



PARKS COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

August 13, 2019

7:00pm

1) Call to Order

- a) Approval of Agenda
- b) Approval of Minutes of June 11, 2019
- c) Elect Chair and Vice Chair for 2019

2) Business Items

- a) CLASS III SUBDIVISION PRELIMINARY PLAT: Application from Susan Casaus for a 2 lot subdivision at 7155 County Road 26; A Agriculture Zoning District; PID# 03-117-24-32-0005. The proposed plat also includes 36 Address Unassigned; A Agriculture Zoning District; PID# 03-117-24-33-0008.
- b) CONCEPT/SKETCH PLAN: Application from Donald and Ann Benson for a sketch plan review of a possible 3 lot subdivision at 1200 Rainbow Road; AP Agriculture Preservation Zoning District; PID# 08-117-24-13-0002.
- c) 2020 Parks Capital Improvement Plan

3) Informational Items

- a) Staff Reports
- b) Council Reports

4) Adjournment

- The agenda packet with all background material is located at the back table for viewing by the public.
- Published agenda subject to change without notice.
- Information and materials relating to the above items are available for review at city hall by appointment.

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PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 2019

7:00pm

1) Call to Order

Commissioner Reiser opened the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

In attendance: Commissioners: Jeff Reiser, James Nelson, and Cathleen Reffkin (Alternate 1); Council Liaison: Councilmember Shannon Bruce; City Staff: City Planner Nickolas Olson

Absent: Patti Dykoski, Sarah Hussain, and Alyce Vogel.

a) Approval of Agenda

Motion by Reiser and seconded by Reffkin to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed 3-0. Absent: Dykoski, Hussain, and Vogel.

b) Approval of Minutes of October 10, 2018

Motion by Nelson and seconded by Reiser to approve the minutes from October 10, 2018 as presented. Motion passed 3-3. Absent: Dykoski, Hussain, and Vogel.

c) Elect Chair and Vice Chair for 2019

Motion by Reiser and seconded by Reffkin to table the election of Chair and Vice Chair until the next Parks Commission Meeting. Motion passed 3-0. Absent: Dykoski, Hussain, and Vogel.

2) Business Items

a) The City of Minnetrista will consider the proposed land purchase by Three Rivers Park District for compliance with the Parks, Trails, and Open Space Plan. The land proposed to be purchased is 1755 Retreat Circle; A Agriculture Zoning District; PID# 15-117-24-22-0005.

Olson presented the staff report as found in the Parks Commission packet dated June 11, 2019.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Three Rivers Park District purchased Camp Kingswood in 2013.
- Later renamed it Kingswood Special Recreation Feature.
- The Property is adjacent to Kingswood Special Recreation Feature.
- A neighboring parcel, 1705 Retreat Circle, recently acquired by Three Rivers Park District.

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- The Property totals 15.95 acres, including approximately 850 feet of shoreline.
- The Property is currently vacant land.
- The reason for the District's interest in purchasing this Property is it has significant natural resource value given its location along Little Long Lake, one of the cleanest and ecologically diverse lakes in the Twin Cities metropolitan region.

Motion by Nelson and seconded by Reiser determining the use of 1755 Retreat Circle for park purposes is consistent with the City's Parks, Trails, and Open Space Plan. Motion passed 3-0. Absent: Dykoski, Hussain, and Vogel.

3) Informational Items

a) Staff Reports

Olson provided an update to the Parks Commission on the following items:

- Parks CIP 2020
- City Bus Tour
- Trista Day

b) Council Reports

Bruce provided an update to the Parks Commission on the following items:

- Water Tower
- Road Project Assessment Hearings
- Co Rd 44 Project

4) Adjournment

Motion by Reffkin and seconded by Nelson to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Motion passed 3-0. Absent: Dykoski, Hussain, and Vogel.

Respectfully submitted,

Nickolas Olson

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City Planner

CITY OF MINNETRISTA



REQUEST FOR PARKS COMMISSION ACTION

Subject: CLASS III SUBDIVISION PRELIMINARY PLAT:
Application from Susan Casaus for a 2 lot subdivision at 7155 County Road 26; A Agriculture Zoning District; PID# 03-117-24-32-0005. The proposed plat also includes 36 Address Unassigned; A Agriculture Zoning District; PID# 03-117-24-33-0008.

