ELKO NEW MARKET PARKS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 @ 4:00 PM
Elko New Market City Hall

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**
2. **Approve Agenda**
3. **Citizen Comments**
4. **Approval of Minutes of August 6, 2019 Parks Commission Meeting (Attached)**
5. **Petitions, Requests, and Communications:**
   a. **Article from Parks and Recreation Business Magazine – "Ground Rules" (Attached)**
   b. **Community Development Updates (Attached)**
6. **Updates:**
   a. **Review Parks Commission Update for August 30th, 2019 (Attached)**
   b. **CCEC Update (Chair Sutton)**
   c. **NP Community Ed Advisory Board Meeting (Commissioner Zahratka)**
7. **Old/New Business**
   a. **2019 Summer Events Programs Report (Jessica Davidson Invited)**
   b. **Review July, 2019 Budget Report (Attached)**
   c. **Discuss MRPA 2019 Conference attendance (Attached)**
   d. **Update on Parks Capital Projects (Mark Nagel)**
   e. **Consider Approval of Bills – Reimbursement to Chair Sutton for Canopies for Park Events; Schlomka's Portable Restrooms; Minnesota/Wisconsin Playground for Wood Fiber; Prodigy Disc for Disc Golf Equipment (Attached)**
8. **Other Business**
9. **Set Next Meeting**
   a. **Regular Parks Commission Meeting on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 @ 4 PM @ ENM City Hall**
10. **Park Commissioner Comments**
11. **Adjournment**

ELKO NEW MARKET PARKS COMMISSION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2019
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT:

Present at Roll Call were Chair Sutton, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Melgaard, and Commissioner Zahratka. Also present was Assistant City Administrator Mark Nagel.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 PM in Conference Room B at Elko New Market City Hall, 601 Main Street.

APPROVE AGENDA:

Mr. Nagel said that there was one additional item for the Agenda for the August meeting – Closure Date for Winter for Wagner Park Shelter. He said, if approved, it would be Agenda Item 7F. Upon motion by Commissioner Zahratka , seconded by Commissioner Melgaard, the June Meeting Agenda was approved with the additional item, as printed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

There were no comments from citizens offered at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 9, 2019 PARKS COMMISSION MEETINGS:

Upon motion by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Melgaard, the Parks Commission unanimously approved the July 9, 2019 Parks Commission Minutes, as printed.

PETITIONS, REQUESTS, AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Nagel called Commissioners' attention to the attached final signed copy of the Donation Agreement with the SMSC for the trail link between the Windrose 8th Addition and the Woodcrest Addition. He noted that preliminary work on the trail had already started and completion must occur by the end of the year.

UPDATES:

Mr. Nagel reviewed the July 31, 2019 ENM Parks Commission Update, which contained 14 items with the Commissioners. Mr. Nagel commented that the 3 major music performance licensors, along with the movie licensors, were driving up costs for the Summer and Winter events such that the Parks Commission may need to revisit the 2020 Budget, as it relates to the Summer and Winter programming.

Chair Sutton reported that the CCEC had successfully completed another 2019 Fire Rescue Days even with the heat index making it feel like over 100 degrees. The next meeting of the CCEC will be on Tuesday, August 20th at 5:30 PM at City Hall with the Agenda focused on a recap of Fire Rescue Days and a look ahead to the Halloween Party.

Commissioner Zahratka noted that there was a meeting of the New Prague Community Education Advisory Board on July 11th, but that she was unable to attend.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Nagel commented that the Summer Events had an average attendance in the 70's, even though rainy weather forced relocation to the Library's Community Room 3 times. He said that the final event will include a movie and the inflatables on August 8th with ice cream sandwiches and popsicles to all attendees to cap off the Summer. He said he will ask Jessica Davidson to attend a future meeting to discuss the 2019 Summer Event season. No further action was taken on the item by the Parks Commission

Mr. Nagel called Commissioners' attention to the 2019 Goals that were approved in January 2019. He noted that goals accomplished at the halfway point of 2019

included the inclusion of trail links in the Parks CIP; purchasing the additional archery equipment; expanding the Pet Waste Stations; and working with the Scott County Library System on coordinating marketing efforts. Mr. Nagel noted that progress had been made on 8 of the other 13 Goals, too. No further action was taken by the Parks Commission on this item.

Mr. Nagel passed out a copy of the updated Parks Capital Improvement Program for 2019 to 2023. He said that with the recent increase in Park Dedication funds, the Parks Commission could now complete the Rowena Pond Project; Repurposing of Woodcrest Park; and the other smaller projects included in the 2019 Goals over the next 3 years. He said that the Parks Commission would be discussing projects for 2022 and 2023 later this year. No further action was taken on this item by the Parks Commission at this meeting.

Mr. Nagel reported that Leiviska Disc Golf Course Design would prefer installation of the course the week of August 19th, but offered an alternative construction start the week of September 23rd. He noted that the PW Department would be focused on the Soccer program and would prefer the later date. Upon motion by Commissioner Melgaard, seconded by Commissioner Zahratka, the Parks Commission unanimously directed Mr. Nagel to begin construction of the Disc Golf Course the week of September 23rd.

Mr. Nagel presented the Bill List to the Parks Commissioners – 2 bills from Schlomka's for Portable Restrooms for June, 2019 and July, 2019 each for $710.00; Mad Science of Minnesota for the 7/25 Summer Event at Wagner Park; and Pop Up Party Rental for the Inflatable WaterSlide for the 7/11 Summer Event for $289.99. Upon motion by Commissioner Melgaard, seconded by Chair Zahratka, the Parks Commission unanimously approved the Bill List for the August meeting.

Mr. Nagel said that he was in receipt of an email from a resident about renting the Wagner Park Shelter on Sunday, October 6th for her son's birthday party and wanted to know whether the Shelter would be open for her to rent it. He said that unless it was particularly cold that the Commission's practice has been to "winterize" the shelter the first Monday after the Halloween Party, which would be October 28, 2019. Upon motion by Chair Sutton, seconded by Commissioner Miller, the parks Commission unanimously established that October 28, 2019 as the date the Shelter will close for the Winter.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There were no additional business items to come before Commissioners at the August 6, 2019 Parks Commission meeting.

NEXT MEETING:

Upon motion by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Melgaard, the next Regular meeting of the Parks Commission was set for Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 4:00 PM in conference Room B of Elko New Market City Hall.

PARK COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

There were no additional comments from Commissioners at the August 6, 2019 Parks Commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Nagel said that the annual Night to Unite is being held on Tuesday, August 6th in the City. Each year for the past 7 years, now 8 years, the event has been "kicked off" at a City park. At the July 2019 Parks Commission Meeting, the Parks Commission decided to hold a groundbreaking for the new Disc Golf Course at Windrose Park. The Parks Commission then moved the meeting to Windrose Park for the Groundbreaking, which was attended by approximately 60 people.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, there being no further business to come before the Parks Commission, upon motion by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Chair Sutton, the meeting was adjourned by voice vote at 6:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Nagel, Assistant City Administrator

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August 9, 2019

Ground Rules

By Randy Gaddo

This column, LBWA (Leadership By Wandering Around), is based on the premise that, in order to find out what's going on in the field, a parks and rec leader has to leave his or her desk and "wander around" the area of operations, talk to people, ask questions, and kick around ideas with the individuals in the thick of delivering services to the public. So the author will bring up issues that may be common to many PRB readers, and ask the readers who are the leaders to weigh in and share their knowledge and experiences.

While facility-maintenance managers around the world could probably have extended and animated discussions about what the best surface is for a playground, the truth is there is no right or wrong answer.

There are several kinds of playground surfacing to choose from. Photo courtesy of Randy Gaddo

According to the *The Dirty Dozen–12 Playground Hazards*, the number-one hazard on playgrounds is improper protective surfacing.

Each year, more than 200,000 injuries and 15 deaths occur in playground accidents.

Playgrounds are one of the most heavily used--and often abused--facilities that maintenance managers have in their inventory, and the type of surface used will determine how much attention is needed.

