Staff will explore opportunities to include bike parking as part of trail expansion projects in village centers and at schools, as feasible and appropriate.

2022: Ridgedale Drive - White Birch to Target

2023: Smetana Road - Westbrook Way to Sanibel Drive  
Minnetonka Boulevard - Woodlawn Ave to Tonkawood Rd  
Groveland School Crossing

2024: Hopkins Crossroad (CR 73) - Cedar Lake Road to Hillside Lane  
Hillside Lane - Hopkins Crossroad to Tanglen Elementary

2025: Hopkins Crossroad (CR73) - Hillside Lane to Wayzata Boulevard

2026: Minnetonka Boulevard (CR5) - The Marsh to Tonkawood Road

In 2020, staff was successful in securing a Regional Solicitation Grant through the Metropolitan Council for the Hopkins Crossroad Trail, for an amount of \$2,300,000. Staff will continue to apply for future grant opportunities and local funding will be programmed to complete trail segments. Additional segments will be accelerated if grant funding is secured. Staff have also applied for construction grants from Hennepin County.

Funding for utility burial is included for trail projects that require it through electric franchise fund.

### Justification

There is strong community support for the Minnetonka Trail System as evidenced by the heavy use of the completed trail segments and inquiries received about opportunities for extensions. When completed, these trails and walkways will enable more people to use active modes of transportation, connect five community parks, adjacent communities, and allow users to travel safely throughout the city on trails physically separated from motorized vehicles.

This is an integral part of the Parks, Open Space and Trail System and the Comprehensive Guide Plans to construct the Minnetonka Trail for walkers, joggers and bicyclists of all ages and abilities.

Staff conducted an educational and community dialogue for missing trail links to assist the Park Board and City Council in recommending projects to be constructed. In 2016 the city's internal trails team updated the feasibility score and reprioritized unscheduled segments.

The vision for trail segments uses a feasibility score updated in 2016 made up of Community Access (40%), Nature of Use (40%), Cost Effectiveness (10%) and Degree of Construction Difficulty (10%).

Expenditures	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Construction/Maintenance	1,400,000	8,130,000	3,900,000	2,920,000	2,400,000	18,750,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,400,000</b>	<b>8,130,000</b>	<b>3,900,000</b>	<b>2,920,000</b>	<b>2,400,000</b>	<b>18,750,000</b>

Funding Sources	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Electric Franchise Fees Fund	500,000	2,800,000	600,000	650,000		4,550,000
Grants/Partnership Funding			2,300,000			2,300,000
Park & Trail Improvement Fund		350,000				350,000
Trail System Expansion Fund	900,000	4,980,000	1,000,000	2,270,000	2,400,000	11,550,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,400,000</b>	<b>8,130,000</b>	<b>3,900,000</b>	<b>2,920,000</b>	<b>2,400,000</b>	<b>18,750,000</b>

**Budget Impact/Other**

A list of additional future segments that are ranked and prioritized for implementation is shown on CIP page Park-TBD2215.

Annual maintenance costs will increase by approximately \$1,500 per mile of additional trail.

Overhead utilities will be buried with trail projects, consistent with city strategic goals, as the balance of the Electric Franchise Fund allows. If the fund does not allow, only burial or relocation of poles necessary to construct the trail will be pursued.

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Department 3-Parks, Trails & Open Space

## City of Minnetonka, Minnesota

Contact Public Works Operations Man

Project #	Park-22308
Project Name	Trail Rehabilitation

Type Improvement

Useful Life

Category Park Development

Priority 1 Critical for Safety/Preserve

Description	Total Project Cost: \$420,000
<p>This item provides for the rebuilding and resurfacing of existing Minnetonka Trail System and neighborhood trail connections, and replacement and expansion of trail signage and maps.</p> <p>A condition rating system will be used to determine which segments will be addressed each year. Signage on the trail system will be continually updated and revised maps will be produced.</p> <p>2022: Cedar Lake Rd - Plymouth Rd to CR 73; North Frontage Rd - CR 73 to Hampton Inn.                      2023: Lone Lake Park, Lindsey Lane                      2024: CSAH 101 - Ridgewood Rd to Hutchins Dr                      2025: Cheshire Parkway, North Frontage Rd - Ridgedale Dr to CR 73, South Frontage Rd - Ridgedale Dr to CR 73.                      2026: Townline Rd/CR 62 - Vinehill Rd to CR 60</p> <p>This is an integral part of the plan to maintain the Trail System for walkers, joggers and bicyclists. The trails and walkways connect five community parks, adjacent communities and allow users to travel throughout the city on trails separated from motorized vehicles.</p>	

Justification
<p>There is strong community support for the Minnetonka Trail System as evidenced by the heavy use of the completed trail segments. Some of the trail sections are approaching 20 years old and have reached a condition beyond what regular maintenance can address.</p> <p>Approximately 108 miles of trails are currently maintained by the city.</p>

Expenditures	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Construction/Maintenance	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	120,000	420,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>120,000</b>	<b>420,000</b>
Funding Sources	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Park & Trail Improvement Fund	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	120,000	420,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>120,000</b>	<b>420,000</b>

