



PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA

BUCKHAM WEST

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 24,
2024**

6:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Minutes - May 22, 2024
3. Presentation - None
4. Director's Report
5. Requests to be Heard
6. Old Business
 - A. Viaduct Park Update - Ground Breaking
 - B. Bluebird Park Playground
 - C. Great River Greening - Tree Grant
7. New Business
 - A. Unfilled Board Position
 - B. Teepee Tonka Park Flood Update
8. Other
9. Next Meeting Date: August 28, 2024
10. Adjournment

FARIBAULT PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR MAY 22, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lola Brand, Chad Kreager, Mike Ross, Troy Temple and Chuck Thiele.
MEMBERS ABSENT: Carissa Glarner and Sally Kramer. STAFF PRESENT: Paul Peanasky, Parks and Recreation Director, and Denise Hansen, Administrative Coordinator. GUESTS: None.

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Troy at 6:06 p.m.
- 2) Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Chad, seconded by Chuck to approve the minutes of February 28, 2024. Motion passed.
- 3) Presentation: None
- 4) Director's Report:
 - a) Great River Greening: City staff will meet with Great River Greening in early June to determine how they will help the City with the removal and replacement of ash trees.
 - b) Tree Ordinances: Staff are updating the City tree ordinance to include some clarifications and to be inclusive of all tree diseases. Board discussed boulevard trees and Paul stated boulevard trees are the responsibility of the landowner.
 - c) Brenda Johnson Retirement: Brenda Johnson, Buckham West Program Coordinator, is retiring the end of May. Brenda has held this position for over 20 years. Her retirement party is Wednesday, May 29, from 2-5 p.m.
- 5) Requests to be Heard: None.
- 6) Old Business:
 - a) Viaduct Park Update: Council approve moving forward with contracts one and two for the Viaduct Park development. These contracts include constructing the building, the splash pad and doing the turf work but excludes the skating area. Council discussed funding the park through franchise fees and internal financing. Chuck asked the Board to confirm the name of the park they prefer. Lola stated that some parks in the metro area near bridges are named the same as the bridge such as the Lowry Bridge and Lowry Park or the Stone Arch Bridge and Stone Arch Park. Board agreed their name preference for the new park is Viaduct Park.
 - b) Summer Tour – Northfield Skate Park – Northfield Park and Recreation Board: The Board will meet with the Northfield Park and Recreation Board to tour some of their city parks on June 26. Paul has scheduled a bus for transportation. Plans are to meet at the Community Center at 5:15 p.m. and be in Northfield at 6 p.m. In discussions regarding access to a skate park in Faribault, Lola suggested a program offering transportation to the Northfield skate park.
 - c) Bluebird Playground: The Bluebird Park playground installation is almost complete. Once installation is completed, the curbing will be installed and wood fiber will be put down. When that is completed, it will be open for use.

7) New Business:

- a) Budget Process Beginning Recommendations: Paul asked the Board for any suggestions to include in the capital plan for future years. Paul stated Department Directors will meet to determine which capital plan items are higher priorities for the community. Paul stated a new community center is in the plan but we are still waiting for a response from the legislature. Chuck suggested an awning or covered area with a charcoal grill and picnic table be put in any parks that have no amenities in them. Lola asked if it is possible to put pickleball courts in the mall. Chuck suggested pickleball courts where the horseshoe pits are located in South Alexander Park. Board asked about getting the disc golf course renovated as previously discussed. Paul will follow up with Joe Martins regarding plans and proceeding with the remodel. Chuck suggested putting more awnings up at the aquatic center as they are always full. Paul asked Board to forward any more ideas to him.

8) Other: None.

9) Next Meeting: The next meeting will be the Northfield Tour on June 26, 2024.

10) Motion was made by Chuck, seconded by Chad to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Hansen, Administrative Coordinator