

**April 22, 2026
6:30 PM**

The Park and Recreation Commission Meeting will be conducted on **April 22, 2026** at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 2400 Margaret St., North St. Paul.

You can watch the meeting on our YouTube channel here: [tinyurl.com/NSPYouTube](https://www.youtube.com/NSPYouTube)

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Laura Greenlee-Karp, Chair
Sarah Zahradka, Vice Chair
Lloyd Grachek
David Andren
Ingrid Koller
Rachel Lucas
Cassidy Schweer, Council Liaison

STAFF

Sara Lang-Noyola

III. Adopt Agenda

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of meeting minutes from March 25th, 2026.

V. Meeting Open to Public

This Open Forum is an opportunity for persons to address the Parks and Recreation Commission on items not on the agenda. A completed public comment form should be presented to the staff liaison prior to the meeting. Comments will be limited to 3 minutes per person. While the Commission may ask clarifying questions of the speaker, no formal action by the Commission or discussion will be held on these items.

VI. Commission Business, Action Items & Recommendations

- A. McKnight Athletic Complex Updates
- B. CIP Review
- C. Parks Representatives 2026

VII. Reports from Staff

- A. Upcoming Events

B. Summer Meetings in the Parks

VIII. Reports from Commissioners & Park Liaisons

IX. Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled Parks & Recreation Commission meeting is May 27th, 2026.



To	Date
Parks & Recreation Commissioners	April 22, 2026

Agenda Placement # IV.A

Approval of Minutes

Subject

Approval of meeting minutes from March 25th, 2026.

Background/Facts

Recommended Action

Attachments

1. PRC Minutes 3.25.26

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Lang-Noyola, Community Development Administrative Assistant



**Park and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2026
6:30 PM**

North St. Paul City Hall – Council Chambers
2400 Margaret Street

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Zahradka called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

COMMISSION

Laura Greenlee-Karp, Chair, excused
Sarah Zahradka, Vice-Chair
Lloyd Grachek, Commissioner
Ingrid Koller, Commissioner
Rachel Lucas, Commissioner
William Kealy, Commissioner, excused

STAFF/LIAISONS

Cassidy Schweer, City Council Liaison, absent
Sara Lang-Noyola, Staff Liaison

III. ADOPT AGENDA

Vice-Chair Zahradka called for a motion to adopt the March 25, 2026 meeting agenda.
M/Grachek, S/Lucas
Motion carried 4-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of Minutes from January 28, 2026 PRC Meeting

Vice-Chair Zahradka called for a motion to approve the January 28, 2026 meeting minutes.
M/Koller, S/Lucas
Motion carried 4-0.

V. MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC

No members of the public were in attendance.

VI. COMMISSION BUSINESS, ACTION ITEMS & RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Commission Training Presented by Jack Brooksbank



City Attorney Jack Brooksbank presented rules for the Commission and Commissioner to follow including open meeting law, data practices, conflicts of interest, gift law, roles of City Manager and rules of order. A packet of training materials was provided in the packet and used as the guide for the presentation.

Open Meeting laws were discussed at length noting that any discussion with a quorum that discusses city business is considered a meeting, including but not limited to group emails, texts and in-person get togethers. Commissioner Koller asked for clarity on what should be done if a quorum is at a park event and the Commissioners weren't aware there would be a quorum. Mr. Brooksbank noted that posting each event as a special meeting would avoid any issues otherwise if no city business is discussed and the Commissioners are throughout the park, it can be considered a social event. Staff Liaison Lang-Noyola will post special meetings as necessary moving forward.

Commissioner Lucas asked for an example of a conflict of interest. Mr. Brooksbank noted examples of contracts for service that could benefit the Commissioner on both sides. If this is present, the Commissioner should recuse themselves from the discussion and vote.

B. Election of Officers

The Commission was asked to discuss the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair for 2026 as well as make a motion for both positions. Staff Liaison Lang-Noyola mentioned current Chair Greenlee-Karp's interest via email in staying Chair for 2026.

Vice-Chair Zahradka called for a motion to approve Greenlee-Karp as Chair and as for the Park and Recreation Commission for 2026.

M/Grachek, S/Zahradka

Motion carried 4-0.

Vice-Chair Zahradka called for a motion to approve Zahradka as Vice-Chair and as for the Park and Recreation Commission for 2026.

M/Koller, S/Lucas

Motion carried 4-0.

C. Review of Chapter 92: Parks and Lakes

Staff Liaison Lang-Noyola presented recommended updates to the Parks and Lakes section of the City Code. These updates include additions, deletions and language updates that staff are recommending. The majority of this section was last updated in 1989.

Since publishing the packet for this meeting, a resident submitted comments on the updates. A question for the Parks and Recreation Commission arose concerning the addition of banning all glass beverage containers in all City parks. The Commission agreed with the notion to not allow glass beverage bottles in the park but may revisit the Park Rental Policy to allow wine for park rentals.

Staff Liaison Lang-Noyola asked the Commission to provide feedback on the updates.

Commissioner Koller asked about hitching animals to trees and how strict of a provision that is. Staff Liaison Lang-Noyola mentioned that would be a reactive provision rather than proactive.

The next step would be for the code to go to City Council of April 7th for formal City Council approval.

Vice-Chair Zahradka called for a motion to recommend the updates as shown in the attachments to Chapter 92: Parks and Lakes.



M/Grachek, S/Koller
Motion carried 4-0.

D. Park Representatives 2026

Due to a few absent Commissioners for this meeting, this will be postponed to a later meeting.

VII. REPORTS FROM STAFF

Staff Liaison Lang-Noyola asked the Commission about the May 16th date for the Citywide Parks clean-up. This would be the weekend after the citywide clean-up. The Rotary Club would like to collaborate on the day as well for Rotary Park. The Commission was asked to provide feedback.

Commissioner Koller asked about contact with the Silver Lake Improvement Association and Staff Liaison Lang-Noyola noted she will follow-up.

Commissioner Lucas asked if the event should be held earlier in the year due to Public Works cleaning the parks as it continues to get warmer. The Commission decided to leave the event on May 16th but focus on different parks to see if that makes a difference.

The Urban Ecology Center Zahradka, Postal Credit Union Pond and McKnight Fields will be the focus this year and the hours will be 10am-12pm.

Staff Liaison Lang-Noyola shared a physical copy of the brochure she made in response to community feedback. Any feedback from the Commission was requested. Commissioner Lucas asked about providing the cover to each park to promote the other parks as well. The Commission liked the brochure and would like to move forward with them.