Budget Impact/Other
<p>Future maintenance costs related to these improvements are included in annual budget.</p>

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2022 thru 2026

Department 3-Parks, Trails & Open Space

City of Minnetonka, Minnesota

Contact Park Planner

Project #	Park-22309
Project Name	Opus Area Park Improvements

Type Improvement

Useful Life

Category Park Improvements/Refurbish

Priority 3 Expansion of New/Existing

Description	Total Project Cost: \$1,450,000
<p>The Opus business center is the largest employment center in Minnetonka. With the addition of proposed light rail the area will see increased opportunities for a mixture of further business and housing, driving the need for additional park and greenspaces.</p> <p>Staff completed the Opus area place making and public realm design guidelines implementation plan for Opus in 2019 to guide design of the public realm, open space and a future park. Elements of the plan are being constructed by private developers, partner agencies and municipal capital projects.</p> <p>2022: Construction and implementation of place making elements designed in 2021, including trail wayfinding signage and branding, and landscape material. Funding to construct these improvements is part of the same funding that was approved to begin design for 2021.</p> <p>Future: Implementation of a community park/plaza space will be implemented in future years as development occurs and land can be acquired. Funding shown in 2023 will be used to acquire land and begin park improvements, as land becomes available \$5,000,000 is listed as unfunded on ParkTBD-2233 page to construct park infrastructure and amenities.</p> <p>Staff will pursue grants and public private partnership opportunities to assist in financing projects.</p>	

Justification
<p>The Opus area is nearing 40 years old and is experiencing revitalization and redevelopment activity that has been sparked by the Green Line Extension, which will run through the business park and include the Opus LRT Station. The Opus area place making and public realm design guidelines document outlines improvements to revitalize the original Opus plan to fit today’s needs and align with City planning vision. This project begins the framework for investments to provide recreational and park uses for new business and residential uses anticipated in the area. The guidelines document also recommends a series of place making efforts within Opus that reflect the areas agriculture and business park history and serve as a catalyst for building community and creating an environment supportive of development opportunities.</p> <p>The project is consistent with the development of a park allowing for better access to a Neighborhood Park Service Area that is currently deficient of park and recreational uses. The creation of a gathering place for park use will also complement the vast trail network currently in place. Trail resurfacing and reconstruction will take place within the park as part of regular maintenance and as part of SWLRT impacted segments.</p>

Expenditures	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Construction/Maintenance		1,450,000				1,450,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,450,000</b>				<b>1,450,000</b>

Funding Sources	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Park & Trail Improvement Fund		1,450,000				1,450,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,450,000</b>				<b>1,450,000</b>

Budget Impact/Other
Annual operating costs will be known when a final concept is approved.

2022 - 2026 Capital Improvement Plan

2022 thru 2026

Department 2-Recreational Facilities

City of Minnetonka, Minnesota

Contact Recreation Director

Project #	RecF-TBD2202
Project Name	Recreational Pool

Type Improvement

Useful Life

Category Recreational Facilities

Priority 3 Expansion of New/Existing

<b>Description</b>	Total Project Cost: \$20,000,000
<p>The results of the 2019 Community Facility &amp; Programming Space Study indicated the need for an additional recreational swimming pool. An additional pool would relieve pressures at the heavily used Williston Center pool.</p> <p>Staff will explore opportunities for school partnerships, public/private partnerships, or leasing opportunities as options for additional pool space. Staff will also explore available funding options including pursuing state bonding.</p> <p>SCHEDULING AND PROJECT STATUS:                  2022-2026: Explore opportunities                  Future: Construction/renovation of pool facility</p>	

<b>Justification</b>
<p>The results of the 2019 Community Facility &amp; Programming Space Study indicated the need for an additional recreational swimming pool.</p> <p>Swim lessons are one of the most popular and sought-after program offerings in the Recreation Department. Over the past three years, the waitlist percentage (total available openings/waitlisted participants) has been over 50%. The next highest program area is teen programming with 9%. Based on National Recreation and Parks Association standards for pools the City of Minnetonka does not meet the recommended level of service for swimming pools.</p> <p>In addition to the swim lesson program, the Williston Center offers approximately 20 hours of senior-focused aquatics programming. This leaves minimal time for member use (open swim, lap swimming, etc.).</p>

Expenditures	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total	Future
Construction/Maintenance					0	0	20,000,000
<b>Total</b>					<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total</b>

Funding Sources	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total	Future
Community Investment Fund					0	0	20,000,000
Grants/Partnership Funding					0	0	Total
<b>Total</b>					<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

<b>Budget Impact/Other</b>
Operating expenditures to be determined based on the type of facility. The city will pursue state bonding for this project.

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2022 *thru* 2026

Department 2-Recreational Facilities

City of Minnetonka, Minnesota

Contact Recreation Director

Project #	RecF-TBD2207
Project Name	Skate Park

Type Improvement

Useful Life 15

Category Recreational Facilities

Priority 3 Expansion of New/Existing

Description

Total Project Cost: \$900,000

In early 2021, a group of residents approached the Minnetonka Park Board inquiring about a new or updated skate park. The city currently owns one skate park, located in Glen Lake off of Excelsior Boulevard. This 20-year-old skate park is an older style skate park and is not heavily used. The 2022-2026 also shows a feasibility study in 2022 that will help determine the need for a new or updated skate park as well as potential locations.

