

**ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES FOR
DECEMBER 2, 2025 6:30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Arneson, Beckman, Botzek, Boulton, Donaldson, Harris, Huntley,
Kooistra, Matts-Benson, Penny.
ABSENT: Her.
STAFF: Johnson.

1. ROLL CALL

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

2. APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Donaldson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Vice-Chair Beckman seconded.

Roll Call

Ayes: Arneson, Beckman, Botzek, Boulton, Donaldson, Harris, Huntley, Kooistra, Matts-Benson, Penny.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

3. RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT

No public in attendance.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Penny moved to approve the November 6, 2025 meeting minutes. Commissioner Botzek seconded.

Roll Call

Ayes: Arneson, Beckman, Botzek, Boulton, Huntley, Matts-Benson, Penny.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Donaldson, Harris, Kooistra.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

a) CONSIDER THE CONVERSION OF CENTRAL PARK VICTORIA TENNIS COURTS TO SHARED USE PICKLEBALL/TENNIS COURTS

- Background and Context
 - Pickleball has been one of the fastest-growing sports in the United States for more than 15 years.
 - Community demand for additional pickleball courts continues to increase.
 - In 2016, Roseville striped the Evergreen Park courts for dual use; the courts were converted to six full-time pickleball courts in 2022.
 - The Evergreen Park pickleball courts now rank among the most heavily used amenities in the park system and are often at or over capacity.
- Community Need and Community Input
 - Ongoing community requests for additional pickleball courts, including courts in new and different locations.
 - Noise is typically the most significant challenge when siting new pickleball courts.
 - Best practice guidelines suggest a minimum separation of approximately 200 feet from residential homes.
 - Some recommendations suggest separations of up to 400 feet, depending on site conditions.
- Tennis in Roseville
 - Tennis participation continues to grow, though at a slower rate than pickleball.
 - Depending on the source, there are currently a roughly equivalent number of pickleball and tennis players nationwide.
 - Roseville's tennis courts are well used across the park system.
- Courts in Roseville
 - Acorn Park – 2 tennis courts
 - Autumn Grove Park – 2 tennis courts
 - Sandcastle Park – 1 tennis court
 - Howard Johnson Park – 2 tennis courts
 - Bruce Russell Park – 1 tennis court
 - Rosebrook Park – 2 tennis courts
 - Keya Park – 2 tennis courts
 - Central Park (Victoria) – 2 tennis courts
 - Anpétu Téča Education Center – Courts available through a shared-use agreement; currently showing structural issues and in need of evaluation
 - Evergreen Park – 6 pickleball courts
- Central Park Victoria Courts Overview
- Two existing tennis courts are scheduled for refurbishment in 2026.
- The site has strong existing infrastructure, including:
 - Ample parking

- Permanent (non-portable) restrooms
- Court lighting
- The distance from the court edge to the nearest residence is approximately 515 feet.
- The courts are currently well used for tennis, requiring thoughtful consideration before any conversion or changes to striping.

The Commission discussed the differences in noise levels between pickleball and tennis. Staff noted that the decibel levels for both sports are similar. The Commission also discussed potential locations for future pickleball courts.

- Shared Use Impacts
 - Additional striping would allow both tennis and pickleball use.
 - Courts would not be converted to full-time pickleball use.
 - The shared-use model would allow flexible scheduling and multi-use programming.
 - Potential impacts to tennis users may include:
 - Visual clutter or user confusion
 - Increased competition for court time
 - Temporary pickleball nets would be required.
 - Additional signage and clearly defined rules may be needed to support shared use.
- Consideration Summary – Pros
 - Addresses strong and growing community demand for pickleball.
 - Central location with strong existing infrastructure.
 - Significant buffer distance from nearby residences reduces potential noise conflicts.
 - Lower-cost option compared to constructing new courts.
- Consideration Summary – Cons
 - Potential impacts to tennis play quality and consistency.
 - Increased usage may require management measures such as signage or scheduling controls.
 - Possibility of neighborhood concerns despite the substantial buffer distance.

Staff reiterated the importance of collecting community feedback prior to making any changes. The Commission discussed the orientation and potential layout options for a shared-use court at Central Park–Victoria.

Vice-Chair Beckman asked whether the proposed shared-use courts could have any impact on wildlife. Staff noted that they are not aware of any data suggesting an impact but stated they would look further into the issue and share any findings if available.

Commissioner Penny asked whether there are any City-owned indoor facilities that could potentially be used or converted to provide indoor pickleball options, beyond existing private

facilities in Roseville. Staff responded that indoor pickleball is currently offered at Brimhall School; however, no additional City-owned indoor options are being pursued at this time.

The Commission discussed other potential locations for pickleball courts, including City park parking lots and the OVAL. Staff noted that grading challenges at these sites present concerns, as the surfaces are not flat. While multiple locations have been evaluated, staff indicated that the OVAL would be the most feasible option for a pilot program.

Commissioner Donaldson noted that the proximity of the picnic shelter to the proposed courts should be considered as part of the planning process.

The Commission also discussed potential parking limitations associated with adding pickleball courts, as well as layout options for shared pickleball and tennis courts.