Staff Liaison Lang-Noyola mentioned that the HUD document is being reviewed regarding McKnight, and the plan is for Public Works to present the findings at the April PRC meeting.

Staff Liaison Lang-Noyola noted the deadline for the DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant is Tuesday March 31. Staff and consultants have spent a lot of time working through the application and putting together maps and plans. Staff will communicate any decisions made by the DNR for PRC approval.

Staff Liaison Lang-Noyola referenced the proposed medallion hunt by an NSP Fire Fighter. There is support from City Council and the Commission was asked to provide feedback.

VIII. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS & PARK LIAISONS

Commissioner Lucas noted that the Gaga Ball pit at Northwood has been installed and asked if a laminated sign with rules can be posted near the amenity. Commissioner Lucas also requested a discussion for summer meetings in parks at the next PRC meeting.

Commissioner Koller had no updates.

Vice-Chair Zahradka noted interest in a ribbon cutting for Polar Park when the playground is ready.

Commissioner Grachek asked Staff Liaison Lang-Noyola for supplies to clean up Southwood.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Zahradka asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM.

M/Grachek, S/Lucas



Motion carried 4-0.

The next regularly scheduled Park and Recreation Commission Meeting will be April 22, 2026.



To	Date
Parks & Recreation Commissioners	April 22, 2026

Agenda Placement # VI.A

Commission Business, Action Items & Recommendations

Subject

McKnight Athletic Complex Updates

Background/Facts

The North St. Paul Public Works Director Ron Ritchie is presenting the next steps for the McKnight Athletic Complex reconstruction. Attached is the HUD agreement findings for the McKnight Athletic Complex as well as the applicable pages from the HGA study and an aerial shot of the site.

Recommended Action

Attachments

1. HUD Resolutions
2. Elimination of HUD's Role in Changes in Land Use in Open Space and Neighborhood Facilities Program
3. Overhead Photo
4. HGA Information

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Lang-Noyola, Community Development Administrative Assistant

RESOLUTION NO. 71217

WHEREAS, the Village of North St. Paul entered into a contract with the United States Government for the purchase of land in North St. Paul; and

WHEREAS, the Contract number was Minn. OSA-71 (G); and

WHEREAS, the Village of North St. Paul agreed to put a restriction on the title covering future sale or lease of all or part of the property,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of North St. Paul hereby declares that the following properties may not be sold, leased, or otherwise transferred without the prior written approval of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, his designee, or any successor thereto; that this Resolution is in conformance with that certain Contract entered into between the United States Government and the Village of North St. Paul, numbered Minn. OSA-71 (G); and that the property covered by this Resolution is:

All those parts of Lots nineteen (19), twenty (20), twenty-one (21), twenty-two (22), twenty-three (23), twenty-four (24), twenty-five (25), and three (3), Block nine (9), Fourth Addition to North St. Paul, lying Northerly and Easterly of the following described line beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot nineteen (19), Block nine (9); thence Northwesterly to a point on the West line of Lot twenty-two (22) of said Block nine (9), distant fifty (50) feet North of the Southwest corner thereof; thence Northwesterly to the Northwest corner and there terminating, all according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for Ramsey County.

Lots three (3) through eight (8), inclusive, Block twelve (12), Fourth Addition to North St. Paul, Ramsey County, Minn.

Lots nine (9) through twenty-one (21) inclusive, Block twelve (12); and Lots one (1) through thirty-two (32) inclusive, Block eleven (11), Fourth Addition to North St. Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota.

All of Block Eight (8), except Lots One (1), Two (2), Twenty-seven (27), and Twenty-eight (28), Fourth Addition to North St. Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota.

Lots one (1) and two (2), Block twelve (12), Fourth Addition to North St. Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota.

Subject to State Trunk Highway 36/118, the parts north of the centerline of said State Trunk Highway of the following: The West 66 feet of the East 186 feet of Block 7, North St. Paul Proper, and Block 1 of the North St. Paul Land Company's Re-arrangement of the East 120 feet of Block 7, the west 120 feet of Block 15 and all of Block 10, of North St. Paul Proper, all in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

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Lots 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29,
Block 8, North St. Paul Proper, Ramsey County, Minnesota.

Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, Block 8, North St. Paul
Proper, Ramsey County, Minnesota.

Lots 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, Block 2, Fourth Addition to North St.
Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be
recorded against the above properties.

Adopted by the Council of the Village of North St. Paul, Ramsey County,
Minnesota, in regular meeting held on November 15, 1971.

John F. Whisler
Mayor

Attest: Herman L. Kottke
Village Clerk

Voting: Mayor Whisler Aye
Councilmen Buehler Aye
Haukland Aye
Hudalla Aye
Johnson Aye

I, Herman L. Kottke, Clerk of the Village of North St. Paul,
do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy
of a resolution passed by the Village Council of North St.
Paul, at its meeting regularly held on the 15th day of
November, 1971.

Herman L. Kottke
Village Clerk



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VILLAGE HALL
2526 EAST SEVENTH AVENUE
NORTH SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA 55109

Resolution No. 70032

WHEREAS, the Village of North St. Paul is acquiring land for a public recreation field, and,

WHEREAS, the Village of North St. Paul is being assisted in the purchase of the necessary land by the Department of Housing and Urban Development through a contract with said Department, said contract being numbered Minn. OSA-714 North St. Paul, Minnesota, and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Housing and Urban Development requires that a restriction be placed against each parcel of property on its being sold, leased or otherwise transferred;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following restriction be recorded on those parcels of land listed in Schedule A, attached hereto:

"Pursuant to contract with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, this land may not be sold, leased, or otherwise transferred without the prior written approval of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, his designee, or any successor thereto."

Adopted by the Village Council of North St. Paul this 2nd day of March, 1970.

Attest: Herman L. Kottke
Village Clerk

Curtis E. Johnson
Acting Mayor

Voting: Yes - 3 (McKie, Madden absent)

I, Herman L. Kottke, Clerk of the Village of North St. Paul, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed by the Village Council of North St. Paul, at its meeting regularly held on the 2nd day of March, 1970.

