

**ROSEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES FOR  
JUNE 7, 2022 6:30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Arneson, Brown, Dahlstrom, Hoag, Lenhart, Matts-Benson, Ybarra  
**ABSENT:** Boulton, Baggenstoss, Carlson  
**STAFF:** Johnson

**1) INTRODUCTIONS**

**2) ROLL CALL/PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Roll Call Commissioners:** Arneson, Brown, Dahlstrom, Hoag, Lenhart, Matts-Benson

Chair Dahlstrom called for public comment by members of the audience.

**L. Peterson, 1021 Roma Ave.**

Ms. Peterson joined to advocate for the addition of AED's in the park buildings. She relayed that AED's are an external device that provides an electric shock to the heart if a person is in cardiac arrest.

Staff responded that the City Council authorized the purchase of seven AED's for each of the park buildings as well as the Roseville Dance Studio.

The Commission discussed placement of the AED's in the Park Buildings.

**3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 3, 2022 MEETING**

Chair Dahlstrom motioned to amend line #76 and #77 of the May 3 meeting minutes from Commissioner Lenhart voting to "abstain" to Commissioner Lenhart voting "no".

Commissioner Matts-Benson moved to approve the amended minutes. Vice-Chair Hoag seconds.

**Roll Call**

**Ayes:** Arneson, Brown, Dahlstrom, Hoag, Lenhart, Matts-Benson.

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

4) **PARK DEDICATION REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION – 2986-2994 OLD HIGHWAY 8**

Staff provided an overview of the purpose, options and process for Park Dedication. Location maps of the development located at 2986-2994 Old Highway 8 were reviewed by the Commission. The development is located in Constellation A of the Parks and Recreation System Master Plan. There are no specific park plans identified in this area in the Master Plan.

The proposal for 2986-2994 Old Highway 8 includes 2 lots on 1.29 acres. The project qualifies for Park Dedication. The proposed development is residential with 6 total units. The cash amount would be \$4,250 per unit or \$25,500. The land amount would be 10% of 1.29 acres or .129 acres.

A representative from the development company was present at the meeting to provide additional information on the development and answer any questions.

Vice-Chair Hoag made a motion to recommend cash in lieu of land, in the amount of \$25,500, to the City Council to satisfy Park Dedication at 2986-2994 Old Highway 8. Commissioner Brown seconds.

The Commission discussed that if any land became available along Sandcastle Park, in the future, there could potentially be interest in increasing the existing parkland.

**Roll Call**

**Ayes:** Arneson, Brown, Dahlstrom, Hoag, Lenhart, Matts-Benson, Ybarra.

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

5) **2021/22 DEER MONITORING AND REDUCTION PROGRAM REPORT**

Staff provided a summary for the Commission on the history of the deer population in Roseville and prior reduction efforts. Roseville has monitored the deer population since 2004 via the Ramsey County flyover survey. Due to weather during the winter of 2021/2022 Ramsey County was unable to complete a flyover survey.

Roseville has collaborated with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and Ramsey County to help manage the deer population the last 5 Seasons. It was determined that the deer population needed to be managed in Roseville based on the expert assessment of deer habitat in the community by the DNR (15–19 deer can be sustained in Roseville based on the available wildlife habitat) and feedback from residents.

The five seasons of deer management included the following years:

- 2016/17 – 20 removed
- 2018/19 – 20 removed
- 2019/20 – 46 removed
- 2020/21 – 31 removed
- 2021/22 – 43 removed
  - 7 nights
    - 28 from NE Roseville
    - 15 from SE Roseville

The USDA provided a harvest log detailing information about the 2021/22 program as well as the age, sex and fetus count (if applicable) for the removed deer.

Staff reviewed community input information on the deer as well as data from the Roseville Police Department, MN Highway Patrol and Roseville’s Community Development Department. This feedback is tracked and analyzed on a continual basis.

Utilizing the calculation method suggested by the USDA and the DNR it is recommended to reduce the herd by 49 deer for the 2022/23 season. Below is the calculation method based on the current deer population in Roseville:

Spring Population		SP
Assume ½ are female		$(1/2)SP$
Assume 2 fawns each		$\underline{(1/2)SP*2=}$
Fall Population		FP
Habitat for healthy herd		-17
Reduce		$FP - 17=$
Spring 2021 Population		33
Assume ½ are female	(16.5)	$(1/2)SP$
Assume 2 fawns each	(33 new deer)	$\underline{(1/2)SP*2=}$
Fall Population		66
Habitat for healthy herd		-17
Reduce		49

Additional program considerations include the number of tags issued vs. used and overall budget amount. For the 3 previous years the number of tags used was less than the number of tags issued.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tags Issued</u>	<u>Tags Used</u>
2018/2019	20	20
2019/2020	50	46
2020/2021	85	31
2021/2022	49	43

Commissioner Brown asked if any of the reduction locations were on private property. Staff relayed that there was an attempt to use private property but no deer were removed from the location due to safety and site restrictions.