Prepared By: Nickolas Olson, City Planner

Meeting Date: August 13, 2019

Overview: Susan Casaus (the “Applicant”) has submitted a Preliminary Plat application for a 2 lot subdivision at 7155 County Road 26 known as Casaus Addition. The Parks Commission should review the proposed subdivision for the park dedication requirement.

Discussion: Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 462.358, subd. 2b, the city requires all subdividers to dedicate to the city or preserve for public use as parks, recreational facilities, playgrounds, trails, open space or areas of natural and environmental significance a reasonable portion of the buildable land of the subdivision. The city council, at its discretion, may elect to require in lieu of land an equivalent cash payment based on the fair market value of the buildable land no later than the time of final subdivision approval. Any cash payment shall be placed in a special fund and used only for the purposes for which it was obtained, including the acquisition and development or improvement of the public park system or debt retirement in connection with land previously acquired.

In review of the current Parks, Trails, and Open Space Plan, the proposed development area is not located within an existing or planned park service area. Site characteristics, such as wetlands, steep topography and minimal sized parcel acquisition, do not present the best opportunity for establishing a future park. Land dedication would also impact the lot sizes, which would result in lots less than the minimum 10 acre requirement. A future trail may be developed along Game Farm Road, but that would likely occur within the right-of-way dedication associated with this plat.

Analysis of the required park dedication, according to Section 500.47, a development which has between 0 and 1 units per acre requires 5% of buildable land or equivalent market value in cash to be dedicated. An appraisal will be required to determine fair market value.

Mission Statement:

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- Gross Site Area 21.309 acres
- Net Developable Area 14.809 acres
- Net Proposed Density 0.07 units/acre
- Park Dedication Requirement 5% of land or land value
- Total buildable site area is 14.809 acres = 0.74 acres of land; or
- No appraisal or purchase price was submitted with this application. Staff has been informed the Applicant is working on an appraisal. One item of note is that since there is an existing dwelling on the property, that lot is exempt from the park dedication requirement. This means only half of the amount would be required.

Conclusion: The proposed development area is not located within an existing or planned park service area. Also, site characteristics do not present an ideal opportunity for establishing a future park and the potential parcel size that would be acquired is not sufficient for park purposes. The Parks Commission should consider these facts and recommend cash in lieu of land for the park dedication requirement of this development.

Recommended Action: Motion to recommend the City Council require cash in lieu of land in the sum of 5% of the fair market value of the land for the park dedication requirement for the proposed 2 lot subdivision at 7155 County Road 26 known as Casaus Addition.

Attachments:

1. Location Map
2. Park, Trails, & Open Space Map
3. Applicant Narrative
4. Preliminary Plat

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7155 County Road 26

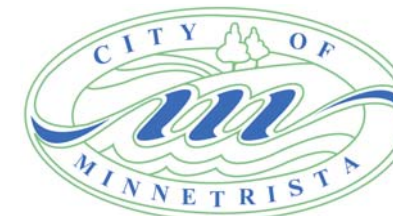


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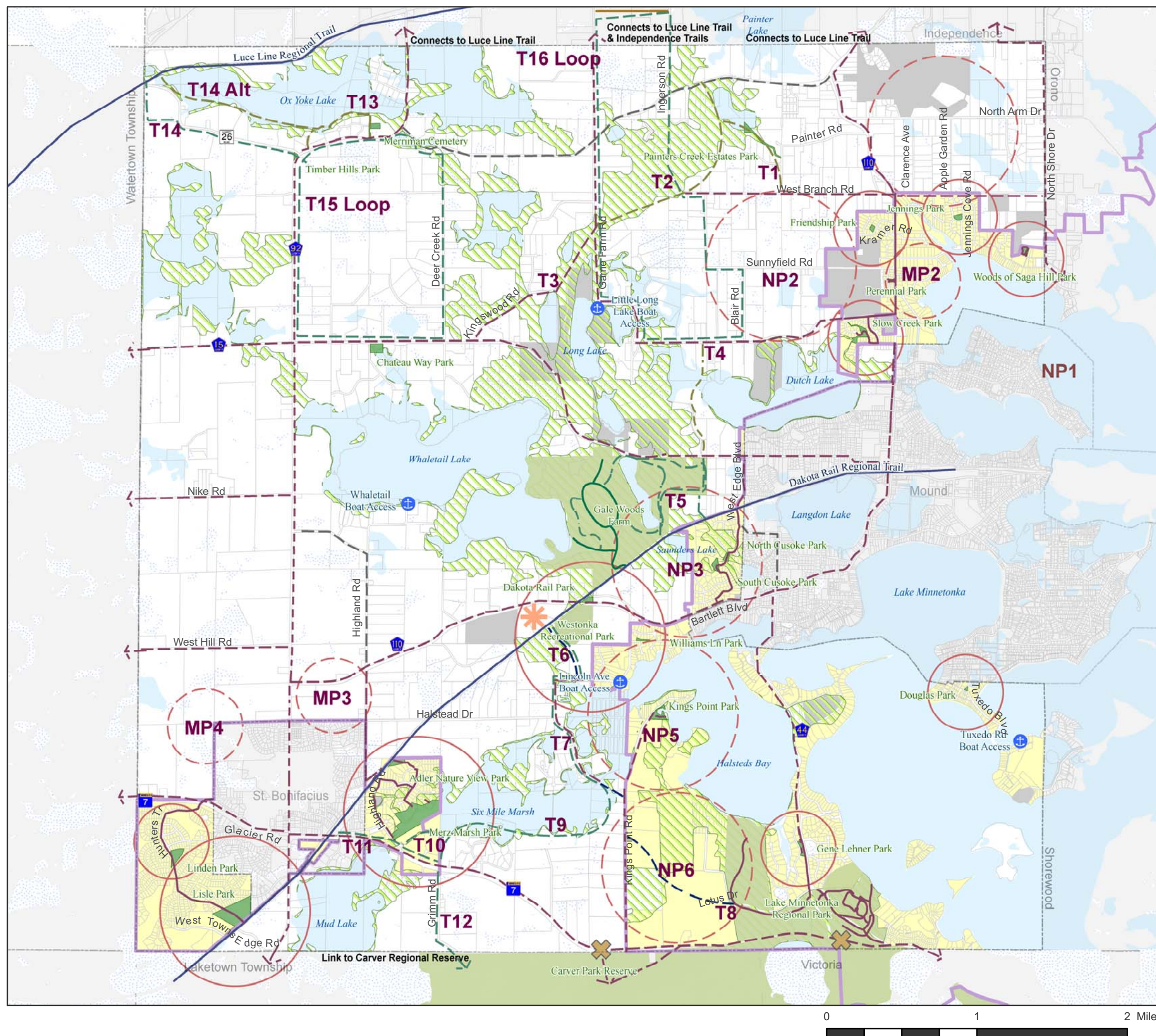
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Minnetrista Parks, Trails, Open Space Plan

Conceptual Master Plan

Figure 4



Legend

Park Features

- Existing City Parks
- Regional Parks
- General Location of Planned Community Park
- Lake Access
- Existing Park Service Areas
- Planned Park Service Area

Trails

- Regional Trails
- Paved Trails
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- Planned Separated Paved Trails
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- Planned Road Shoulder Trails
- Grade-Separated Crossing

Land Use

- Urban Land Use
- Greenway Corridor
- Lakes
- Wetlands
- MUSA Line
- Parcel Boundaries





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Narrative:

Ms. Casaus is proposing the subdivision by plat of her property at 7155 County Road No. 26, Minnetrista, Minnesota. In 2017 we (Sathre-Bergquist, Inc.), Ms. Casaus and the previous owner of the parcels to the south of the subject property worked in conjunction with the City of Minnetrista to subdivide the parcels at 630 and 680 Game Farm Road. The goal of the 2017 subdivision was to maintain 10 acre sites at said 630 and 680 Game Farm Road and conveying to Ms. Casaus enough land from 630 Game Farm Road parcel to provide her with a gross area that would afford her the opportunity to subdivide her property in the future while again maintaining 10 acre minimum sites.

At the time of the 2017 project much of this was discussed with the city as part of the long term planning process.

We are now submitting an application for Preliminary Plat review for the proposed subdivision as discussed above. Ms. Casaus is planning on building on the new (easterly) lot. At this time there are no building plans available and we have shown a generic building pad and potential grading but are subject to revision. The propose septic sites have been determined.

The subdivision will have a shared driveway and we have shown a potential driveway easement area. Once a final building plan, building rotation and driveway access are finalized we will create the final driveway easement.