Herman L. Kottke
Village Clerk



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SCHEDULE A

Parcel No. 1:

Subject to State Trunk Highway 36/118, the parts north of the centerline of said State Trunk Highway of the following: The west 66 feet of the East 186 feet of Block 7, North St. Paul Proper, and Block 1 of the North St. Paul Land Company's re-arrangement of the East 120 feet of Block 7, the west 120 feet of Block 15 and all of Block 10, of North St. Paul Proper, all in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

Parcel No. 2:

All those parts of Lots 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 3, Block 9, Fourth Addition to North St. Paul, acc., lying NWly and Ely of the following described line: Beginning at the SW corner of Lot 18, Block 9; thence NWly to a point on the W. line of Lot 22 of said Block 9, distant 50 feet N. of the SW corner thereof; thence NWly to the NW corner of Lot 25, Block 9; thence NWly to the NW corner of Lot 3, Block 9, and there terminating and
Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Block 9, Fourth Addition to North St. Paul, acc.

Parcel No. 3:

Except Lots 1, 2, 27 and 28, all of Block 8, Fourth Addition to North St. Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota.

Parcel No. 4:

Lots 3 through 21 inclusive, Block 12, and Lots 4 through 32, inclusive, Block 11, Fourth Addition to North St. Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota.

Parcel No. 5:

Lots 1 and 2, Block 12, Fourth Addition to North St. Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota.

Parcel No. 6:

Lots 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29, Block 8, North St. Paul Proper, Ramsey County, Minnesota.

Parcel No. 7:

Subject to State Trunk Highway 36/118,
Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, Block 8, North St. Paul Proper, Ramsey County, Minnesota.

Parcel No. 8:

Lots 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, Block 9, Fourth Addition to North St. Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
Resolution # 73147

WHEREAS, the majority of the owners of land abutting upon certain Alleys in the Village of North St. Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota, hereinafter described in full, have heretofore, to-wit: at its regular meeting held on November 1, 1965, petitioned the Village Council for the vacation of said Alleys, and,

WHEREAS, due published and posted notice of a hearing to be had upon said petition has been duly given as required by law and the said hearing has been held and all interested parties have been heard, and it appearing that the said petition has been signed by the majority of the owners of all lands abutting on said Alleys; and that it appears the best interests of the public and the Village of North St. Paul will be best served by the vacation of said Alleys, hereinafter described:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Council of the Village of North St. Paul, that said petition be, and it is hereby granted, and the Alleys, described as follows, to-wit:

1. Alley in Block 6, 4th Addition to North St. Paul, from 3rd Street to McKnight Road
2. Alley in Block 7, 4th Addition to North St. Paul, from 3rd Street to McKnight Road
3. Alley in Block 14, 4th Addition to North St. Paul, from the west line of Lot 11 and Lot 18, of said Block 14, to 3rd Street,

the aforementioned Alleys being in the Village of North St. Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for Ramsey County, Minnesota...

SUBJECT TO A PUBLIC UTILITIES EASEMENT, BE VACATED, and the above described Alleys are hereby declared VACATED, and discontinued as public Alleys in accordance with the prayer of said petition; SUBJECT, HOWEVER, to a permanent easement over the center 10 feet of said vacated Alleys for public utilities, including but not limited to: sewer, water, storm sewer, gas, electric, and telephone; either above or below ground; including the right to ingress and egress; to maintain, repair, replace, remove or construct the same; including all air space over this easement, and any object or thing, man made, natural or otherwise, which interferes with this easement may be removed without notice to the fee owner, and at the fee owner's expense; this easement is for the benefit of the Village of North St. Paul, its successors and assigns, and those holding licenses under the Village according to its laws thereof.

Adopted by the Council of the Village of North St. Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota, in regular meeting held on October 15, 1973.

Attest: Herman L. Kottke
Village Clerk

John F. Whisler
Mayor

Voting: Ayes all

I, Herman L. Kottke, Clerk of the Village of North St. Paul, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed by the Village Council of North St. Paul, at its meeting regularly held on the 15th day of October, 1973.



Herman L. Kottke
Village Clerk

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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Regional Administrators
All Regional Directors for CPD
All Office Managers
All CPD Division Directors

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FROM: Stephen J. Bollinger, Assistant Secretary for Community
Planning and Development, C

Conrad Kelly for

SUBJECT: Elimination of HUD's Role and Responsibilities with Respect
to Changes in Land Use of Facilities in the Open
Space Program and the Neighborhood Facilities Program

Section 126(b)(2) and Section 126(b)(3) of the Housing and Urban-
Rural Recovery Act of 1983 repealed the use restrictions for the
Neighborhood Facilities Program authorized by Title VII of the Housing
and Urban Development Act of 1965 and the Open Space Program authorized
by Title VII of the Housing Act of 1961, respectively.




It has been determined that the effect of the repealers for these
programs is to remove all Federal restrictions on the use of open space
sites and neighborhood facilities.

In view of the foregoing it is not necessary for the grantee or
public body to obtain HUD's concurrence in conversions, etc. You may
wish to advise grantees accordingly. The grantee may convert the land
or facility to any purpose it deems appropriate to its needs.