Commissioner Brown motioned to recommend that the city request 49 deer tags from the DNR for the 2022/23 deer reduction program in Roseville, with the understanding that not all tags need to be utilized. Seconded by Commissioner Arneson.

#### **Roll Call**

**Ayes:** Arneson, Brown, Dahlstrom, Hoag, Lenhart, Matts-Benson, Ybarra.

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

The Commission discussed the recipients of the deer meat from the Roseville reduction program.

## **6) STAFF REPORT**

### **a) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES**

- Over 100 volunteers participated in planting over 5,000 flowers in Central Park along Lexington Ave. The majority of the flowers were donated by Friends of Roseville Parks.
- The Roseville School of Dance Recital had over 100 participants.
- The Roseville Figure Skating Competition took place with participants competing from all over the Midwest.
- 22 rentals took place in one weekend last month at the Roseville Park Buildings. In addition, the outdoor picnic shelters are booked most weekends. Staff also relayed that the bathrooms at all the shelters are open from dawn until sun-down.
- Community engagement meetings are underway for the new playgrounds at Pioneer and Owasso Hills Parks. The new playgrounds are anticipated to be done this fall via community builds.

- The four new fitness pods in Central Park will be installed in the next few weeks. The usage of the new pods will be monitored by staff to assess the popularity of the equipment.
- The Emerald Ash Borer Accelerated program has seen 45 ash trees removed during the first weeks of the program. The first tree planting volunteer opportunity will be June 11. Additional information on volunteer Emerald Ash Borer opportunities can be found at: <https://treetrust.org/non-profit/twin-cities-volunteer-opportunities/volunteer-events/>
- The Request for Proposal (RFP) for a consultant to lead Roseville’s community-wide visioning process has been issued. Proposals are due on Friday, June 10, 2022. Results of the RFP will be brought to the City Council on July 11.
- The four new tennis courts at Anpétu Téča are ready for play. Work on the pickleball courts at Evergreen Park will begin in the coming weeks.
- Upcoming events:
  - Rosefest Parade on June 27
  - Run for the Roses (10K, 5K and Kids fun Run) on June 25
  - Party in the Park and Fireworks on July 4
  - Taste of Rosefest on June 23
  - Teddy Bear Band and Touch-a-Truck on June 26
  - Superhero Carnival on June 29
  - Roll-in Movie “Soul” on June 10
- Internal and external posting for the Roseville Parks and Recreation Assistant Director position will be posted in the coming days with interviews for chosen candidates taking place after July 4.
- Do Good Roseville is hosting a Juneteenth event at Central Park Lexington (4pm) on June 19

**b) DISCOVER YOUR PARK SIGNUP SHEET**

The Discover Your Park signup sheet is now available on-line. You can find the dates and times for this year’s DYP events and signup here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4DAAAB2DA7F58-2022>

**c) OTHER NEW OR RELEVANT COMMUNICATIONS AND UPDATE ITEMS**

**7) OTHER**

Commissioner Brown inquired if any of the new playground equipment at Pioneer and Owasso Hills Parks will be inclusive. Staff relayed that all equipment will be ADA accessible with additional inclusivity in mind. Cost does make full inclusivity a challenge.

Commissioner Matts-Benson thanked staff members, Carrie Anderson and Liz Leverty for their hard work on the dance program and recital this year.

Commissioner Lenhart relayed that Oasis Park is a favorite for her children if staff are needing any ideas for the new playgrounds at Owasso Hills and Pioneer Parks.

Commissioner Lenhart inquired if staff has looked into the opportunity for the city to become a Blue Zone. She added that Blue Zones are identified locations where people commonly live to be 100 years old. Researchers are working to share the common characteristics and lifestyles of people in Blue Zones with other communities. Staff relayed that they are familiar with the book “The Blue Zones” and shared that the author is from the Twin Cities. Staff asked Commissioner Lenhart to pass along the article that she read regarding The Blue Zones.

Chair Dahlstrom reminded the Commission to sign up to attend the upcoming Discover Your Parks (DYP) events. Staff added that the first DYP event will be on Wednesday, June 22 and that they will resend the electronic sign-up sheet.

Chair Dahlstrom noted that there is not a Commission meeting in July and the August Commission meeting will be on Thursday, August 4 due to Night to Unite on Tuesday, August 2.

Vice-Chair Hoag congratulated staff member Matt Johnson on his promotion to Director of the Roseville Parks and Recreation Department.

Commissioner Ybarra relayed that there has been a fox in her neighborhood recently. Staff shared that there is not an Animal Control Division in Roseville and the tasks are split between the Police and the Parks and Recreation departments. Also, noting that mitigation of wild animals does not currently take place.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Danielle Christensen, Department Assistant