Justification

The results of the 2019 Community Facility & Programming Space Study indicated an increase in participation levels for skateboarding. An increased interested in sports and activities like skateboarding and mountain biking have occurred recently. The Minnetonka Park Board and staff have received numerous requests for updated amenities related to skate boarding.

Expenditures	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total	Future
Construction/Maintenance					0	0	900,000
<b>Total</b>					<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total</b>

Funding Sources	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total	Future
Community Investment Fund					0	0	900,000
Grants/Partnership Funding					0	0	Total
<b>Total</b>					<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

Budget Impact/Other

Skate parks are typically are large up front cost with minimal on-going maintenance. Pending feasibility results could effect the project cost (ie - location, amenities, etc).

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2022 thru 2026

Department 3-Parks, Trails & Open Space

Contact Public Works Operations Man

City of Minnetonka, Minnesota

Project #	Park-TBD2231
Project Name	Park & Open Space Purchase

Type Improvement

Useful Life

Category Park Development

Priority 3 Expansion of New/Existing

Description

Total Project Cost: \$983,000

The city's open space preservation implementation strategy calls for the preservation of open space that meets certain criteria. The Park Board has previously identified certain parcels in order to expand existing parkland. The 2021 update to the POST plan and a near term future regional park search effort in collaboration with Three Rivers Park District may also inform future need, prioritization and acquisition of land to expand the park system, as appropriate.

As parcels from the prioritization list become available, they will be acquired or preserved by other means (e.g., conservation easements) based on funding availability and City Council approval. Parcels classified as urgent and high priority for open space preservation will be actively pursued.

This project is consistent with the Council Policy on an Open Space Preservation Program and the Management of Natural Resources. The city currently has appropriated in prior years and has now reserved almost \$1 million in the Community Investment Fund for park and open space purchases as opportunities arise.

Justification

The Minnetonka Park Board developed a property acquisition list that identifies desirable parcels for purchase by the city. The list includes properties within the Minnehaha Creek Preserve and properties that are adjacent to existing city park land to serve in expanding the city's parks. This funding provides resources to purchase land identified by the Park Board.

In 2001 Minnetonka voters approved a \$15,000,000 bond referendum for parks renewal and open space preservation. About half of those funds were used for open space preservation and the balance for park renewal.

Expenditures	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total	Future
Land Acquisition					0	0	983,000
<b>Total</b>					<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total</b>
Funding Sources	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total	Future
Community Investment Fund					0	0	983,000
<b>Total</b>					<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total</b>

Budget Impact/Other

Costs related to additional land stewardship are expected to increase dependent upon the size and environmental features of parcels acquired.

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2022 thru 2026

Department 3-Parks, Trails & Open Space

City of Minnetonka, Minnesota

Contact Park Planner

Project #	Park-TBD2233
Project Name	Opus Area Park Improvements

Type Improvement

Useful Life

Category Park Improvements/Refurbish

Priority 3 Expansion of New/Existing

Description	Total Project Cost: \$5,000,000
<p>The Opus business center is the largest employment center in Minnetonka. With the addition of proposed light rail the area will see increased opportunities for a mixture of further business and housing, driving the need for additional park and greenspaces.</p> <p>Staff has completed Opus area place making and public realm design guidelines implementation plan for Opus in 2019 to guide design of the public realm, open space and development of a future park. Sustainable elements including but not limited to electric charging stations for vehicles, enhanced bike parking &amp; amenities, stormwater features, restoration of natural resources system functions and edible landscapes will be pursued as appropriate.</p> <p>Construction of a community park/plaza space will be implemented in future years as development occurs and land can be acquired. Funding in the amount of \$5,000,000 is currently listed as unfunded to be used for park infrastructure and amenities. Interim placemaking efforts and programming may be considered in the event land for a the new community park/plaza space does not become available prior to opening day of Southwest Light Rail Transit.</p> <p>Staff will pursue grants and public private partnership opportunities to assist in financing projects.</p>	

Justification
<p>The Opus area is nearing 40 years old and is experiencing revitalization and redevelopment activity that has been sparked by the Green Line Extension, which will run through the business park and include the Opus LRT Station. The Opus area place making and public realm design guidelines document outlines improvements to revitalize the original Opus plan to fit today’s needs and align with City planning vision. This project begins the framework for investments to provide recreational and park uses for new business and residential uses anticipated in the area. The guidelines document also recommends a series of place making efforts within Opus that reflect the areas agriculture and business park history and serve as a catalyst for building community and creating an environment supportive of development opportunities.</p> <p>The project is consistent with the development of a park allowing for better access to a Neighborhood Park Service Area that is currently deficient of park and recreational uses. The creation of a gathering place for park use will also complement the vast trail network currently in place. Trail resurfacing and reconstruction will take place within the park as part of regular maintenance and as part of SWLRT impacted segments.</p>

Expenditures	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total	Future
Construction/Maintenance				0		0	5,000,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>Total</b>
Funding Sources	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total	Future
Park & Trail Improvement Fund				0		0	5,000,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>Total</b>

Budget Impact/Other
Annual operating costs will be known when a final concept is approved.