McKnight



-  Municipal Boundary
-  Address Label
-  Tax Parcels

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SITE ANALYSIS

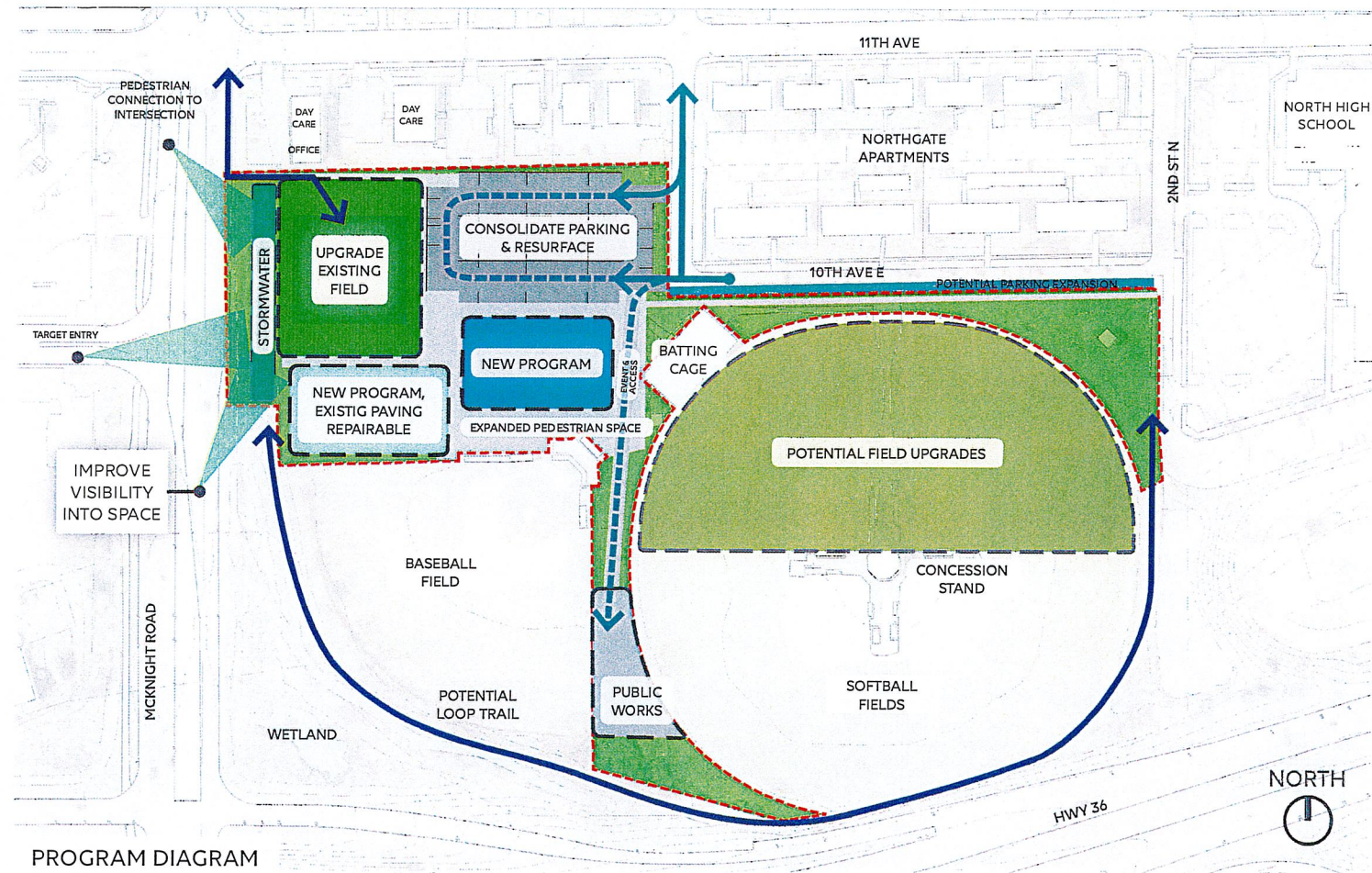
The design team visited and mapped the conditions, features and function of the park. Additionally, analysis was informed through conversations and observations by City staff and other stakeholders. Initial assumptions of the parking lot and tennis courts being in poor condition were validated. Opportunities to strengthen visibility of the site and explore flexible programming within the many acres of existing baseball, softball, and t-ball fields were also key findings of the site analysis.

EXISTING PARK USE AGREEMENTS

The City has a "Field Use Agreement" with ISD 622 for access to the McKnight Athletic Complex, with the current agreement dating back to 2011. While this project sought to understand and navigate the dynamics of the agreement, including the City's interest in revisiting it, the following key assumptions were made:

1. The existing agreement remains valid and serves as the foundation for the project.
2. Both parties are open to park improvements and changes, provided programming needs are met.
3. Implementing park improvements will require ongoing collaboration between the City and ISD 622.

Additionally, the City maintains a relationship with Triple Crown Batting Cages, which operates a business within a building at the park. Based on input from the City and stakeholder engagement,



it was assumed that design concepts would account for potential phasing to eventually adjust the operating arrangement.

SITE PROGRAM

Site program and planning efforts were guided by the Parks and Open Space Master Plan, park system research, site analysis, and stakeholder engagement. Additional considerations included unique relationships, such as the City's field use agreement with the school district (ISD 622) and a lease with Triple Crown Batting Cages.

The site program emphasizes opportunities to integrate flexible athletic fields that meet current baseball and softball needs while accommodating in-demand sports such as soccer, ensuring the park serves a wider range of users.

MCKNIGHT ATHLETIC COMPLEX

DESIGN OPTIONS

The design options explored a range of potential improvements, from focusing only on the areas specified in the RFP (Option 1) to broader site-wide enhancements (Options 2 and 3) that included existing fields and buildings. Community and stakeholder input, along with park system research, highlighted gaps in athletic offerings and underserved populations, supporting a broader approach.

DESIGN CONCEPT - PHASE 1

The Phase 1 design concept focuses on the scope outlined by the City from previous planning efforts, which includes redesigning and reprogramming the parking lot, tennis courts, and t-ball field. This approach avoids significant alterations to the existing softball and baseball fields or the batting cage facility, allowing for substantial park improvements without disrupting the overall framework of the complex or its ongoing programming relationships.

A key theme from community feedback was the desire to introduce new and diverse activities to McKnight while supporting the existing baseball and softball uses. The concept achieves this by establishing a central spine of new park programming, including an Event Plaza, Green Space, Playground, and Skate/Bike Park, with a Flexible Mini-Pitch replacing the current t-ball field.

This design activates the "heart" of the park by removing interior parking areas and integrating



Kuenkel Field into a vibrant, multi-functional space with various gathering opportunities. Sidewalks frame and connect these elements, creating an organized layout with intersections of activity that invite engagement and movement throughout the park.

KEY

1. Flexible Mini-Pitch
2. Parking Lot
3. Event Plaza
4. Greenspace
5. Playground
6. Skateboard / BMX / Bike Skills
7. Public Works access



A - Birds-eye view from southeast (Phase 1)

MCKNIGHT ATHLETIC COMPLEX - DESIGN CONCEPT - PHASE 2

The Phase 2 concept includes the addition of a new Park Building and the conversion of two existing softball fields into artificial turf surfaces. These fields will be designed for flexibility and adaptability, accommodating a variety of field-based sports. This approach addresses