Staff clarified that the next step in the process would be community engagement planned for this spring, allowing residents and users to provide input on any proposed changes.

b) ROSEBROOK PARK IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

Staff provided an overview of the community outreach completed to date and the feedback received. Outreach efforts included community meetings, surveys, and engagement at community events. Feedback gathered through these efforts informed the development of a proposal that was subsequently presented to the City Council.

On January 7, 2025, the Commission recommended that staff proceed with a 2026 project that includes the following improvements:

- Replacement of the wading pool with a splash pad
- Replacement of the outdated playground
- Addition of trail lighting
- Addition of parking near the park building

On February 24, 2025, the City Council approved moving forward with the project and its associated budget. Since that time, staff have conducted additional engagement opportunities, including tabling at a Discover Your Parks event on August 6 and hosting two neighborhood meetings on October 28 and November 12. Neighborhood feedback helped inform the specific design of the splash pad and playground and reaffirmed the overall site concept. With engagement now complete, staff and consultants have finalized the design for the Rosebrook Park renovations.

The proposed design includes parking for approximately 30 vehicles (an increase from the site's original five spaces), an expanded pathway into the park, resurfaced tennis courts, a new splash

pad to replace the wading pool, a fully ADA-inclusive playground, and trail lighting throughout the park pathways.

The Commission reviewed renderings of the proposed playground, splash pad, and park furnishings. Staff requested feedback on whether picnic tables with umbrellas or a larger shade structure would be preferred in the area between the playground and splash pad.

The project is anticipated to be bid in early 2026 for major construction components, including the parking lot and concrete work, with construction beginning in the spring or summer. Installation of the playground and splash pad will follow completion of the construction phase. The anticipated project completion date is summer 2026.

Commissioner Botzek asked about the purpose of the conservation grant awarded to the project. Staff explained that the City received a \$200,000 climate resilience conservation grant to support the installation of a water reuse system for the splash pad, as well as to help fund additional shade features.

Commissioner Kooistra noted a preference for larger shade structures at playgrounds rather than smaller table umbrellas, based on his family's experience using similar facilities.

c) MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS CENTER UPDATE (STANDING AGENDA ITEM)

The City of Roseville has entered into an agreement with LHB Architects to serve as the architect for the License and Passport Center, Dance Studio, and Maintenance Center projects.

The City will utilize Kraus-Anderson as the Construction Manager to oversee project deliverables.

Semi-weekly meetings are currently being held with the architects, construction manager, and City staff as the design process progresses.

Applications for the Community Advisory Group are now being accepted, with the group's first meeting anticipated in mid-January 2026. Chair Matts-Benson will serve as the Parks and Recreation Commission's representative on the Advisory Group.

6. COMMISSION DIRECTION ON MEMBER INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS

a) LIST OF COMMISSIONER SUGGESTED TOPICS

Staff noted that they have compiled a list of previous agenda items raised by Commissioners and will work to address these topics in upcoming meetings.

The Commission and staff discussed potential next steps for evaluating skate park options, including reviewing comparable amenities, exploring new or alternative designs, and considering how a skate park would fit within the broader park system and align with Roseville's Strategic Plan.

Commissioner Botzek noted that the City is currently developing its first Climate Equity Action Plan and suggested adding a future agenda item to allow the Commission to receive updates on the advisory team's work related to this effort.

Commissioner Kooistra suggested that future community engagement be considered to gather input on the open space at Autumn Grove Park.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

a) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

- Multiple proposals have been received from contractors for the feasibility study of a non-traditional pathway within the Aldine Street right-of-way. Staff indicated that a strong candidate has been identified. The project is anticipated to be completed following snowmelt this winter or in the spring to allow for a full-scale analysis.
- The John Rose Minnesota OVAL has opened and experienced strong attendance. Staff thanked the Friends of the OVAL Foundation for hosting a winter kick-off event featuring discounted skating, promotional items, and opportunities for the public to learn more about the Foundation. Staff noted the event was very successful.
- FOR Parks hosted its Designer Handbag Bingo fundraising event on November 8 at the Cedarholm Community Building.
- The Central Park Foundation recently held a quarterly meeting.
- Cookies and Cocoa with Kris Kringle will take place on December 6 at the Cedarholm Community Building. Pre-registration is required for this event.
- The Holiday Craft Fair will be held December 6–7, 2025, with hours from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.
- A Natural Resources volunteer event is scheduled for December 20 at Materion Park, where volunteers will assist with buckthorn removal.
- The winter holiday skating schedule for the Roseville Skating Center and the John Rose Minnesota OVAL has been published.
- Outdoor skating rinks are anticipated to open on December 20, weather permitting.
- A community engagement meeting for Autumn Grove Park is anticipated to be announced in mid-January 2026, with the meeting expected to take place later that month.
- Winter activity brochures will be delivered to homes in the coming days. Staff noted that the brochure features an updated look and layout and welcomed feedback on the changes.

b) OTHER NEW OR RELEVANT COMMUNICATION ITEMS

Chair Matts-Benson commended staff on the successful rollout of the new Recreation Management Software, Dash. She noted that the transition was well communicated and stated that the implementation appeared to go very smoothly.

8. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Christensen, Parks and Recreation Department Assistant