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Department 3-Parks, Trails & Open Space

City of Minnetonka, Minnesota

Contact Public Works Operations Man

Project # Park-TBD2235  
 Project Name Athletic Field Improvements Unfunded

Type Improvement

Useful Life

Category Park Development

Priority 2 Important-Provide Efficiency

**Description** Total Project Cost: \$180,000

The Minnetonka Park Board's 2012 update of the city's Athletic Field Needs Study continues to indicate a moderate need for increased game quality athletic fields for the sports of soccer, lacrosse and football; and increased access to quality practice fields for youth softball and baseball through partnerships.

\$180,000 is included as an unfunded request for the lighting of the two existing fields at Lone Lake Park.

**Justification**

With a lack of available city property for athletic field expansion, the lighting of existing fields, along with partnerships with local school districts, provides the best opportunities to expand access to community fields. This program also funds major upgrades to dedicated city owned athletic fields to maintain acceptable playing standards.

Expenditures	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total	Future
Construction/Maintenance					0	0	180,000
<b>Total</b>					<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total</b>

Funding Sources	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total	Future
Park & Trail Improvement Fund					0	0	180,000
<b>Total</b>					<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total</b>

**Budget Impact/Other**

This rehabilitation will not increase annual maintenance costs.

# 2022 - 2026 Capital Improvement Plan

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Department 3-Parks, Trails & Open Space

## City of Minnetonka, Minnesota

Contact Park Planner

Project # Park-TBD2234  
Project Name Trail Segments - Unscheduled

Type Improvement

Useful Life

Category Trails

Priority 3 Expansion of New/Existing

### Description

Total Project Cost: \$75,350,000

This project involves the construction of the trails described in the table on the following page. Individual project cost estimates have increased based on recent actual project costs including Plymouth Road Trail and Excelsior Boulevard Trail. A map of the unfunded potential trail locations is included for reference in the document appendix. These projects are currently unscheduled. Some trail segments may qualify for funding from outside sources, which will be pursued as appropriate.

Staff conducted an educational and community dialogue for missing trail links to assist the Park Board and City Council in recommending projects to be constructed. In 2016 the city's internal trails team updated the feasibility score and reprioritized unscheduled segments.

The priority 1 and 2 segments along the Baker Road are being master planned by Three Rivers Park District. That effort is expected to be complete in summer of 2021. Upon completion of the master plan, Three Rivers Park District will identify funding to construct the trail. Minnetonka staff, park board and city council will continue to be engaged as part of that effort and may align future municipal trail implementation and/or utility burial to complement the new regional trail.

### Justification

There is strong community support for the Minnetonka Trail System as evidenced by the heavy use of the completed trail segments and resident inquiries received about opportunities for extensions. Cost projections are based on linear foot costs and data from previous projects. Efforts to coordinate trail segment implementation with complementary major road, development or utility projects will be pursued as available and appropriate.

This is an integral part of the Parks, Open Space and Trail System and Comprehensive Guide Plans to construct the Minnetonka Trail System for walkers, joggers, and bicyclists of all ages and abilities. The latest version of the Trail Improvement Plan is available on the city's website.

Expenditures	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total	Future
Construction/Maintenance				0		0	75,350,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>Total</b>
Funding Sources	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total	Future
Trail System Expansion Fund				0		0	75,350,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>Total</b>

### Budget Impact/Other

Although these projects are currently unfunded, a proposed funding source and timetable data are provided. The estimated project costs shown on the timetable are for independent project implementation. Costs for these trail segments could be reduced through coordination with a major roadway, utility or development project. Coordination opportunities will be pursued as available and appropriate. Annual maintenance costs will increase by approximately \$1,500/mile.

Overhead utilities will be buried with trail projects, consistent with city strategic goals, as the balance of the Electric Franchise Fund allows. If the fund does not allow, only burial or relocation of poles necessary to construct the trail will be pursued.