Site Data: 7155 County Road No.26
Minnetrista, MN 55359

PID# 03-117-24-32-0005
Zoning: Agricultural

Property Description:

That part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 3, Township 117, Range 24 West of the 5th Principle Meridian, lying south of the north 675 feet thereof, and west of the east 250 feet thereof; except that part lying northwesterly of the centerline of Hennepin County Road No. 26. Also, that part of the north 675 feet of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 3, Township 117, Range 24 and lying southeasterly of the centerline Hennepin County Road No. 26 and southwesterly of the following described line:

Commencing at the intersection of the south line of said north 675 feet with the east line of said Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; thence West along said south line of the north 675 feet a distance of 508.6 feet to the point of beginning of the line being described; thence deflecting right 63 degrees to the center line of said Hennepin County Road No. 26 and there terminating, according to the U.S. Government Survey thereof, Hennepin County, Minnesota.

Net Area: 776,320 sq. ft./ 17.822 acres
R/W Area: 43,002 sq. ft./ 0.987 acres
Gross Area: 819,322 sq. ft./ 18.809 acres

PID# 03-117-24-33-0008
Zoning: Agricultural

Property Description:

The North 242.00 feet of the East 450.00 feet of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 3, Township 117, Range 24.

Gross Area: 108,911 sq. ft./2.500 acres

Proposed Data:

Subdivision Name: CASAUS ADDITION

Number of Lots: 2

Area Calculation: Lot 1: 436,158 sq. ft./10.012 acres

Lot 2: 435,633 sq. ft./10.001 acres

Gross Lot Area: 871,791 sq. ft./20.013 acres

Gross Development Area: 928,233 sq. ft./21.309 Acres

R/W Dedication: 56,442 sq. ft./ 1.296 acres

Wetland Area: 173,279 sq. ft./ 3.978 acres (gross lot area)

Wetland Buffer Area: 51,862 sq. ft./ 1.191 acres (gross lot area)

Net Development Area: 646,830 sq. ft./14.849 acres

14.849 acres/2 lots = 1 lot per 7.42 acres = 0.07 units per acre

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Prepared By: Nickolas Olson, City Planner

Meeting Date: August 13, 2019

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Discussion: Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 462.358, subd. 2b, the city requires all subdividers to dedicate to the city or preserve for public use as parks, recreational facilities, playgrounds, trails, open space or areas of natural and environmental significance a reasonable portion of the buildable land of the subdivision. The city council, at its discretion, may elect to require in lieu of land an equivalent cash payment based on the fair market value of the buildable land no later than the time of final subdivision approval. Any cash payment shall be placed in a special fund and used only for the purposes for which it was obtained, including the acquisition and development or improvement of the public park system or debt retirement in connection with land previously acquired.

In review of the current Parks, Trails, and Open Space Plan, the proposed development area is not located within an existing or planned park service area. Site characteristics, such as wetlands, steep topography and minimal sized parcel acquisition, do not present the best opportunity for establishing a future park.

Analysis of the required park dedication, according to Section 500.47, a development which has between 0 and 1 units per acre requires 5% of buildable land or equivalent market value in cash to be dedicated. An appraisal will be required to determine fair market value.

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- Gross Site Area approximately 38.64 acres
 - Net Developable Area to be determined with future submittals
 - Gross Proposed Density 0.08 units/acre
 - Net Proposed Density to be determined with future submittals
 - Park Dedication Requirement 5% of land or land value
- Total buildable site area is yet to be determined. Gross site area is 38.64 acres = 1.932 acres of land. Actual dedication is likely to be less due to wetlands on the site; or
- No appraisal or purchase price was submitted with this application. Cash in lieu dedication would be 5% of the fair market value as determined by an appraisal. Parks Commission should direct the Applicants to submit an appraisal with a future preliminary plat application

Conclusion: The proposed development area is not located within an existing or planned park service area nor are there any trail opportunities here. Also, site characteristics do not present an ideal opportunity for establishing a future park and the potential parcel size that would be acquired is not sufficient for park purposes. The Parks Commission should consider these facts and recommend cash in lieu of land for the park dedication requirement for a future preliminary plat application.