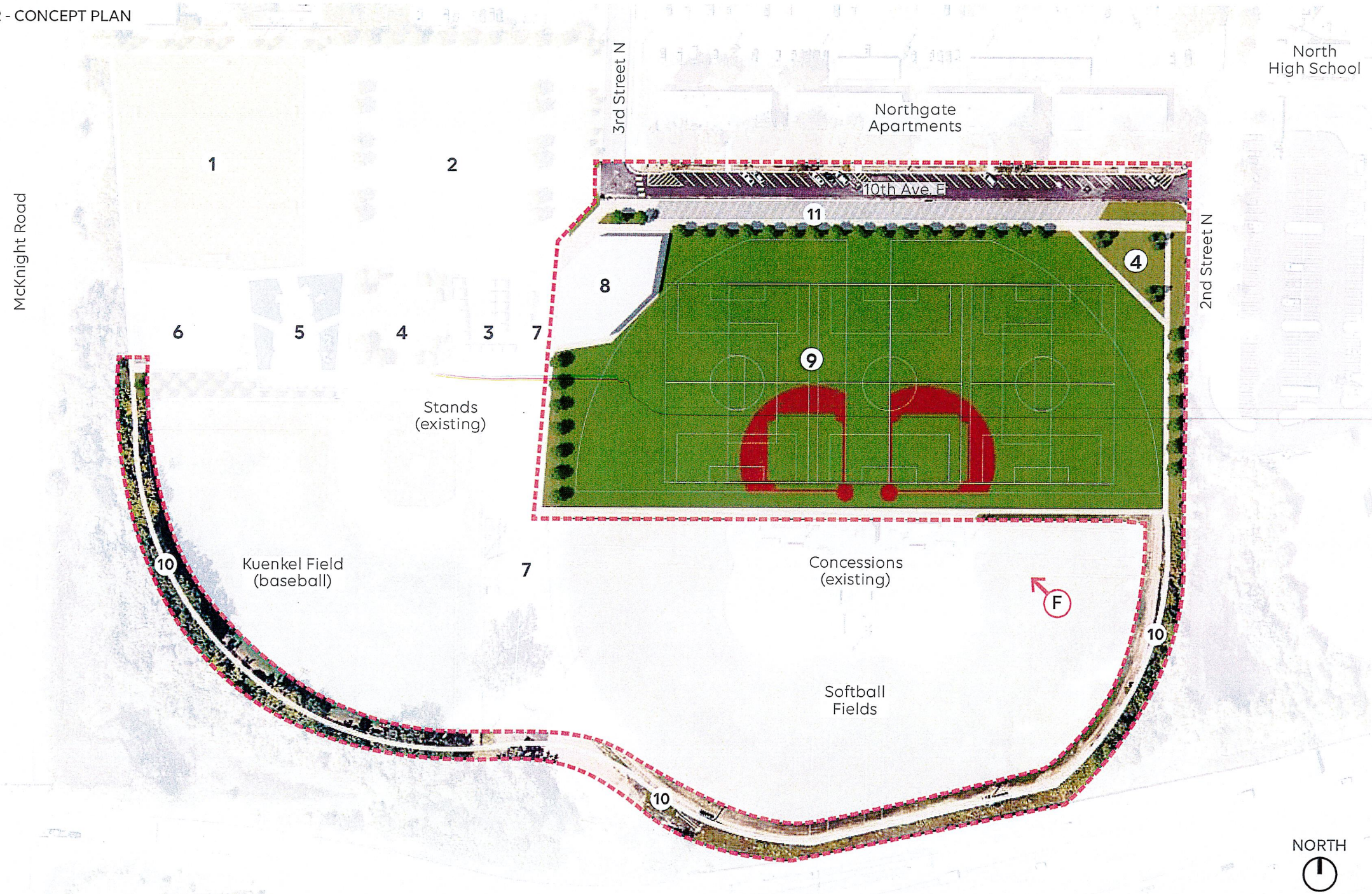
community and stakeholder feedback highlighting the need for athletic fields that go beyond baseball and softball. Specifically, research and community input revealed a shortage of publicly accessible soccer fields in the city.

The implementation of Phase 2 will require the City to evaluate existing shared-use agreements and determine their appropriateness in light of the City's evolving needs and interests.



F - Birds-eye view from southeast (Phase 2)

PHASE 2 - CONCEPT PLAN



KEY

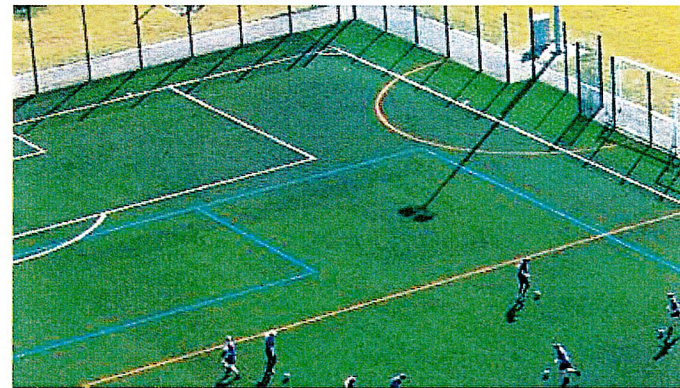
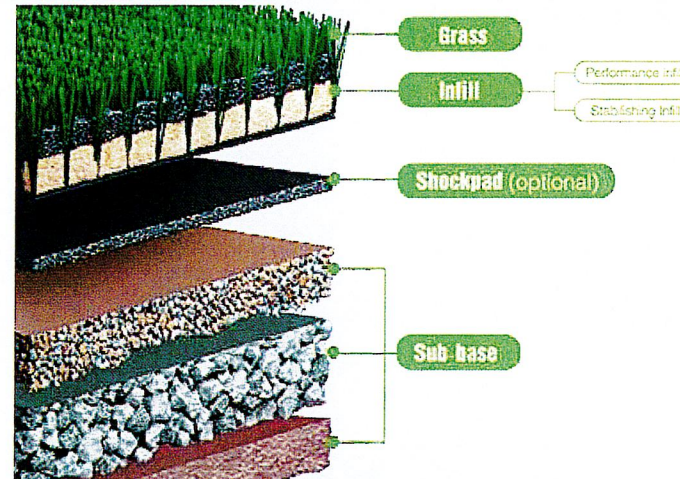
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| 1. Flexible Mini-Pitch | 7. Public Works access |
| 2. Parking Lot | 8. Upgraded Park Building |
| 3. Event Plaza | 9. Flexible Field Complex |
| 4. Park Space | 10. Park Trail |
| 5. Playground | 11. Street Parking |
| 6. Skateboard / BMX /Bike Skills | |