# Unfunded Trail Segments by Priority Ranking

## Proposed Trails

### Rank

1 - 19

20 - 38

39 - 56

57 - 71



Light Rail Station



Village Center

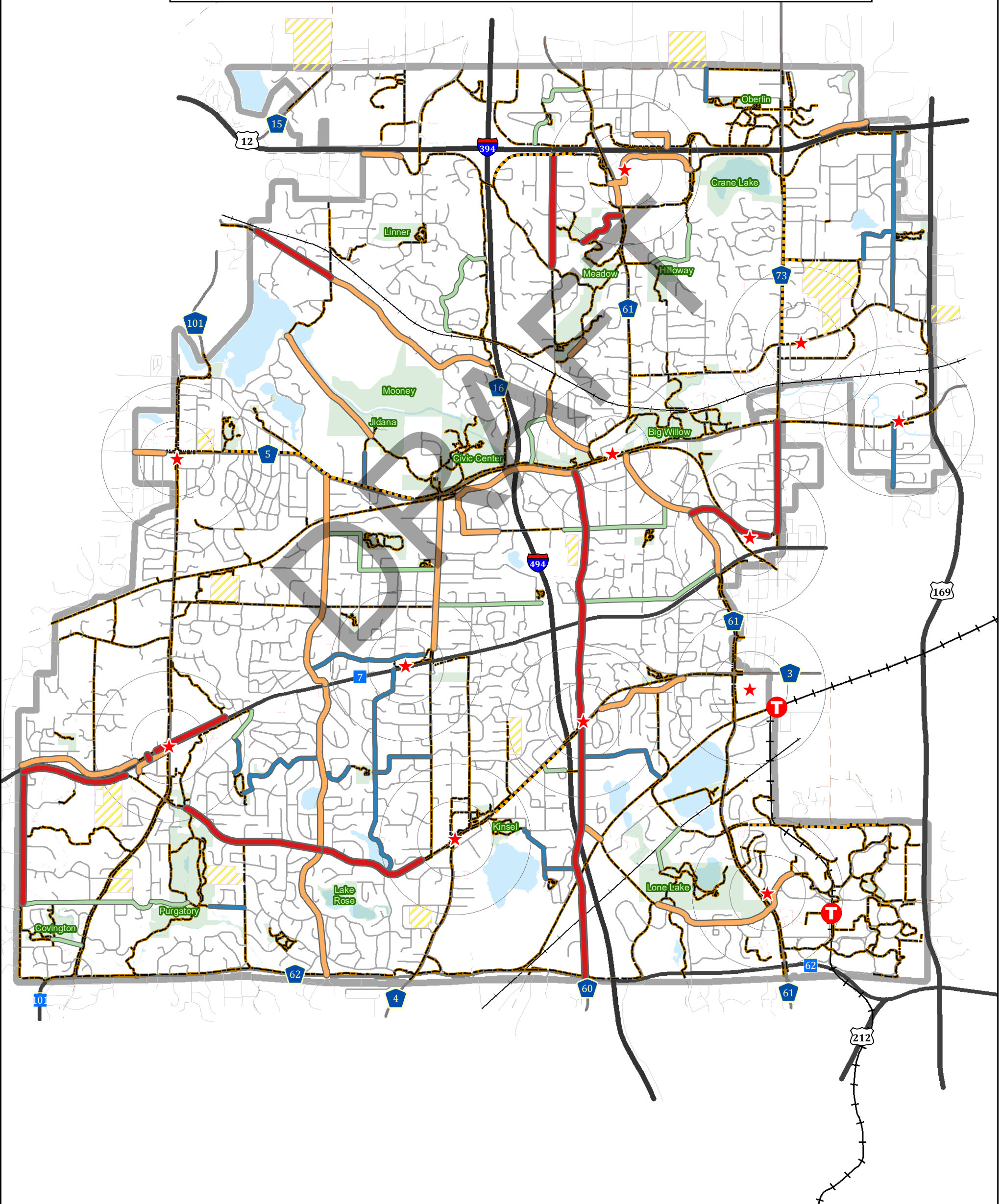
Funded Trail Segments

Existing Sidewalks and Trails

School Property

1/4 Mile Village Center Ring

1/2 Mile Village Center Ring



Priority Rank	Priority Score (10=High 1=Low)	Priority Trail Segments (all costs 2020 dollars)	Length (miles)	Estimated Cost 2022-2026 CIP	Estimated Cumulative Cost
			44.7		
1	7.0	Baker Rd - Excelsior Blvd to Crosstown Hwy	1.7		by others
2	7.0	Baker Rd - Excelsior Blvd to Minnetonka Blvd	1.7		by others
3	6.5	Ridgedale Dr - White Birch Lane to Target	0.6		Programmed for 2022 - \$900,000
4	6.2	Minnetonka Blvd - Woodlawn Ave to Tonkawood	0.8		Programmed for 2023 - \$3,650,000
5a	6.1	Hopkins Crossroad - Cedar Lake Rd to Hillside Lane	0.6		Programmed for 2024 - \$3,900,000
5b	6.1	Hopkins Crossroad - Hillside Ln to Wayzata Blvd	0.4		Programmed for 2025 - \$2,920,000
6	6.0	Minnetonka Blvd - The Marsh to Tonkawood	0.8		Programmed for 2026 - \$2,400,000
7	5.9	Excelsior Blvd - Woodland Rd to Clear Springs Rd/101 Library	1.0	\$2,420,000	\$2,420,000
8	5.9	Excelsior Blvd - Glen Oak St to Woodland Rd	0.7	\$1,870,000	\$4,290,000
9	5.6	Hwy 7 Cr 101 to Seven Hi La	0.1	\$220,000	\$4,510,000
10	5.5	Hopkins Crossroad - Minnetonka Blvd to Minnetonka Mills Rd	0.6	\$1,210,000	\$5,720,000
11	5.3	McGinty Rd - CR 101 to Crosby Rd (partly in Wayzata)	0.6	\$1,100,000	\$6,820,000
12	5.1	Delton Ave - Vine Hill Rd to Old Excelsior Blvd	0.7	\$1,320,000	\$8,140,000
13	5.0	Vine Hill Rd - Delton Ave to Covington Rd (Kingswood Ter)	0.9	\$1,650,000	\$9,790,000
14	4.9	Essex Rd - Ridgedale Dr to Oakland Rd	0.7	\$1,430,000	\$11,220,000
15	4.9	Hwy 7 Underpass west of CR 101*	0.0	\$110,000	\$11,330,000
16	4.9	Minnetonka Mills Rd - Shady Oak Rd to Hopkins Crossroad	0.6	\$1,100,000	\$12,430,000
17	4.8	TH 7 - Cattle Pass to CR 101 on north side	0.4	\$770,000	\$13,200,000
18	4.7	Hillside La - Hopkins Crossroad to Tanglen School	0.1		Programmed for 2024