Surfaces run the gamut from sand to poured-in-place rubber; what's considered the "best" depends on circumstances.

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T[illegible]l Playground Safety I[illegible]ght-page pamphlet lists the following materials as acceptable for playground surfaces:

- Engineered wood fiber
- Wood chips
- Sand/pea gravel
- Synthetic/rubber tiles
- Shredded rubber
- Rubber mats
- Poured-in-place rubber.

The pamphlet's findings emphasize that most loose-fill surfacing should be maintained at a depth of 12 inches and be free of standing water and debris.

Black-listed is blacktop or asphalt, concrete, packed earth or grass; carpets or mats are also not appropriate unless they are tested and comply with American Society for Testing and Materials standards.

"[illegible] of course, on your budget, b[illegible] dependent on the e[illegible]t your playground will be in," says Scott Christopher, CPRP, a parks and recreation and facilities manager in Georgia with more than 20 years experience in the field, including as a certified playground safety instructor.

"For example, if your playground is in a low-lying area that holds moisture, a wood fiber-based product may not be the best option for your project because it will tend to hold water and possibly wash away."

The right surface can make playground play safer. Photo courtesy of Randy Gaddo

Christopher points out that some products can be inexpensive initially, but can add up over time.

"S[illegible] of surfacing can easily be k[illegible]f the safety zones frequently, a [illegible] someone on hand to constantly put it back in place or replenish it can be labor- and cost-intensive," he says, before adding that this is an especially important consideration in today's economy.

Christopher emphasizes that safety should always be the number-one priority and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) agrees.

How To Choose

In the November 2010 *Public Playground Safety Handbook*, the commission states, "The surfacing under and around playground equipment is one of the most important factors in reducing the likelihood of life-threatening head injuries. A fall onto a shock-absorbing surface is less likely to cause a serious head injury than a fall onto a hard surface."

When money gets tight, it's tempting to short-change playground surfaces, to try and squeeze another year out of what's

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"Our primary focus is always safety," says Amy Girouard, associate program director of the Summit Family YMCA and Fayette Outdoor YMCA in Fayette County, Ga. "So if the play park needs attention, then that moves to the top of our priority list."

Each year in late spring just prior to their summer camps, Girouard says they have playground-grade engineered wood fibers blown into their 13,000-square-foot wood castle play park that is open to the public and is also used for summer camp.

She says being privately funded through donations makes it even more challenging to find funds for this annual necessity.

The CPSC breaks types of surfacing into two general categories:

- Unitary
- Loose-fill materials.

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ti nbination of absorbent material held in place by a binder that may be poured in place on site to form a continuous rubberized surface.

Most of these products require professional installation to ensure proper shock absorption and to comply with the warranty; some must be placed on a hard surface—but not all—so be sure to do your homework before buying.

Loose-Fill Materials

Loose-fill materials include engineered wood fiber, a wood product that can look a lot like landscape mulch, but it is designed specifically for use as an approved surface for playgrounds.

There are also rubber mulch products manufactured for playgrounds. Most of these types of products can be self-installed, but the CPSC strongly recommends against installing them on hard surfaces unless they are prepared per guidance in their handbook.

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p [illegible] the market would be too lengthy for this column; suffice it to say that every playground is different so deciding on the best surface is a case-by-case process.

At the end of the day, common sense and safety should rule.

"We simply cannot compromise on safety," Girouard stresses. "We have to do everything we can to ensure a safe play environment and avoid injuries."

Randy Gaddo *served for 15 years as a director in municipal parks and recreation after retiring from 20 years in the U.S. Marine Corps. He developed, wrote, administered, and presented maintenance plans as well as recreation master plans during that time. He earned his Master's in Public Administration and now lives in Peachtree City, Ga. He can be reached at (678) 350-8642, or cwo4usmc@comcast.net.*

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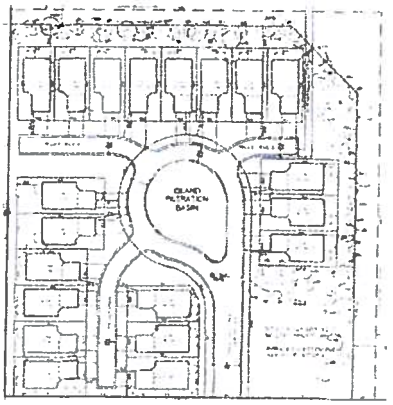
MEMORANDUM

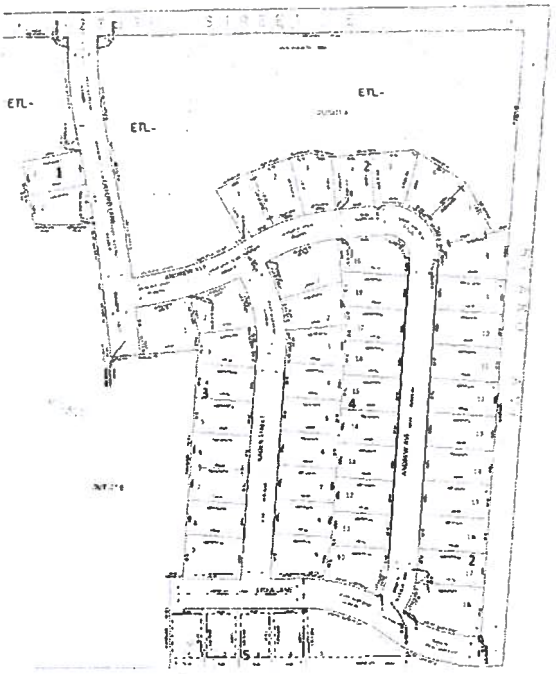
TO: CITY COUNCIL, PLANNING COMMISSION, EDA & CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
FROM: RENEE CHRISTIANSON, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST
SUBJECT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATES
DATE: AUGUST 5, 2019

Background / History

The purpose of this memo is to provide updates regarding miscellaneous projects and activities being worked on by Community Development staff. Below is a summary of projects that are currently being worked on, inquiries received, and miscellaneous information:

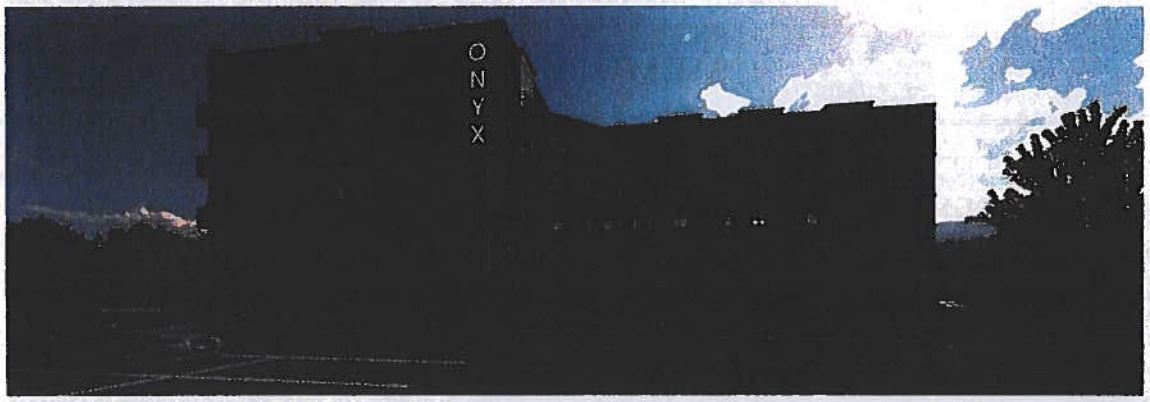


Christmas Pines – Construction has commenced on this 20 lot residential townhome development. Construction of the streets and public utilities is expected to be complete by the end of August. The lots should be eligible for building permits in the near future.