MCKNIGHT ATHLETIC COMPLEX - DESIGN ELEMENTS



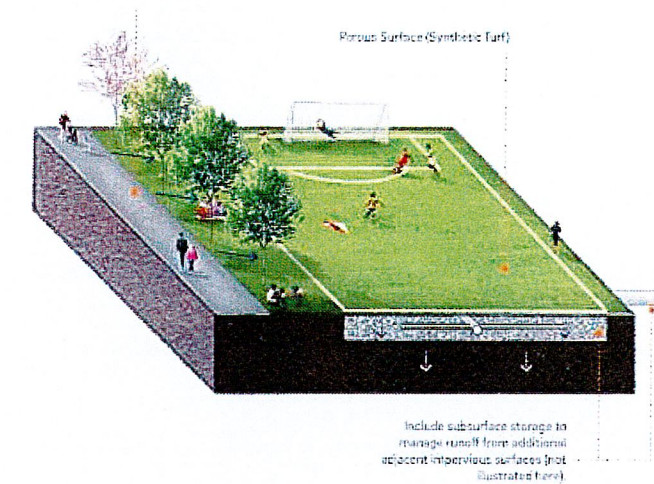
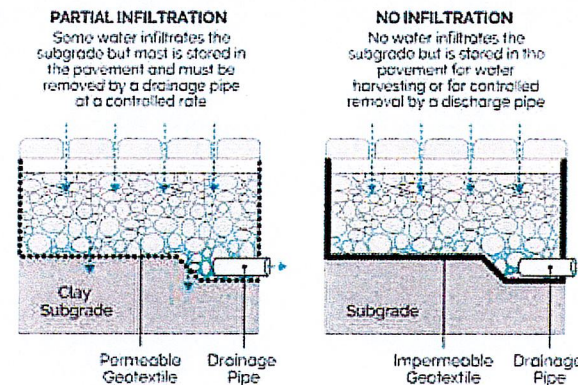
PARKING & VEHICULAR CIRCULATION

The concept plan features an efficient and functional layout, enhancing pedestrian safety by eliminating interior parking areas and connecting parking to program areas with side-walks. Public Works access is provided along the edge of the Event Plaza. Parking counts are similar to the existing configuration, with the potential for additional shared parking with the neighboring high school. Detailed design should refine parking counts based on final programming needs and explore opportunities to balance safety, function, and efficiency.



ARTIFICIAL TURF SURFACE

Investing in artificial turf flexible fields is a strategic response to the evolving needs of the community, offering modern athletic surfaces and programming flexibility. Beyond baseball and softball, this approach can accommodate soccer, football, lacrosse, and other field-based sports. Final planning and design should take into account the specific requirements of each sport, as well as operational and maintenance needs.



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Implementation of either phase will require permits and compliance with Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District stormwater regulations. The concept design includes opportunities to integrate green stormwater infrastructure, such as permeable paving in the parking lot and/or Event Plaza, and capturing water beneath the artificial turf fields. Additionally, all planted areas can be assessed for potential bioretention, infiltration, and filtration capacities.



To	Date
Parks & Recreation Commissioners	April 22, 2026

Agenda Placement # VI.B

Commission Business, Action Items & Recommendations

Subject

CIP Review

Background/Facts

Staff is asking the Park and Recreation Commission to review the current CIP and begin discussions on revisions moving forward. Staff will email the template form separately to the Commission as well.

Recommended Action

Attachments

1. 2026-2035 CIP PRC
2. Template Form Final

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Lang-Noyola, Community Development Administrative Assistant

2026 through 2035 Capital Improvement Plan North St. Paul, MN Projects & Funding Sources By Department

Department	Project #	Priority	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	Total
Parks and Recreation													
Park Fencing at McKnight	<i>PARK-23-012</i>	2	0	60,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60,000
063 Park Fund				60,000									60,000
Replace the fencing around the four softball fields at McKnight softball complex.													
McKnight Dugouts - Four Total	<i>PARK-23-013</i>	2	0	60,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60,000
063 Park Fund				60,000									60,000
Replace dugouts at the softball fields.													
Casey Lake Fishing Dock	<i>PARK-23-023</i>	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32,900	0	0	32,900
063 Park Fund										32,900			32,900
Plan for the replacement of the fishing dock at Casey Lake by 2040.													
Silver Lake Park Playground	<i>PARK-25-002</i>	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	500,000	0	0	0	500,000
063 Park Fund									500,000				500,000
The Silver Lake Park playground equipment will need to be replaced in the next 8-10 years. Currently the 2022 Park Improvement Plan calls for approximately \$941,000 in park improvements. Likely the playground replacement will cost less than that amount.													
Southwood Park Bridge/ Observation Deck Replacement	<i>PARK-25-003</i>	2	0	0	0	0	45,000	0	0	0	0	0	45,000
063 Park Fund							45,000						45,000
The metal bridge over the existing creek should be replaced in the next 5-10 years. Additionally, the observation deck needs to be replaced in the next 5-10 years due to weathering issues.													
Northwood Park Overhaul	<i>PARK-25-004</i>	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,430,000	0	0	1,430,000
063 Park Fund										1,430,000			1,430,000
The recommendation is for a complete overhaul of the entire Northwood Park area. Remove the underutilized hockey rink. Replace the aging playground equipment. New park building and other various play structures.													
Casey Lake Park Active Playground	<i>PARK-25-007</i>	2	0	0	500,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500,000
063 Park Fund					500,000								500,000
Recommendation to construct a new ninja course or other "active" playground area on the east side of the park. Repair existing hockey rink and create a service road for vehicles to access. Also include a new ADA accessible path in the park.													
Colby Hills Sport Field	<i>PARK-25-009</i>	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	25,000	0	0	0	25,000
063 Park Fund									25,000				25,000
Create a new sport field at Colby Hills Park.													
Tower Park 2025 Update	<i>PARK-26-006</i>	3	0	0	0	2,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,000
063 Park Fund						2,000							2,000

Department	Project #	Priority	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	Total
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1 moveable gaga ball pit w/ swinging ADA door. (Rachael Lucas) RECOMMENDATION IS TO MOVE TO 2029 AFTER THE CITY COMPLETES A NEW WATER TOWER INSTALLATION.