19	4.7	Meadow Park to Ridgedale	0.4	\$660,000	\$13,860,000
20	4.6	Old Excelsior Blvd - Vine Hill Rd to CR 101 N side of Hwy 7)	0.8	\$1,540,000	\$15,400,000
21	4.6	Williston Rd - Minnetonka Blvd to Hwy 7	1.0	\$1,870,000	\$17,270,000
22	4.5	Wayzata Blvd N - Hampton Inn to Shelard Pkwy	0.3	\$660,000	\$17,930,000
23	4.5	Ridgedale Connections	1.1	\$2,090,000	\$20,020,000
24	4.3	McGinty Rd - Crosby Rd to existing trail on west side of I-494	1.3	\$2,420,000	\$22,440,000
25	4.2	Rowland Rd/Bren Rd - Lone Lake Park to Opus trail system	1.1	\$2,090,000	\$24,530,000
26	4.1	Rowland Rd - Baker Rd to SWLRT Trail	0.1	\$330,000	\$24,860,000
27	4.0	Porter/Delton Ave - Hutchins Dr to Cr 101	0.2	\$550,000	\$25,410,000
28	3.9	Tonkawood Road - Minnetonka Blvd to Hwy 7	1.5	\$2,750,000	\$28,160,000
29	3.8	Woodland Rd - Townline Rd to Hwy 7	2.0	\$3,850,000	\$32,010,000
30	3.7	Orchard Rd/Westmark Dr - Minnetonka Dr	1.3	\$2,420,000	\$34,430,000
31	3.7	Pioneer Rd - Carlton Rd to Shady Oak Rd	0.6	\$1,210,000	\$35,640,000
32	3.7	Shady Oak Rd - Minnetonka Blvd to Hwy 7	1.1	\$1,980,000	\$37,620,000
33	3.6	Minnetonka Blvd - CR 101 west to Deephaven city limits	0.2	\$440,000	\$38,060,000
34	3.4	Sunset Dr and Marion Lane West segments	0.3	\$550,000	\$38,610,000
35	3.3	Minnehaha Creek Trail - Headwaters to Jidana Park	0.9	\$1,650,000	\$40,260,000
36	3.2	McGinty Rd E - Minnetonka Blvd to Surry La	0.5	\$990,000	\$41,250,000
37	3.1	Wayzata Blvd - Claredon Dr to Wayzata city limits	0.2	\$550,000	\$41,800,000
38	2.9	Stone Rd - Saddlebrooke Cir to Sheffield Cir	0.1	\$330,000	\$42,130,000
39	2.9	Orchard Rd/Huntingdon Dr - Baker Rd to Shady Oak Rd	0.7	\$1,320,000	\$43,450,000
40	2.9	North Lone Lake Park - along RR tracks to Dominick Rd	0.3	\$660,000	\$44,110,000
41	2.9	Knollway Park to Wayzata Blvd/Horn Dr	0.2	\$440,000	\$44,550,000
42	2.9	Knollway Park to Shady Oak Rd	0.3	\$660,000	\$45,210,000
43	2.8	NTC - Meeting St to existing trail on west side of I-494	0.1	\$220,000	\$45,430,000
44	2.8	Clear Spring Rd - connect trail to Hwy 7	0.2	\$440,000	\$45,870,000
45	2.8	58th St W - Mahoney Ave into Purgatory Park	0.2	\$550,000	\$46,420,000