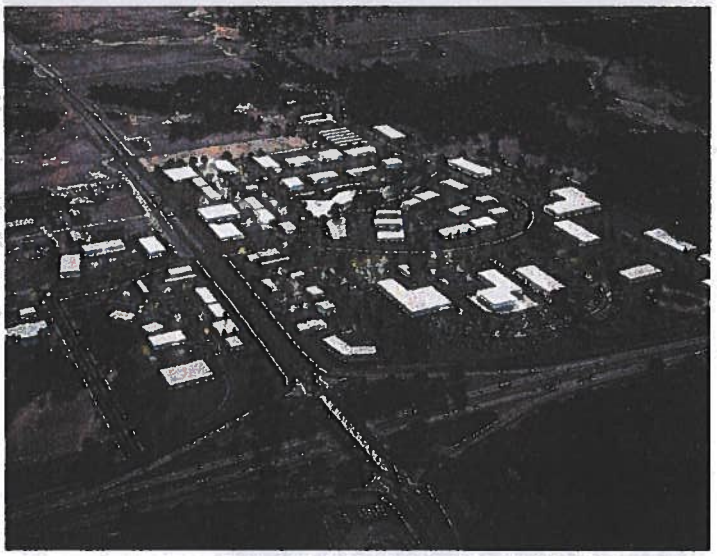


Boulder Heights – Construction on this 53 lot residential subdivision has resumed. City water and sewer lines are currently being installed, which will be followed by street construction and paving. The development will also include paving of 275th Street between CSAH 91 and Oxford Lane. The development is expected to be completed in the fall of 2019.

Dakota Acres / Global Properties – The City has received official land use applications for development of a 68-unit apartment development on a 3.1 acre lot, proposed by Global Properties. Currently proposed are two separate apartment buildings; the first phase, which is proposed for construction in late 2019, would consist of one 28 unit building. The property is zoned High Density Residential and apartments are a permitted use. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for August 27, 2019. Below is a rendering of a proposed building.

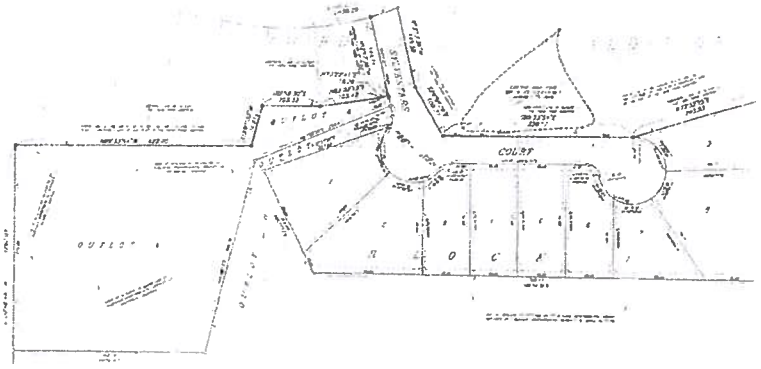


Adelmann Property – City staff continues to work with the Adelmann family and their consultants in the preparation of an AUAR, a required environmental study, for their 243 acres located near the I-35 / CSAH 2 interchange. As part of the AUAR and preparation for development, several studies are being completed, including a wetland delineation, traffic impact study, tree inventory, and geotechnical work. The AUAR project is underway and is expected to be completed in early fall of 2019.

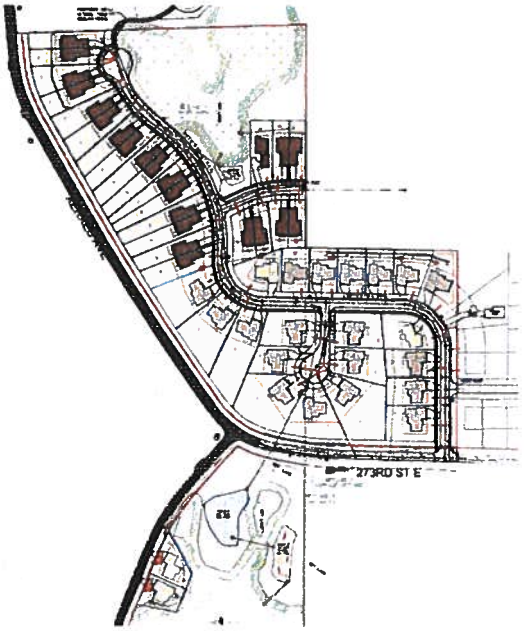


Aaron Le Property – City staff is working with a potential developer / builder who is interested in developing the Aaron Le property. City staff met with the potential developer on June 13, 2019 and has provided detailed estimates of the City's fees relating to the development. The current concept plan depicts 77 single-family residential lots on approximately 33.5 acres. Development requires annexation of the property from New Market Township.

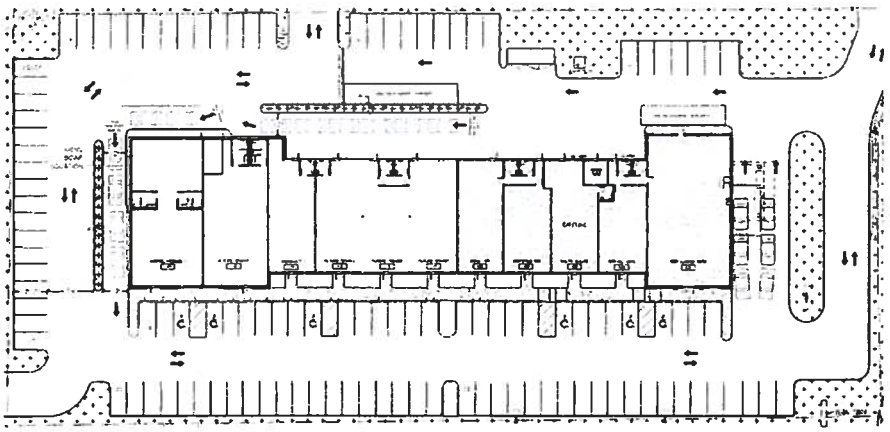
Sylvester Meadows – A public hearing was held on May 28, 2019 regarding the request for rezoning, and preliminary and final plat approval of Sylvester's Meadow, a single-family residential development containing 9 lots. The Planning Commission continued action on the item at that meeting and on July 30th recommended approval of the request to the City Council. The City Council is expected to consider the request on August 22, 2019. The City must act on the request by September 3, 2019.



Pete's Hill – The City has received formal application for rezoning and development of this 36 acre property which was annexed into the City of Elko New Market in June, 2019. The City's Planning Commission held a public hearing regarding the development proposal on July 30, 2019 and recommended approval to the City Council. The City Council is expected to take action on the request on August 22, 2019. The property is located immediately south of Pete's Hill Park and the proposed development contains 46 lot residential lots which are a mix of single-family lots and twin-home lots. The applicant and City are currently working on revised construction plans and a Development Contract. The developer is currently proposing construction this fall, 2019.



Elko New Market Commerce Center – The City has received land use applications associated with Phase II of the Elko New Market Commerce Center. The City's Planning Commission held a public hearing regarding a proposed additional drive-through lane on July 30, 2019 and recommended approval of the request to the City Council. The City Council will consider the application on August 8, 2019. If approved, construction on the second and final phase of the retail center is expected in the fall of 2019.



Business Leads – Staff has prepared community marketing information for hardware stores, convenience stores and grocery stores. The information was disseminated to a few real estate brokers. Staff met with a potential convenience store considering locating in Elko New Market.

Building Permits – The City issued no permits for single family homes in July, 2019. Numerous permits have been issued for re-roofing due to the recent hail storm in Elko New Market.

Ordinance Updates –

- High Density Residential Zoning Amendments - The City's Planning Commission recently considered and recommended approval of amendments to the City's R4 (high density residential) zoning district, specifically in terms of landscaping and setback requirements. The amendments would reduce current greenspace requirements, and reduce internal setback requirements. The proposed amendments are consistent with the City's goal of providing housing options for all income levels, and removing barriers to providing housing options for all income levels. The City Council will consider the amendments on August 8, 2019.

- Ground Mounted Solar Panels – The City's Planning Commission recently considered and recommended approval of amendments to the City's Code pertaining to ground mounted solar panels. The amendment would allow a larger ground mounted solar energy system in the City's Institutional zoning districts, which is where uses such as schools, churches and government buildings would typically be located. The amendments, which will be considered by the City Council on August 8, 2019, are supportive of the City's goal of promoting access to solar energy.