Recommended Action: Motion to direct the Applicants to submit a preliminary plat application, which includes a fair market land value appraisal, with the understanding that cash in lieu of land in the sum of 5% of the fair market value of the land will be required for park dedication.

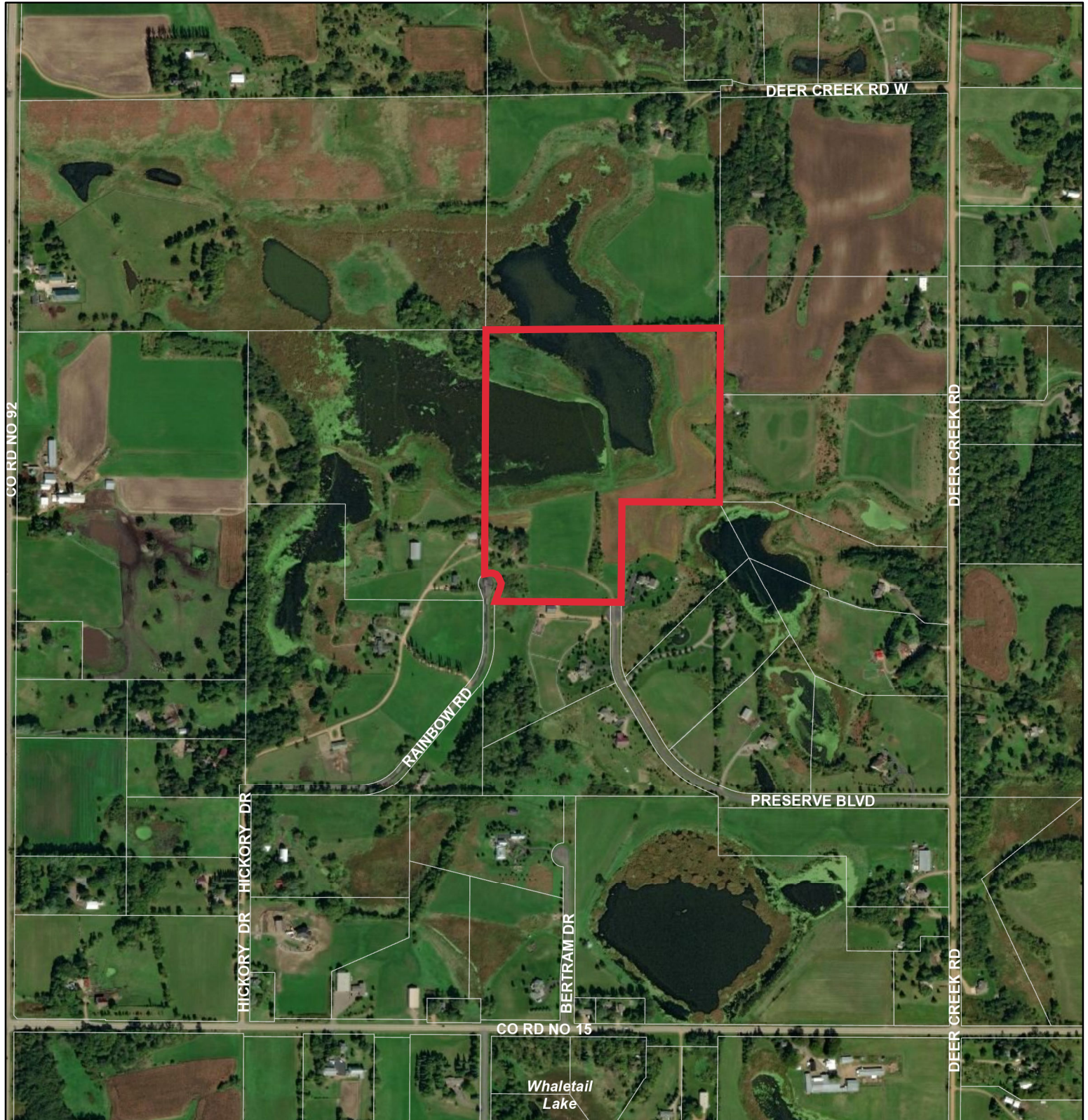
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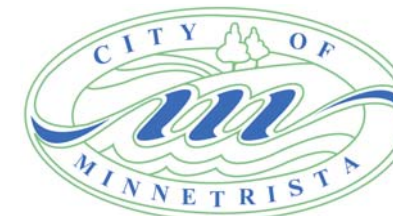


