



**City of North St. Paul
Parks & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Agenda**

**June 23, 2021
6:30 PM**

The Parks & Rec Commission meeting will be conducted on Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 6:30PM. The meeting location is Casey Lake Park, 2089 17th Ave, North St Paul, MN. There will be a "meet & greet" for the public with the Park & Rec Commissioners from 6:00PM to 6:30PM.

The Parks & Rec Commission will also be meeting via online Zoom under Minn. Stat. 13D.02. Members of the public are permitted to attend the meeting in person, however, it is encouraged to participate in the meeting remotely. Instructions can be found below.

Access information and links to meetings are available at www.northstpaul.org. This change to online meeting access will remain in effect until further notice. (Stat. 13D.02 subd. 4)

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Passcode: 955169

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- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Adopt Agenda**

IV. Approval of Minutes

V. Meeting Open to Public

Note: This is a courtesy extended to persons wishing to address the council who are not on the agenda. A completed public comment form should be presented to the Deputy Clerk prior to the meeting; presentations will be limited to 3 minutes. This session will be limited to 15 minutes.

VI. Public Hearings

VII. New Business

VIII. Old Business

- A. Music in the Parks
- B. Air Force Jr ROTC Volunteer Hours
- C. Update on Sponsor for old PCU park
- D. Update on Park Improvement Plan
- E. Signs in the Parks

IX. Reports from Staff

X. Reports from Commissioners & Park Liaisons

XI. Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled Parks & Recreation Commission meeting is July 23, 2021

**May 26, 2021
6:30 PM**

I. Call to Order

After a half-hour meet and greet with local resident Mario Gonzalez Mitchell, Chair Lloyd Grachek called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

II. Roll Call

In attendance:

Chair Lloyd Grachek
Vice Chair Laura Greenlee-Karp
Commissioner Ingrid Koller
Commissioner Nancy Thorsen
Commissioner Sarah Zahradka

Excused Absent

Commissioner Larry Amsden
Commissioner Heather Haas
Commissioner Arthur Alvarez

III. Adopt Agenda

Sara Zahradka made a motion to adopt the agenda which was seconded by Laura Greenlee-Karp

IV. Approval of Minutes

Nancy Thorsen made a motion to approve the April 28nd Meeting Minutes which was seconded by Ingrid Koller.

A. April 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes

V. Meeting Open to Public

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There was a meet and greet from 6:00PM to 6:30PM, allowing all residents to meet the Park & Rec commissioners. Mario Gonzalez Mitchell was the only resident in attendance. Mario is a North St. Paul resident who lives on Casey Lake. Mario indicated he has been working with Paige Alborg of the Ramsey County Watershed on a project for the north side of Casey Lake. Paige had indicated that aquatics will be planted by Ramsey County after the area has been cleaned up.

The commissioners look forward to driving this project forward but Sara Zahradka did indicate they would need to work with the DNR and Watershed district.

Moving on, the commissioners explained the mission of the Parks & Rec Commission and asked Mario for his input on some upcoming projects. Mario was especially interested in the proposed Outdoor exercise equipment.

VI. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

VII. New Business

A. Music in the Parks

The commissioners all agreed that no decisions would be made for Music in the Parks as Heather Haas was absent from the meeting. They recognized that additional help may be needed due to Heather's personal circumstances. There was brief discussion of food vendors for these events but aren't sure there is ample time to coordinate. Ingrid made a motion for up to 3 additional music in the park dates which was seconded by Laura.

B. Air Force Jr ROTC Volunteer Hours

ROTC volunteer discussion was tabled due to Tim Cole's absence.

VIII. Old Business

A. Update on Sponsor for old PCU park

Lloyd had no new information for the update on sponsorship for the old PCU park.

B. Pickleball Sign at Silver Lake Park

Lisa announced the Pickleball sign design had been completed and is currently in production for print. Per Scott Duddeck's request, all information of the existing signs was incorporated into one sign which includes the new pickleball hours.

C. Update on Park Improvement Plan

Lisa asked the commissioners to review the current list of priorities of park improvements. Sara made a motion to move Northwood building renovation/new build could be moved from the 1-2 year timeframe to 2-3 year timeframe. Laura seconded the motion. Lisa updated the commission of the status of the Park Improvement Plan status. She indicated that she had included Chapter 10 - Parks of the 2040 North St Paul Comprehensive plan in the packet for commissioners to review and ensure they are in line with this plan in their proposed Park Improvement recommendations. Lisa also stated that Jill Officer has been busy contacting other cities, inquiring on the cost of their existing Splash Pads. We found the cost could range from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000 depending on what the commission would like to include in this project. Jill had also received quotes for a new hockey rink (approx. \$47,000) and Park Signs from a local vendor (The signs could be as low as \$1700 per sign) Sara indicated the signs need to be 2-sided so Lisa will get a new quoted for that.)

D. Signs in the Parks

This topic was covered in the Park Improvement Plan discussion. Lisa will get quotes on 2-sided park signs.

IX. Upcoming Events

Sara Zahrada suggested a Covid friendly event for Holloween - possibly a Trick or Treat Trail in Mid-October or a candy fund raiser. Laura likes Sara's idea and suggested Southwood Park for the event. Laura also suggested doing some sort of medallion hunt.

X. Reports from Staff

Due to Tim Cole's absence, no reports from staff were given.

XI. Reports from Commissioners & Park Liaisons

Laura Greenlee-Karp announced the Council approved an Arts Council. This council is currently being formed and looking for active members. Nancy Thorsen indicated it would be good if the Craft Wagon could start making it's rounds in local parks, offering craft classes to kids during the summer as it previously did under the direction of the former Arts Council.

XII. Commission Business

The commission discussed upcoming meetings and decided on Casey Park for June Parks & Rec commission meeting, McKnight for July and Northwood for August.

XIII. Adjournment

Sara Zahradka made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Ingrid Koller.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:13PM

Exhibit A

We are getting requests from other groups. The Parks Commission may want to reconsider who/how they select their groups, or consider adding additional nights...I know Oakdale has weekly concerts.

I've responded to this person and asked them to reach out to us with more information.



THU, JUL 15 AT 7 PM CDT

Music in the Park: North St. Paul w/ Matt & Laurel

North Saint Paul, MN

4 Going · 45 Interested

12 1 Comment

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 **Zack Farmer**
Who do I contact to inquire about getting my band involved in Music in the Park? I'm a NSP resident and would love to play for the community.

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 Comment as City of North St. Paul

Details

- 49 people
- Evening
- St. Paul
- Casey Lake Park
- Thursday, July 15, 7-8:30 PM CDT
- Price: Free
- Public

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