2040 Comprehensive Plan – City staff has been working on the draft 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The City Council must approve the draft Plan for review by adjacent jurisdictions. Adoption of the final plan is anticipated by the end of 2019 or early 2020.

Roundabout Project – City staff and Bolton & Menk, the City's engineering firm, have been working on the roundabout project scheduled for construction in 2020. Bolton and Menk continues to work on preparation of the final construction plans and project coordination with county/state agencies, while City staff continues to work on right-of-way acquisition. Two right-of-way acquisitions have been finalized and a third is in process.

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July- Monthly Report (Expenses)

	2019 YTD Budget	July 2019 Amount	Prior Yr YTD Amount	2019 YTD Amt	2019 YTD Bal	% YTD Budget Used
Fund 101 General Fund						
Dept 45000 Parks & Grounds Maintenance						
101-45000· Full-Time Employees Regular	71,565.00	4,384.49	22,717.55	32,796.37	38,768.63	46%
101-45000· Full-Time Employees Overtime	2,505.00	0.00	494.81	749.19	1,755.81	30%
101-45000· Part-Time Employees	37,183.00	2,111.74	19,398.32	20,003.85	17,179.15	54%
101-45000· On Call	2,250.00	130.77	877.35	623.93	1,626.07	28%
101-45000· Call Back	396.00	18.16	56.63	3.16	392.84	1%
101-45000· PERA	8,344.00	474.78	2,704.92	3,837.59	4,506.41	46%
101-45000· FICA & Medicare	8,511.00	495.40	3,456.57	4,367.81	4,143.19	51%
101-45000· Employer Paid Insurance	14,940.00	968.09	7,847.24	9,409.46	5,530.54	63%
101-45000· Chemicals and Chem Products	3,500.00	0.00	1,142.26	1,349.32	2,150.68	39%
101-45000· Travel Expenses	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0%
101-45000· Training & Conferences	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	83.00	1,417.00	6%
101-45000· Portable Bathrooms	5,000.00	710.00	2,200.00	2,680.00	2,320.00	54%
101-45000· Electric Utilities	1,100.00	64.36	333.84	325.18	774.82	30%
101-45000· Refuse/Garbage Disposal	1,600.00	150.01	768.33	753.02	846.98	47%
101-45000· Repairs/Maint.	8,000.00	224.71	4,716.96	3,387.71	4,612.29	42%
101-45000· Miscellaneous	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0%
101-45000· Dues and Subscriptions	500.00	0.00	257.00	0.00	500.00	0%
101-45000· Recreational Program Expense	6,500.00	860.00	1,163.96	2,662.35	3,837.65	41%
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280-49991· Advertising	0.00	0.00	641.09	0.00	0.00	0%
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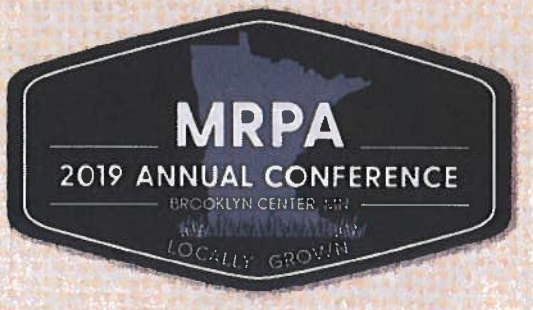

Welcome to the 82nd annual Minnesota Recreation and Park Association Conference in Brooklyn Center. The conference committee has been hard at work to provide delegates, students, retirees, and associates a unique pre-conference session, engaging education opportunities, and exciting off-site tours of some of the area's new and unique park facilities.

This conference will offer valuable networking events and the chance to meet a variety of vendors during the exhibit hall. We extend sincere gratitude to our conference sponsors and partners, as well as to the Annual Conference Committee for helping to make the 2019 MRPA Conference a great success. Thanks to all of you for joining us for a conference filled with locally grown talent and resources, and seeds of information you can bring back to help your community grow.

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The Annual Conference Committee chairs and their committees have organized an excellent education opportunity for all of the delegates. This conference would not be possible without their time and dedication.

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Schedule At-A-Glance

Tuesday, November 5

Registration Check-In..... 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Pre-Conference Institute ..... 1 - 4 p.m.

Wednesday, November 6

Registration Check-In..... 8 - 8:30 a.m.
Welcome & Opening Keynote ..... 8:30 - 10:15 a.m.
Educational Sessions ..... 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.
Lunch ..... 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Exhibit Hall ..... 1 - 4 p.m.
Networking Event ..... 4 - 6 p.m.

Thursday, November 7

Registration Check-In ..... 8 - 8:30 a.m.
Educational Sessions ..... 8:30 - 9:45 a.m.
Off-Site Institute ..... 8:30 - 11 a.m.
Educational Sessions ..... 10 - 11:15 a.m.
Lunch ..... 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Educational Sessions ..... 12:45 - 2 p.m.
Off-Site Institutes ..... 12:30 - 2:45 p.m.
Educational Speed Sessions ..... 2:15 - 3 p.m.
Afternoon Keynote ..... 3:15 - 4:30 p.m.

Friday, November 8

Registration Check-In..... 8 - 8:30 a.m.
Closing Keynote ..... 8:30 - 9:45 a.m.
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Tuesday, November 5

Pre-Conference Institute

12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Registration Check-In

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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Nature Play Areas – Breaking Barriers, Building Support, Creating Connections!

ROOM: GARDEN CITY

Chris Smith, Attorney, League of Minnesota Cities; Ann Walther, Attorney, MPRB Counsel, Rice, Michels & Walther, LLP; MaryLynn Pulscher, Environmental Education Manager, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board; Crystal Passi, Landscape Architect, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board; Ken Grieshaber, PLA, Principal, SRF Consulting Group, Inc.; Jody Yungers, Director of Recreation & Parks, City of Brooklyn Park; Jen Gillard, Recreation Program Supervisor, City of Brooklyn Park; Allison Quinn, Minneapolis Nature Pre-School

In recent years, research has clearly shown, and the parks and recreation field has come to understand, that children's unstructured, nature-based play has many physical, social, emotional, and cognitive benefits. These benefits contribute to the overall healthy development of a child.

Recognizing that spontaneous outdoor play has largely vanished from American culture, the convergence of these factors is leading many parks and recreation professionals to make concerted efforts to restore nature play to childhood. To date, one of the most common strategies for these efforts is the creation of specific areas for nature play — either by artfully integrating nature play elements into natural areas that encourage free play in nature, or by creating sometimes elaborate "nature playgrounds," or through a combination of the two.

While the industry is still trying to develop a set of best practices for the creation of nature play spaces, there is an emerging set of principles and practices that can provide some guidance for public institutions and agencies in getting beyond the concerns of risk managers in development of these important nature play spaces. These emerging practices are not scientifically proven, absolute, or etched in stone; rather, they represent best judgment and analysis, based on the recent experiences of fellow professionals.

The bottom line: children need risk. It is a powerful catalyst for growth that helps them develop good judgment, persistence, courage, resiliency, and self-confidence.

Session Outcomes:

- Hear how professionals worked with their risk managers to develop nature play within their communities
- Learn how recreation immunity and discretionary immunity balance the risks and rewards of nature-based play
- Explore the spectrum of nature play areas
- Understand the core principles and key design elements for spaces intended to recreate nature-based play
- Discover how professionals gained internal buy-in and engaged their forestry and parks crews to help build nature play areas in their park system
- Acquire available resources to assist with designing nature play areas
- Learn how parks and recreation agencies have incorporated nature play into programs

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Wednesday, November 6

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.
Registration / Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 10:15 a.m.

Opening Keynote
Carrie Tollefson: *Getting After Life*

ROOM: GARDEN CITY

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Photo: Runner's World

Being a world-class athlete takes a lot of drive, focus, determination, and perseverance, much like life. Learn from Olympic athlete, Carrie Tollefson, how to manage running circles on the track and through your day-to-day life.

