

**ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES FOR  
JUNE 3, 2025 6:30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Arneson, Beckman, Botzek, Boulton, Donaldson, Harris, Her, Kooistra, Matts-Benson, Penny.

**ABSENT:**

**STAFF:** Anderson, Johnson.

**1. INTRODUCTIONS**

**2. ROLL CALL/PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Roll Call Commissioners:** Arneson, Beckman, Botzek, Boulton, Donaldson, Harris, Her, Kooistra, Matts-Benson, Penny.

No public in attendance.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 6, 2025 MEETING**

Commissioner Botzek moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Harris seconded.

**Roll Call**

**Ayes:** Arneson, Botzek, Boulton, Donaldson, Harris, Her, Kooistra, Matts-Benson, Penny.

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** Beckman.

**4. OTHER BUSINESS**

**a) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES**

- The Roseville Figure Skating Club hosted the “Roseville Open 2025” competition at the Roseville Skating Center from May 15–18, 2025. The event welcomed over 100 participants from six different states.
- The annual “Flower Power” volunteer planting event took place on May 17, 2025, along the Lexington Avenue boulevard. More than 100 volunteers helped fill the flowerbeds with vibrant blooms in just one hour. Special thanks to the Friends of Roseville Parks for their generous donation of the flowers.
- The new playground at Lexington Park officially opened on May 30, 2025. Community feedback has been extremely positive. Special thanks to the Friends of Roseville Parks for their generous \$75,000 donation to support expanded ADA accessibility.

- Adult summer sports leagues are underway, with strong participation across all programs. This season includes 87 volleyball teams, 120 softball teams, 24 bocce ball teams, and 20 soccer teams.
- Field use remains high across Roseville parks, with regular activity from Roseville Area High School, Concordia Academy, Roseville Area Youth Baseball and Softball, and the North Suburban Soccer Association. Roseville Area Youth Baseball recently held a field cleanup day, special thanks to the group for their efforts.
- A sustainability grant of over \$200,000 has been awarded for Rosebrook Park to support the addition of a recirculating system at the planned splash pad and to reduce heat island effects through natural and built shade. The Request for Proposal (RFP) for the water feature and playground update will be released once the grant documents are finalized. Staff have also applied for additional grant opportunities, including a \$300,000 Natural Resources Grant and a \$200,000 Emerald Ash Borer Grant.
- The Live at the Rog free concert series will kick off on June 8 at 6:00 p.m. with a performance by TaikoArts. Additional concerts are scheduled throughout the summer on Sundays and Thursdays.
- The Roll-In Movie at the OVAL is scheduled for June 13 at 7:30 p.m. and is expected to be the final movie shown on the old scoreboard. Community members are invited back on July 11 to check out the new scoreboard during a screening of *Wicked*. Special thanks to the Friends of the OVAL Foundation and the Midway Speedskating Club for their generous contributions, which allowed the city to purchase a larger scoreboard than originally anticipated.
- Rosefest will take place from June 23–29, 2025, with a full week of community celebrations and events. Staff announced that University of Minnesota Men’s Basketball Coach Niko Medved and Minnesota Cross-Country State Champion and All-American Robert Mechura will serve as grand marshals for the 2025 Rose Parade.
- The new Roseville Puppet Wagon has officially been rolled out for the 2025 season. Thank you to the Friends of Roseville Parks for their generous contribution toward this exciting upgrade. Puppet shows will run from June 17–August 14 on Tuesday mornings, Wednesday evenings, and Thursday mornings.
- The Juneteenth celebration hosted by Do Good Roseville will take place on Saturday, June 14, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Frank Rog Amphitheater in Central Park. The event will feature live entertainment, free food, and a marketplace of Black-owned businesses. All are welcome to join in this celebration of freedom and community.
- The Discover Your Parks (DYP) events will begin on June 18 and will continue weekly on Wednesdays through August 13. Staff reminded that additional volunteer opportunities are available for Commissioners at these events. Volunteering provides a valuable chance to connect with community members and gather feedback.

- Summer recreation staff training will take place from June 11–13, with 50 staff members participating. Training will prepare staff for the upcoming season of programs. Recreation programs are set to begin the week of June 16.
- Training for the new recreation management software, Dash, has begun for Parks and Recreation staff. It is anticipated that the new software will be launched to the community in November 2025.
- The Campus Master Plan presentation to the City Council is scheduled for June 16. The delay in the presentation has allowed the consultant to explore additional options, resulting in promising ideas for potentially reusing existing space. Staff noted that the updated concepts appear to thoughtfully meet the needs of the Parks and Recreation Department.

**b) OTHER NEW OR RELEVANT COMMUNICATION ITEMS**

Assistant Director Carrie Anderson formally introduced herself to the Commission.

**5. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**a) PARK TOUR OVERVIEW**

Staff noted that the current Air Quality Index (AQI) was 160. Due to the poor air quality, no strenuous activity was planned for the park tour, and stops at Reservoir Woods, Oasis, and Autumn Grove Parks were expected to be brief.

Staff also offered to arrange an alternative tour date for any Commissioners with air quality concerns; however, no objections were raised to moving forward with the planned tour.

**b) RESERVOIR WOODS PARK - 1901 ALTA VISTA DRIVE (ANTICIPATED ARRIVAL TIME, 6:50PM)**

Commissioners visited several sites in the park. They discussed the current convergence of recreational usage such as hiking and biking, with some adverse natural resource impacts – namely erosion. The Commission expressed interest in learning more about whether sanctioned mountain biking in a specific portion of the park might be beneficial.

The Commission also reviewed how Reservoir Woods has benefited from the Natural Resources Management Program.

**c) OASIS PARK - 1700 CO. RD. C2 (ANTICIPATED ARRIVAL TIME, 7:20PM)**

The Commission reviewed the Community Gardens and discussed how garden plots were assigned each year. Staff also addressed an ongoing maintenance issue with the park building and noted the challenges associated with maintaining lesser-used neighborhood ballfields.

d) **AUTUMN GROVE PARK - 1395 LYDIA AVE W (ANTICIPATED ARRIVAL TIME, 7:50PM)**

The Commission reviewed Autumn Grove Park, which was noted to be heavily used for programs and other activities. Commissioners commented that this high level of use, combined with dry conditions, had resulted in poor field conditions, and suggested that irrigation could be considered in the future.

The Commission discussed the upcoming need to replace the playground and noted that a determination would need to be made regarding its future location.

The Commission also explored the opportunity presented by the predominantly undeveloped south parcel. Several Commissioners noted the success of the pilot pump track and discussed the potential for further development of that activity, as it offers a unique experience compared to more traditional features in the park system.

6. **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Christensen, Parks and Recreation Department Assistant