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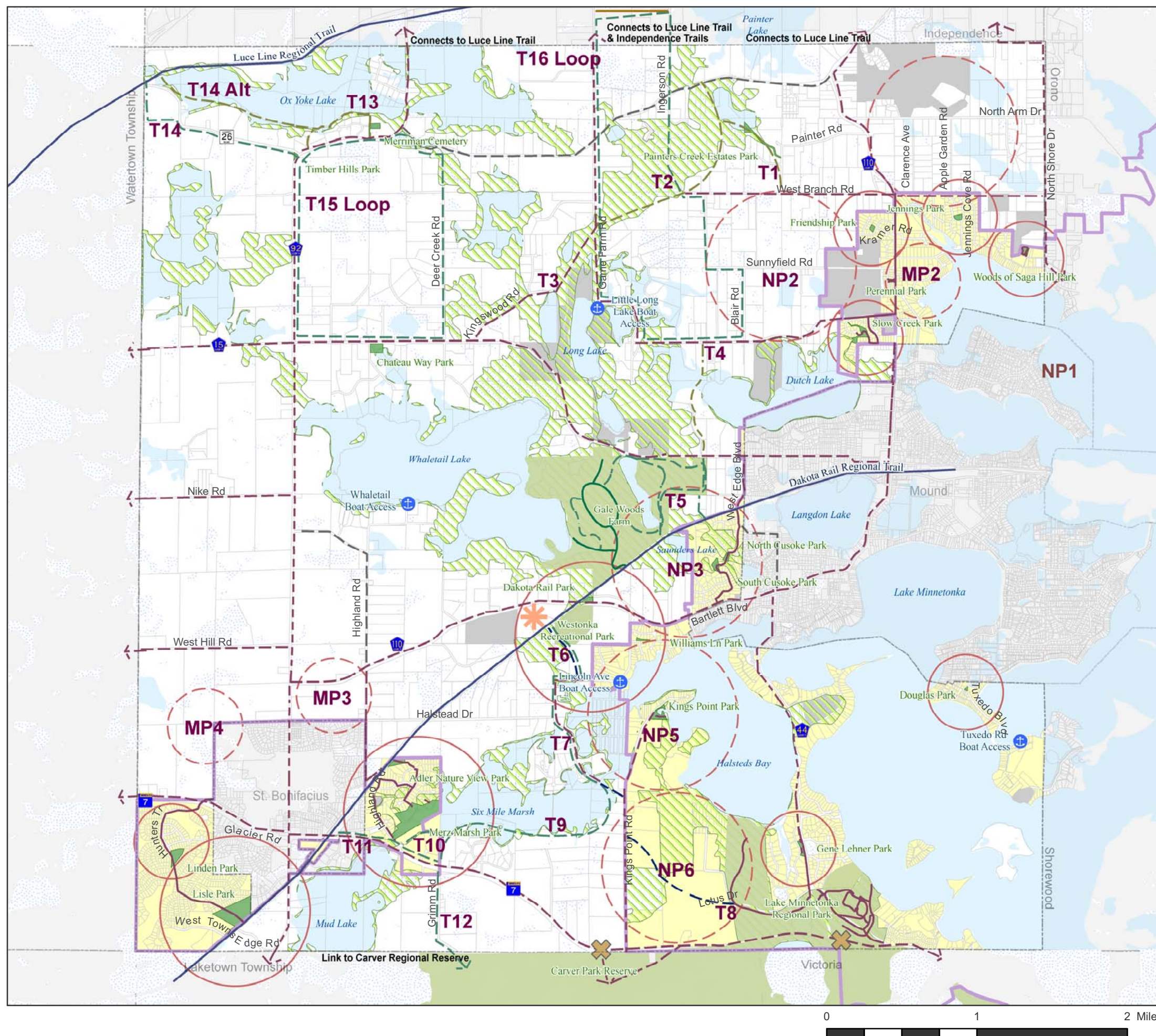
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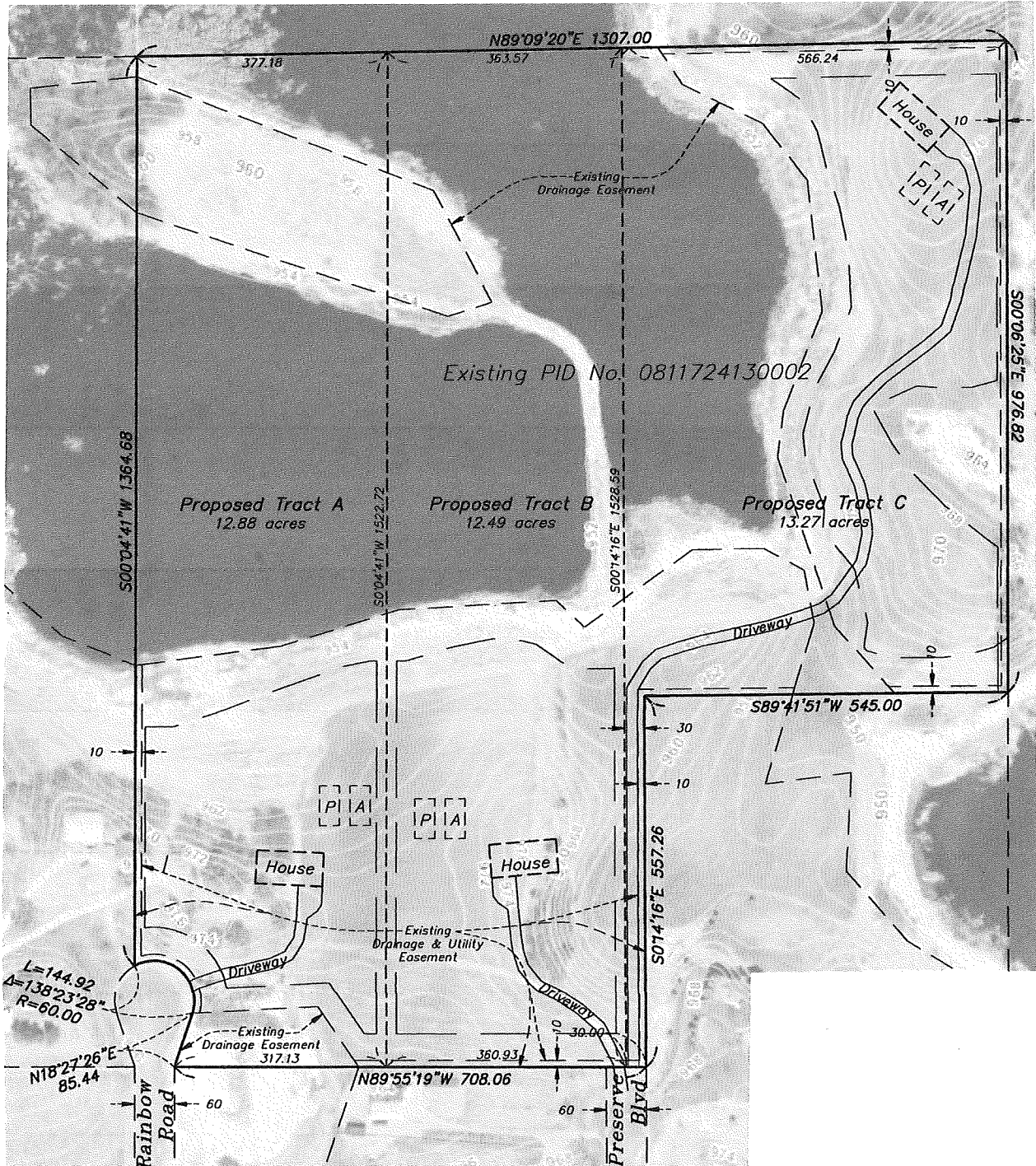
#4. The approx. 40 acre site that we intend to subdivide includes a permanent Minnesota Conservation Easement. We converted a portion of the 40 acres in 2002. The easement consists of approx. 50% wetland and 50% dry land. This wetland has developed into one of the finest in the metropolitan area supporting many species of wildlife including Blue Herons, Egrets, Swans, Sandhill cranes and many species of duck. The surrounding area supports many species of upland wildlife.