Carrie was born and raised in Dawson, Minnesota. In high school, Carrie won 13 state championships setting a national record of five consecutive individual cross-country state championships, plus eight state track championships.

While at Villanova University, Carrie won five individual NCAA championships and was a member of the 1999 NCAA Cross-Country Championship team. In 1998, Carrie was named NCAA indoor track athlete of the year and was the first person in NCAA history to win both the 3k and 5k.

As an Olympian and three-time national champion, she lives and trains in her home state of Minnesota, where she hopes to encourage and motivate the next generation.

10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

3, 2, 1 Network

ROOM: HARVEST A

Speakers: Seasoned MRPA Professionals

You've heard of speed dating? Welcome to speed networking – a whirlwind session offering students the opportunity to network with recreation professionals from a variety of backgrounds. In this interactive session you'll have a chance to sit down with professionals one-on-one and in small groups to introduce yourself and get to know people in the recreation field. Be prepared to discuss your career interests quickly and efficiently, show-off portfolios, get feedback on your resume/cover letter, and ask questions.

How to Run a Successful Medallion Hunt!

ROOM: HARVEST B

Jerome Krieger, Recreation Manager, Blaine Parks and Recreation

Medallion hunting is growing in popularity throughout the state. Many cities are now offering a medallion hunt, and there are many hunters who hunt throughout the year. Learn tips and tricks to facilitate a successful medallion hunt and gain knowledge from a former finder of the Saint Paul Winter Carnival Medallion Hunt!

Directors' Forum

ROOM: HARVEST C

For Agency Parks and Recreation Directors

Gather with fellow directors from across the state to discuss topics impacting your work as agency leaders. Directors will come together to discuss trends and share new ideas. Information will also be presented regarding National Recreation and Park Association's Park Metric, and how this source of benchmark data could benefit parks and recreation departments in Minnesota.

The Proof is in the Paper

ROOM: TACK A

Matt Haynes, Aquatic Product Manager, American Red Cross

When was the last time you took an in-depth look at the documents and signs essential to the safety of your facility? Do they need updating? Should they be posted? Are they clear and consistent with the latest industry trends and regulations? All these questions and more will be answered in an interactive session designed to help ensure the right message reaches your patrons and staff in a clear and concise manner.

Data Practices for Parks and Recreation (No, we aren't dummies! We just need an interpreter!)

ROOM: TACK B

Jennifer Fink, Director, New Brighton Parks and Recreation; Terri Spangrud, City Clerk, City of New Brighton

Learn best practices for data retention and destruction from someone who helps the state craft the guidelines. Save yourself from future trouble and headaches! Don't worry – Terri used to work in parks and recreation, so she's almost one of us. We will also have a parks and recreation pro present in case we need translation.

How Do You TACKLE Customer Interactions?

ROOM: CAPTAIN'S

Iris Pahlberg-Peterson, Customer Service Supervisor, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board; Annie Olson, Customer Service Director, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

As locally grown as the walleye is to our state, so are the experiences unique to us in Minnesota parks. We all seek "The Good Life," exactly what we provide through parks and recreation! Join us to TACKLE interactions with customers, HOOK them in, and RELEASE them as lifelong park patrons.

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11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch / Student Lunch

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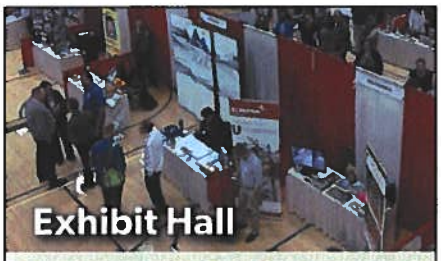

Wednesday, November 6

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

- Visit with more than 70 exhibitors
- Gain new ideas related to the newest technology, products, services, equipment and programs
- Hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, and prizes

Please take time to visit the exhibit hall vendors as their contributions are integral to the conference's success.

Networking Event

Wednesday, November 6

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

GARDEN CITY ROOM

Challenge your fellow recreation professionals in a game-show themed social with Sassy Lassy Events! Enjoy networking, an opportunity to play a few games, delicious appetizers and a cash bar for your choice of beverage.

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Thursday, November 7

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.

Registration / Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 11:00 a.m.

OFF-SITE INSTITUTE: North Mississippi Regional Park, Minneapolis

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Nature Play: You Build It; They Will Come!

Guss Boomer, Parks Senior Planner, Ramsey County; Ken Grieshaber, PLA, Principal, SRF Consulting Group, Inc.; Lonnie Hebl, Planner, Olmsted County; Marcie Oltman, Director, Tamarack Nature Center, Ramsey County; Crystal Passi, Landscape Architect, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board; MaryLynn Pulscher, Environmental Education Manager, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board; Karlin Ziegler, Park Superintendent, Olmsted County

Nature play can happen almost anywhere! The best places for nature play are already framed by nature: big trees, fallen branches, random boulders, and decaying logs. However, scrubby edges of natural areas, marginal land, and even turf grass with a couple canopy trees can be transformed into engaging nature play spaces. All our park systems have such areas, and it is time to consider their potential for supporting children's play without major physical changes or enhancements.

Participants will be transported to North Mississippi Regional Park to tour the newly developed nature play areas designed and built by Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board. Learn first-hand from the staff team that dreamed up, designed, coordinated, and installed the nature play elements. Staff will share how they used play design principles to help create the play area; and

how they involved families with children with disabilities to help improve and enhance the accessibility of nature play that includes loose parts play.

This session includes a panel of professionals from SRF Consulting Group, Brooklyn Park and Ramsey County's nature centers, and parks and forestry teams to share how they incorporated nature play into their systems. Participants will learn the decision-making process of how other agencies determined the location and built nature play areas in their systems. Attendees will also have an opportunity to ask questions of park operations staff maintaining these sites as to material selection and maintenance practices to ensure long-term sustainability and safety.

**This session will benefit park planners, park operations, and forestry staff.*

Session Outcomes:

- Learn how Minneapolis included the core principles and key design elements for North Mississippi Regional Park Nature Play Area
- Hear from forestry and parks crew members how they supported the development of the nature play areas in their park system
- Evaluate site selection for nature play
- Use ADA standards in your nature play design
- Learn what resources are available to assist with designing nature play areas
- Hear how park operations staff maintain these sites, including material selection and maintenance practices to ensure long-term sustainability and safety.

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8:30 – 9:45 a.m.

Equity in Recreation Programming

ROOM: HARVEST A

Gina Stokes, Recreation Program Supervisor, Saint Paul Parks and Recreation

Explore Saint Paul Parks and Recreation's efforts on providing equitable fee-based programming at recreation centers located in areas of high poverty with the City of Saint Paul. Participants will learn how to analyze registration data, and improve fee-based programming and programming gaps all through using an equity lens.

Developing Eagle Scout Projects for Your Parks

ROOM: HARVEST B

Eric Thompson, Programming Supervisor, Saint Paul Parks and Recreation; Dave Arola, Training & Advancement Director, Northern Star Council BSA; Bob Bassett, Mustang District Advancement Chair, Northern Star Council BSA

We all have parks that could use a little extra tender loving care. Collaborating with a Boy Scout on an Eagle Scout project can be a rewarding experience for both your agency and the scout. Attend this session and learn some tips on developing successful Eagle projects for your park system.

If Money Doesn't Grow on Trees, Where Does It Come From?

ROOM: HARVEST C

Nate Burkett, City of Shakopee; Laurie Hokkanen, City of Plymouth; Matt Podhradsky, City of Chaska; Marty Walsh, Carver County Parks; James Wisker, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District

One of the biggest challenges faced by public parks today is determining how to pay for their construction and maintenance. Despite frequently being cited as one of the best aspects of our communities, the competition for funding parks can be fierce. Is the solution to build and lease a restaurant to generate revenue, or work with the watershed district to access the Outdoor Heritage Fund and the county's bonding authority, or maybe solicit private donations to demonstrate project support before asking for public dollars? The answer almost always means bringing together a wide variety of tools, including: grants, donations, user fees, lease revenue, bonds, tax increment financing (TIF), and more to get big projects across the finish line.

