



41 seasons. It was determined that the deer population needed to be managed in Roseville based on the  
42 expert assessment of deer habitat in the community (15–19 deer can be sustained in Roseville based  
43 on the available wildlife habitat) and feedback from residents.

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45 The four seasons of deer management included the following years:

- 46 • 2016/17 – 20 removed
  - 47 ○ 1 night
- 48 • 2018/19 – 20 removed
  - 49 ○ 3 nights
- 50 • 2019/20 – 46 removed
  - 51 ○ 8 nights – 32 in the first two nights
    - 52 ▪ 23 from SE Roseville
    - 53 ▪ 23 from NE Roseville
- 54 • 2020/21 – 31 removed
  - 55 ○ 11 nights
    - 56 ▪ 12 from SE Roseville
    - 57 ▪ 9 from NE Roseville

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59 For the 2020/21 season 85 tags were requested from the DNR. However, due to weather and the extreme  
60 safety measures that are utilized by the USDA, 31 deer were removed. The USDA provided a harvest  
61 log detailing information about the overall 2020/21 program as well as the age, sex and fetus count (if  
62 applicable) for the removed deer.

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

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68 Utilizing the calculation method suggested by the USDA and the DNR it is recommended to reduce the  
69 herd by 49 deer for the 2021/22 season. Below is the calculation method based on the current deer  
70 population in Roseville.

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72	Survey – January 23, 2021	41 minimum
73	Taken since survey	- 8 taken
74	Remaining herd	33
75	Assume ½ are female (16.5)	
76	Assume 2 fawns each (add 33)	+ 33
77	Population	66
78	Habitat support	- 17
79	Reduce	-49
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81 Sites again suggested for the 2021/2022 reduction season include:

- 82 • Villa Park
- 83 • Reservoir Woods Park,
- 84 • Owasso Hills Park
- 85 • Harriet Alexander Nature Center (HANC)
- 86 • Storm Water Pond – utilizing private property for staging

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88 Staff provided detail on a petition that was forwarded through City Council Member Etten on behalf of a  
89 local high school student. The petition was signed by 113 people and made the following requests:

- 90 • That the city reconsider and evaluate the methods in which deer in the city are reduced
- 91 • A desire to have the city look more into the feeding ban as a way to try and control the herd

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93 In a follow up with the DNR, as requested at the joint meeting with the City Council, staff discussed the  
94 option of using the sterilization/inoculation technique. However, the DNR again reiterated that this  
95 technique would not work well in an open landscape such as Roseville. Rather, it is best utilized within a  
96 high fenced area or on an island. In addition, the DNR noted that this method is currently not being used  
97 in Minnesota. However, if a test site were ever considered, and there was a humane way to fence in the  
98 deer, staff indicated that Roseville would gladly volunteer to participate as a pilot program.

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100 Staff reviewed the feeding ban that was implemented as part of the Wildlife Management Ordinance. As  
101 the city is made aware of violations, code enforcement is following up. Additional public education on  
102 the feeding ban may potentially be needed.

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104 The Commission discussed the population of the deer, the need to ensure a healthy herd and the  
105 importance of trusting the expert recommendations for reducing the herd.

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107 Commissioner Brown motioned to recommend that the city request 50 deer tags from the  
108 DNR for the 2021/22 deer reduction program in Roseville, with the understanding that  
109 not all tags need to be utilized. Seconded by Commissioner Baggenstoss.

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111 **Roll Call**

112 **Ayes:** Arneson, Baggenstoss, Boulton, Brown, Dahlstrom, Heikkila, Hoag, Lenhart and  
113 Ybarra.

114 **Nays:** None.

115 **Abstain:** None.

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117 **5) PICKLEBALL COURTS DISCUSSION**

- 118 • Pickleball Overview
  - 119 ○ 3.46 Million players nationally in 2019
  - 120 ○ Average annual growth rate was 7.2%/year between 2016 and 2019
  - 121 ○ 60% of “core” players are 55+

- 122                   ▪ The bulk of new and casual players are under 55
- 123                   ○ 34,094 courts nation wide
- 124           • Pickleball in Roseville
- 125                   ○ Currently temporary courts at Evergreen Park and indoor at Brimhall
- 126                   ○ Significant use by both pickleball and tennis
- 127                   ○ Community feedback on the interest to have permanent courts
- 128                   ○ Commission received a petition in July of 2019
- 129           • Possible Conversion
- 130                   ○ 6 Permanent pickleball courts at Evergreen Park
- 131                   ○ Retrofit existing courts – similar layout to what was done with the pickleball courts at
- 132                   Bobby Theisen Park in Shoreview
- 133                   ○ Lit Courts
- 134           • Fairview Tennis Courts
- 135                   ○ 4 Courts
- 136                   ○ Cracked surface
- 137                   ○ Owned by ISD 623
- 138                   ○ Unlit Courts
- 139           • Summary
- 140                   ○ Retrofit Evergreen tennis courts for 6 permanent pickleball courts
- 141                   ○ Repair Fairview tennis courts for tennis (4 courts)
- 142                   ○ Estimated cost is \$75,000 - \$90,000
- 143                   ○ Next Steps:
- 144                   ○ Engage neighborhood
- 145                   ○ Determine financing method
- 146                   ○ Options for future growth