3rd Street Concept Design	<i>PARK-26-007</i>	3	0	0	0	0	1,120,000	0	0	0	0	0	1,120,000
063 Park Fund							1,120,000						1,120,000

Given the site's proximity to numerous homes, the proposed program is designed to serve both families and individuals. Community engagement highlighted strong interest in walking trails, nature play areas, and a community garden. These elements align with the City's initial concept of a low-impact design that preserves the forest character and respects neighboring residences. The walking trails and nature play areas are located in the northern forested section. Existing clearings are utilized for play areas to minimize environmental impact. The site's gentle slopes allow for accessible paths linking internal spaces with a new sidewalk along the road, providing multiple access points. Selective vegetation removal and general cleanup will create space for pathways, improve visibility from the west side, and enhance safety. (Dave Andren)

Downtown Open Space	<i>PARK-26-009</i>	3	0	0	785,867	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	785,867
063 Park Fund					785,867								785,867

This site would be organized into three distinct zones: buffer planting, a flexible plaza, and lawn areas. At the heart of this design is the flexible plaza, which serves as the "front porch." This space is highlighted by a series of brightly colored bench swings, offering playful interaction and drawing attention from passersby. The plaza also features picnic tables for gatherings and a decorative surface finish with a light texture that encourages lingering and slows foot traffic, inviting people to relax and enjoy the space. New pathways connect the central plaza to surrounding sidewalks. Alongside these paths are stacked stone blocks, which frame the space, subtly separate active areas from the street, provide additional seating, and serve as playful climbing features for children. At the park's eastern corner, the primary entry point is marked by a small area of decorative paving located behind the sidewalk. This entry space accommodates park signage and doubles as a performance area for small events, oriented either toward the park or the street. (David Andren)

Flex Field at McKnight	<i>PARK-26-012</i>	3	0	894,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	894,000
034 Park Dedication Fund				450,000									450,000
063 Park Fund				444,000									444,000

Flexible field in place of current t-ball field off of McKnight St. This would be part of the greater McKnight fields redesign and expansion. This flexible field would allow for baseball, mini soccer and other turf sports. This would be an artificial turf with drainage and proper surround detailed out in the HGA Design plan. (Sarah Zahradka)

Playground at McKnight	<i>PARK-26-013</i>	3	0	300,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	300,000
063 Park Fund				300,000									300,000

New playground at McKnight fields complex. Estimate is provided by HGA. This would be part of the greater McKnight fields redesign and expansion. This would go hand in hand with the parking lot redesign at McKnight. (Sarah Zahradka)

Plaza at McKnight	<i>PARK-26-014</i>	3	0	0	0	0	0	484,000	0	0	0	0	484,000
063 Park Fund								484,000					484,000

Creating a plaza that connects all central units of the new McKnight field. This concrete plaza would have permanent shade structures and moveable picnic tables that can be moved out to create a larger space for events like art in the park, food truck night, etc. This plaza becomes the heart of the complex connecting legion field to the playgrounds, skate park and softball fields as well as the parking lot. (Sarah Zahradka)

Skate Park at McKnight	<i>PARK-26-015</i>	3	0	0	0	250,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	250,000
063 Park Fund						250,000							250,000

New skate and BMX park at the new McKnight complex. Details of exact objects in this park would have to be completed with help from community experts in the skate and BMX field. Estimate is provided by HGA. This would be part of the greater McKnight fields redesign and expansion. (Sarah Zahradka)

Department	Project #	Priority	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	Total
Design Plans and Specifications for the McKnight Athletic Complex	PARK-26-017	2	300,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	300,000
063 Park Fund			300,000										300,000

Working with a professional design firm to develop complete plans and specifications to include grading, drainage, proposed phasing, etc. for potential improvements to the McKnight Athletic Complex. The plans would include designs for the entire complex.

Parks and Recreation Total			300,000	1,314,000	1,285,867	252,000	1,165,000	484,000	525,000	1,462,900	0	0	6,788,767
GRAND TOTAL			300,000	1,314,000	1,285,867	252,000	1,165,000	484,000	525,000	1,462,900	0	0	6,788,767



To	Date
Parks & Recreation Commissioners	April 22, 2026

Agenda Placement # VI.C

Commission Business, Action Items & Recommendations

Subject

Parks Representatives 2026

Background/Facts

Each Parks and Recreation Commissioner represents at least one park in the community.

Recommended Action

Assign new Commissioner William Kealy to at least one park.

Attachments

1. nsp park liason map 2026

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Lang-Noyola, Community Development Administrative Assistant