Canoemobile: Creating Future Generations of Minnesota's Stewards

ROOM: TACK A

Mary Mallinger, Youth Programs Manager, Wilderness Inquiry; Christine Tomlinson, Youth Programs Manager, Wilderness Inquiry

Wilderness Inquiry's Canoemobile program has been engaging thousands of local youth and community members across the state of Minnesota for over a decade. Canoemobile is a "floating classroom" that brings students onto local waterways in 24-foot Voyageur canoes to learn about science, history, geography, and culture. These experiences are often enriched by support of partner organizations such as the National Park Service, local park and recreation departments, and others. Canoemobile is a unique and impactful way for students and residents to connect with their local waterways and parks.

Incredible Edible Parks

ROOM: TACK B

Scott Berggren, Recreation Services Manager, City of Crystal; Lisa Abernathy, Recreation Supervisor, City of St. Louis Park; Joan James, A Backyard Farm

As cities, we provide access to most of our parks and open spaces. But what if that also included access to healthy, locally grown fruits, vegetables, and herbs? Learn how you can bring the theme of "locally grown" to your parks and programs. In this session you will hear two success stories, as well as hear from an organization that helps people and places create backyard farms.

Improving Asset Management Inside and Out

ROOM: CAPTAIN'S

Jamie Birkett, Sales Engineer, Cartegraph; Sonya Rippe, Project Coordinator, City of Plymouth

From managing facilities to tracking trees, running a high-performance park is no small feat. How can you leverage data and technology to prevent the most common asset management mistakes? Learn how the City of Plymouth Parks and Forestry team has streamlined the management of their assets, work, and requests.

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10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

Creating Inclusive Park Spaces for Trans and Gender Nonconforming Folks

ROOM: TACK A

Alex Jackson Nelson, Trainer and Consultant, Considerit Communications; Elise Niedermeier, ADA Coordinator/Community Access and Outreach Coordinator, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

In this session, attendees will learn to develop comprehensive gender inclusion policies that cover built space, programmatic access, and workforce policies. The presenters also address ways in which this work aligns with and supports racial equity and disability justice.

Young Professional and Student Network (YPSN) Workshop - LIVE

ROOM: HARVEST B

Get information in a fast-paced setting on four top park and recreation topics that are essential for young professionals and students: opportunities, relationships, strengths/weaknesses, and mentorship. The session includes rotating topics every 15 minutes in a roundtable setting, or if attendees are enjoying one particular topic, continue discussion at that table! Join us for a dynamic, engaging, and informational workshop. Bring your questions, business cards, and a positive attitude. Learn more about the network and how you can be involved.

Bees to Buds: Experimenting with Urban Micro-Farming

ROOM: HARVEST C

Lydia Boysen, Recreation Coordinator, City of Winona Parks and Recreation

From building a 50-plot, raised-bed community garden, to keeping bees and tapping trees, the Winona Parks and Recreation Department is exploring the world of urban micro-farming. Our community is eating it up (quite literally) and we're excited to share our experiences with you. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions, share their own personal experiences, and brainstorm additional ways recreation professionals can tap into the exciting world of micro-farming!

Income Disparity in Youth Sports: Why Creating Equity and Inclusion for Physical Activity is Critically Important for the Future of Health & Society

ROOM: TACK A

Evan Eleff, COO and Partner, The Sports Facilities Advisory

A multitude of factors in society, including the defunding of school sports and cultural shifts have led to never-before-seen levels of inactivity, obesity, and overweight children in America. When children have limited access to sport and physical education in schools, our community parks and recreation assets need to step up and step in to create free and reduced play so that future generations develop physical literacy, inactivity rates drop, and children reap the benefits associated (including higher test scores, less risky behavior, and lower healthcare costs). In this session, we will discuss the data around the benefits of sports, strategies for parks and recreation to create free and reduced play, and funding opportunities for new programs.

Optimizing Economic and Financial Outcomes in Your Parks and Recreation Assets

ROOM: TACK B

Jason Clement, Founder, The Sports Facilities Management

Parks and recreation assets produce significant economic, social, and community benefits. Understanding these benefits - including parks' impact on property values, health care costs, crime rates, and community engagement - and where you have opportunities to optimize your assets are key steps in evaluating the value of your parks and recreation assets. This session will describe how to apply proven strategies to evaluate and optimize your current park and recreation assets.

Partner Power

ROOM: CAPTAIN'S

Courtney John, Community Recreation Specialist, Saint Paul Parks and Recreation; John Halderman, Community Recreation Specialist, Saint Paul Parks and Recreation

Harness the power of community partnerships to drive program participation. We'll examine the three levels of partnership, identify some uncommon sources for new collaborations, and demonstrate partnership structures that are beneficial for both parties.

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Lunch

Young Professional and Student Network (YPSN) Resource Center

Stop by the YPSN Resource Center during the exhibit hall to receive coaching, tools, and resources to be successful in your job search. Professionals will be on-site to critique resumes, provide guidance to effectively answer supplemental questions, conduct mock interviews, and offer general advice and networking to help young applicants gain employment in the recreation field.

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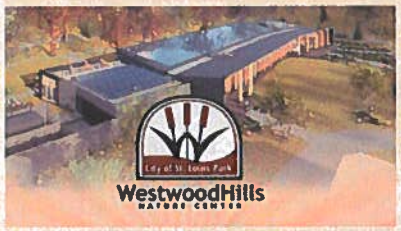
12:30 – 2:45 p.m.

OFF-SITE INSTITUTE: Westwood Hills Nature Center and The ROC, St. Louis Park

Limited to 50 attendees. Buses depart near registration desk lobby.



We invite you to tour the new interpretive center at Westwood Hills Nature Center. This $12 million project is in the middle of construction, so you will get a behind-the-scenes tour while construction is still taking place. This 13,500 square-foot facility will contain three multipurpose rooms, separate exhibit space, accessible viewing of raptors, a conference room, and lounges for community gathering spaces. This facility will be the only commercial building with the goal of zero energy in Minnesota.

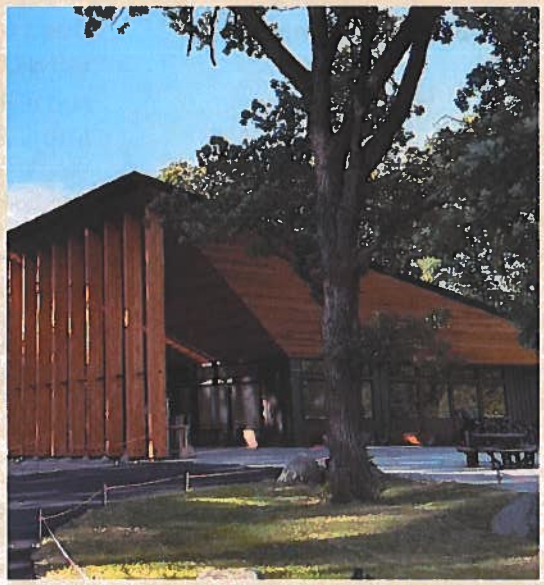
The City of St. Louis Park's Recreation Outdoor Center (The ROC) has recreational opportunities for everyone in every season, from outdoor ice to turf to large dry floor space. Come check out what The ROC has to offer all under one roof!

- October to March - ice skating, hockey, and large special events
- March to May - baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse, cricket, and other activities
- May to October - large community events, concerts, weddings, theatrical performances, business expos, wrestling, and roller derby.

The ROC is truly the crown jewel of multi-use outdoor venues by how it morphs through the seasons. The facility consists of an NHL-size refrigerated ice sheet (200' x 85'), artificial turf, bleacher seating for 450, four dedicated team rooms, officials' locker room, resurfacer garage, 43-stall parking lot, outdoor fire place, and storage space. The $8.5 million project was constructed in 2015-2016 by the City of St. Louis Park in partnership with the St. Louis Park Hockey Association.

