



**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