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148 Chair Hoag asked if it would potentially make sense to put the pickleball courts at the Fairview  
149 location to accommodate additional courts in the future. Staff relayed that other communities have  
150 reported significant ongoing noise complaints when pickleball courts are located within a close  
151 proximity to homes. Therefore, the Fairview location would not be an ideal spot for pickleball due to  
152 the closeness of the courts and surrounding homes.

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154 The Commission discussed the balancing act between tennis and pickleball within the city, the  
155 unique social aspect of pickleball and the potential option to add lights at Fairview.

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157 Commissioner Baggenstoss noted that it is important to not create a divisive attitude when  
158 transitioning over tennis courts to pickleball. He also relayed that he feels it is important to research  
159 lighting with the goal of potentially adding it to the Fairview courts. Finally, he advocated for  
160 researching options to reduce the pickleball acoustics as this could allow for the opportunity to offer  
161 the amenity at additional Roseville Parks and meet the growing need.

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Commissioner Brown asked about usage of the tennis courts in the evening. Chair Hoag relayed that on summer evenings either one or both of the tennis courts near his home are always being utilized.

Commissioner Arneson suggested possibly utilizing some of the industrial areas of the community for pickleball as that would solve the acoustic and lighting concerns.

The Commission discussed other potential locations that would work for pickleball. As well as options to test acoustic decibel levels utilizing different parameters such as varied paddle construction or ball materials.

Commissioner Ybarra commented on the importance of completing the Fairview tennis courts before transitioning Evergreen Park to pickleball. This will make sure that the tennis players are not displaced during the transition, which will help to ensure a more harmonious transition for both pickleball and tennis players.

Commissioner Baggenstoss motioned to recommend moving forward with pursuing the plan as presented with the possible addition of lights being considered at the Fairview tennis courts. Seconded by Commissioner Arneson.

### **Roll Call**

**Ayes:** Arneson, Baggenstoss, Boulton, Brown, Dahlstrom, Heikkila, Hoag, and Ybarra.

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

## **6) STAFF REPORT**

### **a) NEW OR RELEVANT COMMUNICATIONS AND UPDATE ITEMS**

- Operational Update
  - Most COVID-19 restrictions are ending
  - Summer program registrations continue
    - Program registrations are almost back to pre-pandemic levels
  - Facility Rentals are available and starting to increase
  - Rosebrook Park wading pool is open
  - Skate Park is open
- Thanks to all of the volunteers who came out to plant the flowers along Lexington Avenue as part of the Flower Power planting volunteer event on Saturday, May 22
- Rosefest
  - Wednesday, June 23
    - Discover Your Parks – Villa Park

- Thursday, June 24
  - Touch a truck
  - Kids Garage Sale
  - Golden Rose Medallion Hunt Kick-off
  - Concert in the Park – Blue Groove Bluegrass Band
- Friday, June 25
  - 9 and Dine on a Dime Golf at Cedarholm
  - Superhero Carnival
  - Family Free Skate at the Roseville Skating Center
  - Calvary Community Theater in the Park
  - Golden Rose Medallion Hunt
- Saturday, June 26
  - Run for the Roses 5K
  - Calvary Community Theater in the Park
  - Backyard Campout
  - Golden Rose Medallion Hunt
- Sunday, June 27
  - Rosefest Golf Tournament
  - Porsche Car Show (tentative)
  - Teddy Bear Band (2 shows)
  - Golden Rose Medallion Hunt
- Unable to offer in 2021
  - Parade – postponed to 2022
  - Party in the Park (fireworks) – postponed to 2022
  - Taste of Rosefest postponed until fall 2021
- The summer concert series “Live at the Rog” will be held every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday from June 13 – August 15

7) **OTHER**

Staff gave a special thanks to Youth Commissioner Kim and relayed that tonight would be his last meeting serving as Youth Commissioner as he is preparing for college in the fall. The Commission thanked Youth Commissioner Kim for his time and dedication to the Parks and Recreation Commission. They also specifically commended him for bringing forth the Pocahontas Park name concern and for his continued leadership on the project.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Danielle Christensen, Department Assistant