This facility has received the notorious MRPA Tommy Johnson Award, the IAA Award of Excellence for Fabric Frame Supported Structures, and is a nominee for the International Association of Sports and Leisure Facilities IAKS Award.

Come visit this architectural marvel!



12:30 – 2:45 p.m.

OFF-SITE INSTITUTE: The Loppet/Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Trailhead

Limited to 50 attendees. Buses depart near registration desk lobby.

The Trailhead is a new Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board welcome center in the heart of Theodore Wirth Regional Park. The park is a 759-acre park whose activities range from Nordic skiing and mountain biking to golf and hiking, and is located in both the cities of Minneapolis and Golden Valley. The Trailhead is a jumping-off place for these activities and more.

The Trailhead was developed through a public-private venture with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and the Loppet Foundation, and includes a beautiful gathering space connecting to the outdoors, recreation resources, Cajun Twist restaurant, an Adventure Shop for rentals and merchandise, Velofix bike and ski repair shop, and a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' kiosk. Not only is The Trailhead a place that you can prepare for your adventures, it is located at the beginning of many ski and bike trails as well as a par 3 golf course. Come visit us and learn about how the coordination of these many activities as well as the cooperation of the many entities involved have brought us this amazing place we call The Trailhead.

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12:45 – 2:00 p.m.

Community Engagement: Youth Work Through an Equity Lens

ROOM: HARVEST A

Steve Randall, Tim Simmons, Sharina Rodgers, and Marcell Thompson; Community Youth Workers, Saint Paul Parks and Recreation

Explore Saint Paul Parks and Recreation's efforts toward providing quality youth work training for front line recreation staff through proven techniques and strategies for effective youth work. Develop communication skills for developing relationships between staff and youth.

Niche Sports: The Opportunities that Await Your Community

ROOM: HARVEST B

Recreational Sports Commission and Athletic Management Group

Are you racking your brain thinking about the core sports? Join us for a sneak peek into the exciting world of alternative sports. This interactive session will feature a representative from each one of the many niche sports that may be flying under your radar. We will also discuss a wider array of niche sports and provide a Q&A period. Who knows, they may just fit into your community!

Managing Wildlife in Minnesota Parks

ROOM: HARVEST C

Jonathan Hicks, Professor of Recreation, Parks, and Leisure Services, Minnesota State University, Mankato

This session will include a high-energy, interactive discussion of wildlife as a recreational resource. Participants will discuss best practice management techniques, and explore strategies to live and play alongside our wild neighbors. There will be time to ask questions and discuss personal experiences and challenges with park wildlife.

Interview Skills – Learning How to Tell Your Best Story!

ROOM: TACK A

Learn from the professionals who do the interviewing! Identify your story, and learn how to mold that story into creative and memorable interview answers that will get you to the next step in your career. This session will help people in all stages of their career prepare for their next interview.

Calculating the Economic and Financial Outcomes in Your Parks and Recreation Assets

ROOM: TACK B

Evan Eleff, COO & Partner, The Sports Facilities Advisory

In recent years, multiple studies have concluded that parks and recreation assets directly impact home values, health outcomes, community engagement, and tax collections. Park assets contribute to increased activity levels, directly impacting health and social outcomes in ways that positively impact municipal budgets. However, most municipalities lack clarity on the actual value of their parks and recreation assets. This session will provide insight into a new approach to calculating the value of parks and recreation assets and programs.

Standing Out as a Department in Your Community: Part 1

ROOM: CAPTAIN'S

Katy Keller, Marketing Coordinator, Indian Trail, North Carolina Parks and Recreation; John Stutzman, Recreation Supervisor, City of Golden Valley

Looking to WOW your community? Let's make IT happen! In this session, we will discuss ways we have transformed our departments to be innovative and trendsetting in all aspects of offerings. Sit in for simple practices that can impact your community while making your department stand out and gain recognition.

Take Advantage of Great Networking Opportunities!

The conference schedule allows for on-your-own networking Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Recommended activities and venues will be emailed to attendees prior to the conference start.

Thursday Speed Sessions

2:15 – 3:00 p.m.

Making IT Work for YOU!

ROOM: HARVEST A

Adam Larson, Director of Information Technology Services, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

In this interactive session, attendees will learn how technology departments operate and how to engage them as partners to make your technology projects successful. Learn from real life examples, how to create effective IT project proposals (that the IT department will like) and have the opportunity to ask an IT professional about existing projects.

Be Prepared When Your Asphalt Pavement Needs Repair

ROOM: HARVEST B

Jason Krause, Key Accounts Manager, Bituminous Roadways, Inc.; Kellie Erickson, Business Development Representative, Gordian

Managing asphalt pavement might not be in your job description now, but it may one day. Attendees will learn how to identify distresses in your asphalt surfaces and what maintenance techniques are best. Discover the convenience of partnering with a Sourcewell contracted vendor.

Introducing and/or Improving the Sport of Disc Golf in Our Parks

ROOM: HARVEST C

Derek Tonn, Founder and CEO, Mapformation, LLC

Originally created in the 1970s by "Steady" Ed Headrick (Disc Golf Association), the sport of disc golf has been one of the fastest growing recreational activities across North America, Europe, and other portions of the planet in recent decades. Disc golf can be played by participants, either alone or as part of larger groups, for a fraction of the cost of many other sports. Courses can be installed on property with great elevation change and/or heavily-wooded property that may be unsuitable for other activities. This session will discuss ideas and best practices for trying to develop the best overall experience for residents and visitors alike, as it relates to enjoying disc golf in our city, county, and regional parks.

Meet the Research Bike

ROOM: TACK A

Andrew Oftedal, Research and Policy Specialist, Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota; Bob Bierscheid, President, Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota

The Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota developed the "Research Bike" in 2018 to collect data on bicycle trails. The Research Bike is equipped with sensors and cameras, rates the roughness of each trail, and takes photos for Google Street View. This presentation will discuss how the Research Bike was developed, how it has been used, and future applications.

Beyond the Open House: Engaging Your Community in Parks and Recreation Initiatives

ROOM: TACK B

Ken Grieshaber, Principal, SRF Consulting Group, Inc.

With more emphasis being placed on engaging community stakeholders in decision-making for implementing park and recreation improvements, identifying the best techniques to engage a broad demographic of user groups will lead to consensus-driven results for projects. Hear about several case studies which achieved highly successful outcomes with their communities.

Standing Out as a Department in Your Community: Part 2

ROOM: CAPTAIN'S

Katy Keller, Marketing Coordinator, Indian Trail, North Carolina Parks and Recreation

Want to reach your entire community about event information, upcoming programs, or getting more involvement? It starts with engagement. Attend a session that will show you how to build a relationship through social media outlets with tips, tricks, and latest trends that will have your insights skyrocketing!

Speed Sessions

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3:15 – 4:30 p.m.

Afternoon Keynote

Jessie Diggins: Learn from an Olympic Champion

ROOM: CARRIAGE HALL

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Jessie Diggins is known for her uncanny ability to go deep into the "pain cave" as she calls it – which she clearly demonstrated to seal the deal for her 2018 gold medal. She talks about Flow State (being in 'the zone') and how to create it in business and life in general.

Despite her incredible individual effort, she speaks passionately, in fact most passionately, about teamwork and how to identify and focus individual strengths for the greater good of the team.

Jessie was cross-country skiing before she could walk, hitching a ride in her dad's backpack, pulling his hair and telling him to "Mush!" The apple didn't fall far from the tree, and by three-years-old she was on skis of her own, sharing dad's passion for the sport. Little did they know at the time that a ferocious, ground-breaking competitor was in the making. Jessie is known for two things: being able to "go deep into the pain cave," ski-speak for pushing herself to the edge and beyond; and doing it with style, with a smile and some sparkles. Jessie began the team's tradition of painting their faces on race day and finishing it up with a dusting of sparkles.

From Afton, Minnesota, with a background in dance, swimming and soccer, Jessie was a nine-time Junior National Champion on skis.