N. St Paul Parks by Commissioner – 2026

1. Casey Lake

- Rachel

2. Colby Hills

- Sarah

3. Country Club

- Laura

4. Dorothy

- Ingrid

5. Hause

- Laura

6. McKnight

- Lloyd

7. Northwood

- Laura, Rachel

8. Polar

- Laura

9. Silver Lake

- Ingrid

10. Southwood

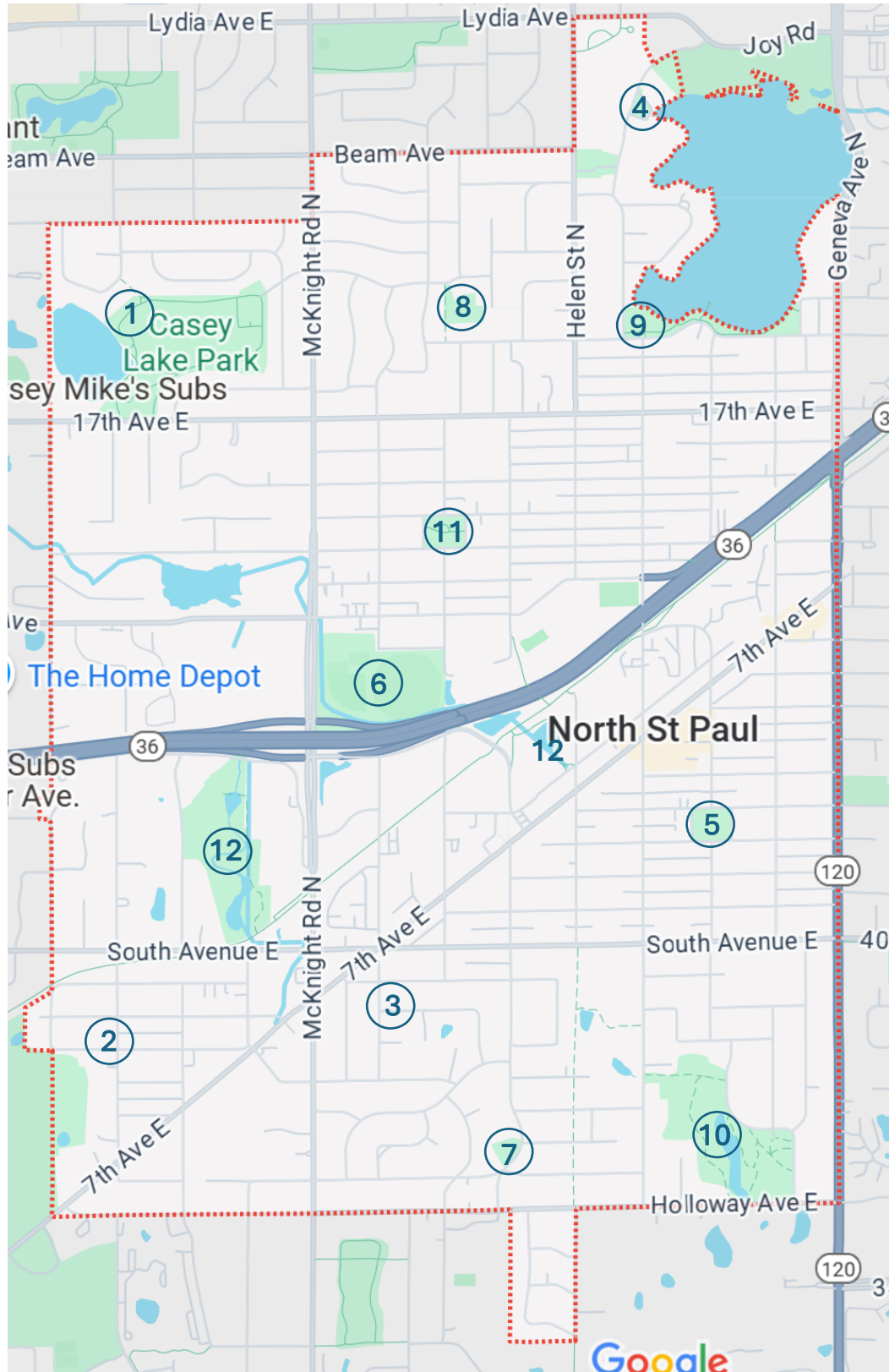
- Lloyd

11. Tower

- Rachel

12. Urban Eco Center

- Sarah





To	Date
Parks & Recreation Commissioners	April 22, 2026

Agenda Placement # VII.A

Reports from Staff

Subject

Upcoming Events

Background/Facts

The upcoming events involving the Parks and Recreation Commission have been provided to the Commission. The intention is to discuss which Commissioners will be attending each event.

Recommended Action

Attachments

1. 2026 Events

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Lang-Noyola, Community Development Administrative Assistant

2026 Event Schedule (Updated 3/25/26)

COMMISSION

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	COMMISSION ASSIGNED
Coffee with Council	Wednesday, Jan 28th	5 PM - 6 PM	Flyby Coffee	A chance to connect with new council members in an informal setting.	City Staff & Council
Guided Art Nights (8 total)	Feb 5 th , March 19 th , April 16 th , May 7 th , October 15 th , Nov 19 th	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Casey Lake Building	Local artist leads guided art nights at the Casey Lake building.	Arts & Culture
Fire & Ice Outdoor Skate	Friday, Feb 6th	6 PM - 9 PM	Casey Lake	Ice skating & bonfire night with hot chocolate.	Parks
Citywide Garage Sale	Thursday, April 30th - Saturday, May 2nd	Various times (3 days)	Citywide	Residents register to be listed on our website, get a sign, and be on the map.	City Staff
Trash to Treasure Day	Sunday, May 3rd	All Day	Citywide	Residents are encouraged to set out used items for free at their curb for neighbors to pick-up.	City Staff
Citywide Clean-Up Day	Saturday, May 9th	8 AM - 11 AM	Public Works	The Public Works building is open for the public to dump/ recycle their junk.	Public Works
Parks Clean-Up Day	Saturday, May 16th	10 AM - 12 PM	Various Parks	The Parks Commission leads a clean-up day at our parks.	Parks
Music In The Park (#1) - Kids Band	Friday, May 22nd	4:30 - 5:30 PM	Hause Park	Kids sing-along performance at Hause Park.	A&C And Parks
BASECAMP: Exercise in the Park (#1)	Wednesday, June, 10th	5 PM - 6 PM	Hause Park	Workout instructor with sound equipment. Summer workout series.	Parks
BASECAMP: Exercise in the Park (#2)	Wednesday, June 17th	5 PM - 6 PM	Hause Park	Workout instructor with sound equipment. Summer workout series.	Parks
Time Capsule Opening & USA Semiquincentennial ~ 250	Thursday, June 25th	5 - 9 PM	Lawn & Scout Museum	Displaying the time capsule contents, an adult music band playing, and a throwback theme.	City Staff & Historical
Music In The Park (#2) - Steel Drums	Thursday, July 9th	5 PM - 6:30 PM	Silver Lake	Steel Drum Band playing at Silver Lake - Beach party theme.	A&C And Parks
Big Truck Night (Sponsor Car Show)	Friday, July 10th	5 - 8 PM	7th Ave	PW vehicles are on display for climbing and exploration. Car show dash plaques, city info booth.	City Staff + Arts & Culture

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	ASSIGNED
DANCE FITNESS: Exercise in the Park (#3)	Wednesday, July 15th	5 PM - 6 PM	Hause Park	Workout instructor with sound equipment. Summer workout series.	Parks
YOGA: Exercise at the Beach (#4)	Wednesday, July 22nd	7 AM - 8 AM	Silver Lake	Morning yoga on the sand. Summer workout series.	Parks
National Night Out	Tuesday, Aug 4th	5 PM - 7 PM	City Hall	City council visits local block parties. Fire and PD host an open house.	Fire / PD and Council
YOGA: Exercise in the Park (#5)	Wednesday, Aug 5th	5 PM - 6 PM	Hause Park	Workout instructor with sound equipment. Summer workout series.	Parks
Movie in the Park - Kids	Thursday, Aug 13th	8 PM - 9:30 PM	Hause Park	Summer outdoor movie night - Children's movie	Parks
Movie in the Park - Adult	Friday, Aug 14th	8:30 PM - 10 PM	Hause Park	Summer outdoor movie night - PG 13	Parks
Autumn Arts Festival	Saturday, Sept 12th	10 AM - 5 PM		Local Art Vendors, food trucks, performers, facepainting, etc.	Arts & Culture
Fall Roundup Parade	Thursday, Sept 17th	6 PM - 8 PM	7th Ave	Decorating two trucks, candy handouts.	Run by the BA. City Staff, PW & Council
Therapy Dog Day	Friday, Oct 9th	12 PM - 1 PM	City Hall	Therapy dogs visit City Hall for World Mental Health Day.	City Staff
Booya Sale Day	Sunday, Oct 11th	11 AM (walk-up sales)	Casey Lake Park	Annual Booya Sale day at Casey Lake Park.	Fire
Food Shelf Give-Back Day	Saturday, Oct	10 AM - 12 PM	Food Shelf	Community work day at the food shelf and pizza party.	City Staff
Holly Jolly Night	Friday, Dec 4th	6 PM - 9 PM	Casey Lake	Holiday community event with Bonfire, Carol Sing, and Movie Night.	Parks