46	2.7	Victoria Evergreen to McKenzie Park	1.0	\$1,870,000	\$48,290,000
47	2.7	Lake St Ext - Baker Rd to Shady Oak Rd	0.9	\$1,760,000	\$50,050,000
48	2.6	Stone Rd/Meeting St - RR tracks to Linner Rd	0.6	\$1,210,000	\$51,260,000
49	2.6	Orchard Rd - Wyola Rd to Baker Rd	0.1	\$330,000	\$51,590,000
50	2.5	Excelsior Blvd - Pioneer to Nelson/Shady Oak Rd - S	0.9	\$1,760,000	\$53,350,000
51	2.4	Lake St Ext - Williston Rd to Spring Lake Rd	0.7	\$1,320,000	\$54,670,000
52	2.3	Covington Park east side connection to CR 101	0.2	\$440,000	\$55,110,000
53	2.3	NTC - Maywood La from I-494 crossing to Excelsior Blvd	0.2	\$330,000	\$55,440,000
54	2.2	Covington Rd - Vine Hill Rd to Mahoney Ave	0.9	\$1,760,000	\$57,200,000
55	2.1	Hilloway Park to YMCA La	0.5	\$880,000	\$58,080,000
56	2.1	East side of I-494 - Minnetonka Blvd to Wentworth Tr	0.4	\$770,000	\$58,850,000
57	2.0	Ford Rd - All	1.2	\$2,200,000	\$61,050,000
58	1.9	Woodland Rd to Williston Rd - Through Woodgate Park	0.7	\$1,430,000	\$62,480,000
59	1.9	Westmill Rd - Spring Hill Park to Clear Spring Rd	0.3	\$550,000	\$63,030,000
60	1.9	Oberlin Park along Park Ave to Ridgemount Ave	0.2	\$440,000	\$63,470,000
61	1.9	Holiday Rd/Seymour Rd - Woodland Rd to Spring Hill Park	0.7	\$1,320,000	\$64,790,000
62	1.9	Highwood Dr - Williston Rd to Tonkawood Rd	0.8	\$1,540,000	\$66,330,000
63	1.9	Cedar Lake Rd - Big Willow to Hopkins Crossroad	0.6	\$1,210,000	\$67,540,000
64	1.8	Jane La - Baker Rd to County Trail (Dominick Dr)	0.6	\$1,210,000	\$68,750,000
65	1.5	South St - Mayview Rd to Baker Rd	0.2	\$440,000	\$69,190,000
66	1.5	Oak Ridge Rd - Minnetonka Blvd to Hopkins city limits	0.4	\$880,000	\$70,070,000
67	1.5	Kinsel Rd/Mayview Rd - Excelsior Blvd to Glen Moor Park	0.4	\$770,000	\$70,840,000
68	1.5	Ford Park to Lindbergh Dr	0.4	\$770,000	\$71,610,000
69	1.3	Jidana La - Minnetonka Blvd to Jidana Park	0.2	\$440,000	\$72,050,000
70	1.2	Stodola Rd - Purgatory Park to Scenic Heights Dr	0.2	\$440,000	\$72,490,000
71	1.0	Highland Rd - Excelsior Blvd to Hwy 7	1.5	\$2,860,000	\$75,350,000