Within the senior ranks, she's responsible for numerous American firsts:

- At 20, she was the youngest woman to finish top-5 in a World Cup distance race.
- In 2013, at just 21, she became the youngest American World Champion and the first U.S. Woman to win a championship title (with teammate Kikkan Randall).
- At 22, she won silver at the U-23 World Championships, and went on to finish 8th at the Olympic Games in Sochi.
- During the 2015 season she ended a 33-year drought in championship-level distance medals for Team USA by winning the silver medal at the World Championships in 10km skate.
- In 2015-16 she became the first American woman to win a modern distance World Cup in the 5km skate individual race.
- In 2016-17 she won five World Cup medals and added both silver and bronze medals at the 2017 World Championships.
- In 2018, she and teammate Kikkan Randall became the first-ever American cross-country skiers to win Olympic gold.

Friday, November 8

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.

Registration / Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 9:45 a.m.

Closing Keynote

Minnesota State Demographer Susan Brower: An Inside Look at Minnesota Demographics

ROOM: GARDEN CITY

Susan Brower is the Minnesota State Demographer and directs the Minnesota State Demographic Center. Susan became the state demographer in February, 2012. In that capacity, she

travels the state talking with Minnesotans about the new social and economic realities that are brought about by recent demographic shifts. Susan's work applies an understanding of demographic trends to changes in a range of areas including the state's economy and workforce, education, health, immigration, and rural population changes.

Minnesota is undergoing a dramatic shift in its age structure as the immense Baby Boomer generation continues to enter the 65-and-older group. Their aging will serve to move our state's median age higher, transforming our workplaces, communities, and systems along the way. State Demographer Susan Brower will characterize Minnesota's aging trend and discuss impacts and implications in the areas of health, disability, volunteerism, the state budget, the future labor force, and beyond.

Susan joined the State Demographic Center after working as a researcher on the Minnesota Compass project at Wilder Research in Saint Paul. Prior to that, she worked at the Population Studies Center at the University of Michigan.

Susan earned her Ph.D. in sociology at the University of Michigan, specializing in demography and family sociology. She also holds a master's degree in public policy from Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota.

Conference Sessions & Schedule 2019

Friday, November 8

10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

Including People with Disabilities in Recreation Programming

ROOM: HARVEST A

Sarah Thorsen, CTRS, Therapeutic Recreation and Inclusion Coordinator, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

Learn how to make your programming more inclusive of people with various disabilities through discussion and hands-on activities designed to be inclusive of all people in your programs. Identify what you are currently doing to provide inclusive programs, and learn activities and strategies for creating a more inclusive program for all community members.

Animal Events Roundtable

ROOM: HARVEST B

Speakers: Seasoned MRPA Professionals

Pet events are a pawfect oppawtunity to attract those fur families in your community. Come hear from a roundtable of experts how to design and implement a successful pet event in your community. Discuss how to get the event started, learn about resources to make it happen, and how others have been successful in the process. Anything is paw-sible!

Recreation, Parks, and Modern Aging

ROOM: HARVEST C

Lydia Morken, Age-Friendly Communities Consultant, Morken Consulting; Kris Orluck, Retired Senior Coordinator, Maple Grove Parks and Recreation

The population is aging, and that's not a bad thing. Age-friendly cities help ensure the growing number of older residents can live active and independent lives. Learn about the role of recreation and parks in this work and how some communities are approaching it.

Directors' Panel

ROOM: TACK A

Seasoned Directors of City and County Agencies

Did you know there are many home-grown directors across the state? Join us for a panel discussion sharing Minnesota parks and recreation journeys through the eyes and experiences of a number of directors. These directors worked for their hometowns, made a career of parks and recreation from their first job, or have provided great contributions to MRPA. The moderated panel will discuss career path, MRPA involvement, how being a director has changed over the years, and more. Bring questions and receive answers from experience.

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Marking Our Parks: Navigating the Name Game

ROOM: HARVEST A

Sue McGrath, Program Administrator, Memorials and Tributes Program, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

Session facilitators, representing agencies of diverse size and type, will tackle the topics of donations associated with sponsorships, naming, memorials, and tributes. Philosophies, policies, and procedures will be shared, along with the numerous experiences that can benefit attendees as they consider starting, refining (or re-booting) a program for their agency.

MRPF New Initiative Grants – Locally Grown Innovation

ROOM: HARVEST B

Lisa Abernathy, Minnesota Recreation and Park Foundation Board of Trustees

Innovation comes from within! Attendees will discuss how local agencies have locally "grown" new program/event ideas to help enrich their communities. Whether new to their communities or new to the field, we can all learn a thing or two from others' experiences and grow our own innovative opportunities for the communities we serve. Take away a new idea or concept that you can "grow" in your community, and discover the New Initiative Grant opportunity offered for MRPF members!

Financing Major Developments Through Local Sales Tax

ROOM: HARVEST C

Tom Schmitz, Director, City of New Ulm Park and Recreation

In 2000 and 2016, the City of New Ulm voters approved a 0.5 percent local sales tax to fund new developments and improvements to recreational facilities. For both years, the sales tax was authorized by the State Legislature. This session will describe how to use local sales tax funding to finance large construction/development projects for your agency. One or more other agencies will also be presenting their success stories.

Authentic Engagement with Underserved Communities

ROOM: TACK A

Ying Lee, Community Outreach and Access Coordinator, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board; Abdirahman Mukhtar, Outreach and Access Coordinator, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board is committed to equitable access and use of parks and recreation. Authentic outreach and engagement is foundational to that commitment. In this session, MPRB outreach coordinators will share best practices from the field on authentic engagement and collaborations with underserved and underrepresented communities.

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Earle and Gwen Brown with some of their animals.

A Minnesota Tradition
Dating Back More Than a Century

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The Earle Brown Heritage Center has a history dating back to the late 1800s. Captain John Martin was a member of a prominent Vermont family and steamboat captain who founded Brooklyn Farm. Martin was influential in the early development and growth of Minneapolis through lumber and flour milling. He led a six-mill merger in 1891 to create Northwestern Consolidated Milling Company – the world's second-largest flour milling company at that time. Captain Martin also held interests in two railroads and held stocks early in First National Bank of Minneapolis.

Martin's daughter, Jean, married Cyrus Brown in 1873. Their son, Earle, was born in 1879. Jean was made famous by becoming the first woman in Minnesota to be granted a divorce. Captain Martin was then responsible for raising and educating his grandson.

As a young man, Earle Brown spent weekends and vacation times working on his grandfather's farm. Following the death of his mother in 1901 and his grandfather in 1905, Earle Brown became the sole heir to the farm. During World War I, he loaned the farm's grounds to the U.S. government to be used as a pilot training field. Brown Field became Minnesota's first commercial airstrip

In 1920 during prohibition, Brown was urged to take the role of sheriff to "clean up the county" and clear bootlegging, as the current staff was under indictment. In 1929, Brown was also asked to form the Minnesota State Highway Patrol. By 1932, he was a successful farmer and businessman and was famous throughout the state. He was unanimously chosen as the state's Republican candidate for governor against incumbent Floyd B. Olson, but was defeated (as many Republicans were) after the election of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. After his loss, he devoted his time to his family's business and community affairs. The farm became a popular location for Boy Scout trips, pancake breakfasts, and summer picnics. At 41 years old, Brown married Gwen Foster. After her death in 1947, Brown donated the Brooklyn Center Farm to the University of Minnesota. Brown continued to live on the Farm until his death at the age of 83.

In 1963, the University of Minnesota sold the property for development. In 1985, the City of Brooklyn Center purchased the property with the goal of restoring and maintaining the property's historic importance. Restoration and new construction began in 1989 and was completed and reopened in 1990 with the name Earle Brown Heritage Center.

The 2019 MRPA Annual Conference will be held at this historic site November 5-8.

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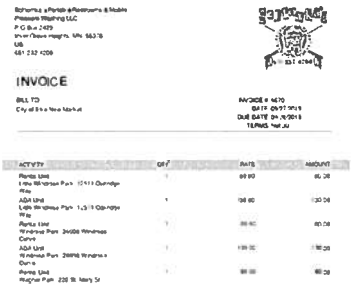

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