**Minnetonka Park Board Item 9  
Meeting of June 2, 2021**

<b>Subject:</b>	Information Items
<b>Park Board related goal:</b>	N/A
<b>Park Board related objective:</b>	N/A
<b>Brief Description:</b>	The following are informational items and developments that have occurred since the last park board meeting.

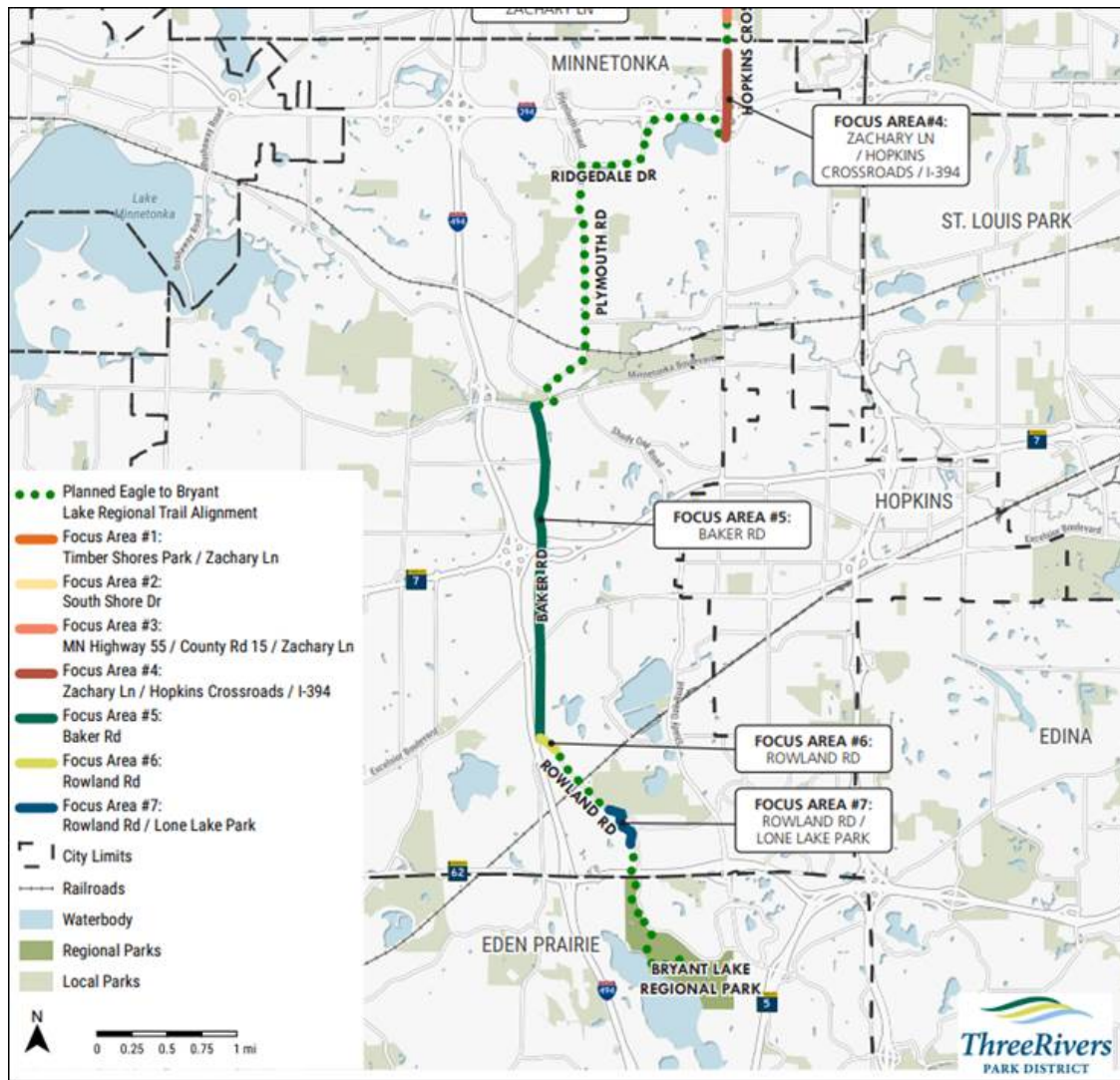
**Ridgedale Commons**

At their regular meeting on May 24, 2021 city council approved an agreement between the city and H+U Construction for Construction Manager at Risk CMAR services with H+U construction company. Costs for the proposed improvements to the city's Ridgedale Area Park Improvements Project are currently beyond the original project scope due in large part to the current economic environment related to escalating costs and reduced availability of materials, plus the challenges of a tight urban location and ambitious design scope. H+U Construction, the project design team and staff will collaborate to refine plans for the Ridgedale Area Park Improvements Project to include a value analysis of amenities and materials, identify a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) and deliver a quality product that meets the project scope and design. Council also amended the 2021-2025 CIP to move previously approved funding for future implementation of a refrigerated ice rink into the overall capital budget to fund park improvements, redesign and CMAR services. Future implementation of refrigerated ice could be pursued in future years either via rental by a third party on behalf of the city, or as a future capital project. Traditional flooding of a rink or alternate winter programming opportunities would be provided in the park space, as available and appropriate. Project next steps and schedule are:

Spring/Summer 2021	Staff, design team and CMAR review, value engineer and revise bid documents to prepare GMP
Summer 2021	Advertise for bids
	Council awards contract(s) for construction
	Estimated construction start
Summer 2022	Estimated substantial completion

**Eagle to Bryant Lake Master Plan**

Three Rivers Park District TRPD released the Eagle Lake and Bryant Lake Regional Trails Master Plan for 30-day public comment starting May 24, 2021 and ending June 23, 2021. Please check out the draft master plan [here \(External link\)](#) and provide your feedback in the guestbook below or by email at [EagletoBryantLakeRT@threeriversparks.org](mailto:EagletoBryantLakeRT@threeriversparks.org). The Eagle to Bryant Lake Regional Trail will be a 10-foot-wide, paved, multi-use trail supporting biking, hiking, dog walking, running and in-line skating, providing a much needed north/south route through the City of Minnetonka. A timeline for construction will be identified upon completion the master plan and identification of project funding sources. City staff will continue to coordinate with TRPD around the new trail, city utilities and connecting municipal trail segments, particularly along Rowland Road.



### Multi-Use Mountain Bike Trail

The multi-use mountain bike trail is a popular amenity for both bikers and hikers. The local Minnesota Off-Road Cyclist (MORC) volunteers and staff meet on Tuesday evenings for weekly trail maintenance and dedicate one Tuesday night per month to restoration work, including removal of invasive species. The volunteers routinely check trail conditions, particularly during wet periods, and open and close the trail accordingly. The board will visit the trail at the end of June as part of the annual park board tour.

### Tennis Court Reconstruction

Lone Lake Park (tennis) and Glen Lake Elementary (tennis and futsal): removal of existing pavement began May 20. Paving will begin June 2 (weather permitting) and should be completed by mid-June. The asphalt will cure for 30 days then the coatings will be applied. The courts should be open for play in August.

### Robinwood Park

Work is expected to begin late June for park construction.

**Minnetonka Park Board Item 10  
Meeting of June 2, 2021**

<b>Upcoming 6-Month Meeting Schedule</b>				
<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting Type</b>	<b>Agenda Business Items</b>	<b>Special Notes</b>
<b>Wed</b>	7/7/21	Regular	• No meeting	Holiday
<b>Wed</b>	8/4/21	Regular	•	
<b>Wed</b>	9/1/21	Regular	• Minnetonka Historical Society	
<b>Wed</b>	10/6/21	Regular	•	
<b>Wed</b>	11/10/21	Regular	•	Joint Meeting w/council
<b>Wed</b>	12/1/21	Regular	•	

**Other meetings and activities to note:**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Special Notes</b>
<b>Tues</b>	6/8/2021	Farmer's Market	Tuesday's 3-7 pm
<b>Fri</b>	6/11/2021	Shady Oak Beach	Opening Day
<b>Wed</b>	6/23/2021	Park Board Tour	5:30 pm start
<b>Sat</b>	6/26/2021	Summer Festival	

**Items to be scheduled:**