Subdividing this property is a point of financial necessity for us. Both my wife and I are retired and our expenses to maintain this property along with the tax obligation exceed our retirement income. The intent upon purchase of this land was to provide for our retirement.

We are aware of the requirement for 10 acres of relatively dry land. The three lots we propose fall short of this dry land requirement. We are also aware that the city has allowed other subdivisions with less than 10 acres of dry land. We believe the conservation easement is a great benefit to Minnetrista not to mention wildlife. We hope we will not be penalized financially for this easement conversion and allow the three lots.

Concept Plan

Prepared for:
Donald Benson
6/07/19

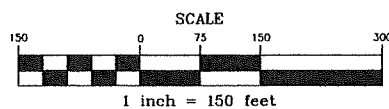


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Proposed Primary and Alternate
Septic Sites Designated As Follows:

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Building Setback Minimums are as follows:
Front = 50 feet
Sides = 15 feet
Rear = 50 feet
Delineated Wet land = 35 feet



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REQUEST FOR PARKS COMMISSION ACTION

Subject: Parks Capital Improvement Plan for 2020

Prepared By: Nickolas Olson, City Planner

Meeting Date: August 13, 2019

Issue: Each year, city staff conducts an annual park review to identify park improvement items to be completed the following year by reviewing the Parks, Trails and Open Space Plan. The results are presented to the Parks Commission for review and consideration for the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the following year. Below is a list of items recommended to be included in the 2020 CIP:

FRIENDSHIP PARK

- *Replace Playground Equipment (originally installed in 1999)*
- *New Playground Border*
- *Removals, Site Work, Concrete Work, etc.*
- *Install Rubber Mulch*

Total Estimated Cost: \$ 75,000.00 - \$100,000.00

Discussion: City staff has made an effort to review the condition of the playground equipment at existing city parks, since most is rather old. The thought is to focus on one park a year. Last year, Gene Lehner was scheduled to be completed as part of the 2019 Parks CIP. However, when reviewing the site, it was determined that the proposed improvements trigger the requirement to bring all amenities into compliance with current safety and accessibility guidelines. The additional requirements significantly changed the estimated cost and feasibility for the project. Thus, the park improvements were not completed in 2019. Therefore, staff is suggesting another city park, Friendship Park, since it is older (1999) and is an easier site to work with.

Recommended Action: Motion to recommend the City Council approve the Parks Capital Improvement Plan for 2020 as presented in the staff report.

Attachment:

- Park Inventory from Parks, Trails, and Open Space Plan

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Gene Lehner Park

4180 Trillium Lane East

1.7 acres

Mini Park

The Gene Lehner Park is named after a former Park Commissioner. It was dedicated in 1994 as part of the Trillium Bay subdivision. It serves a greater area, including the Maple Forest, Stonebridge, and Wood End Shores subdivisions. There is a trail along County Road 44 that connects the park to other neighborhoods and the Lake Minnetonka Regional Park. The park features a tennis court, playground equipment, exercise stations along the trail, and a wood carving of a black bear. Several years ago, the bear's companion, a cub, wandered off and never returned. Some say it was stolen, other aren't so sure.



Park Amenities

Trail Coating - 2017
Park Sign - 2004
Tennis Court/Fence - 1994
Tennis Court Resurface - 2016
Playground Equipment - 1994
Picnic Table - 2004
Trash Cans (2) - 2003
Fitness Stations - 1994
Trail - 1995
Wood Carving - 1994
Fence along Retaining Wall - 2015

Maintenance Schedule

2023 – Playground Equipment - \$60,000
2023 – Site Work, Retaining Walls, Etc. - \$65,000
2023 – Trail Replacement - \$37,000
2023 – Resurface Tennis Court

The Gene Lehner Park Bear may need some maintenance every now and then, as well. The playground is in good shape but will require a new base when the playground equipment is updated. Rubber mulch may be the best option, as it does not require maintenance.





Douglas Park

3441 Tuxedo Rd
7,976 square feet

Mini Park

Douglas Park is located at the triangle formed by St Mary's Road, Tuxedo Road, and Wellesley Way. It is the park for the Douglas Beach neighborhood. The City claimed this parcel as tax-forfeited land in 1981, along with parcels at 5254 and 5269 St. Mary's Road. A neighborhood meeting was held to determine which of the three lots would be the best place for the neighborhood park and 3441 Tuxedo Road was selected. Originally developed in 1987, it housed a small set of playground equipment and a basketball court. The playground equipment was updated in 1997. In 2004, a major renovation added a picnic area and a new half basketball court.

Maintenance Schedule

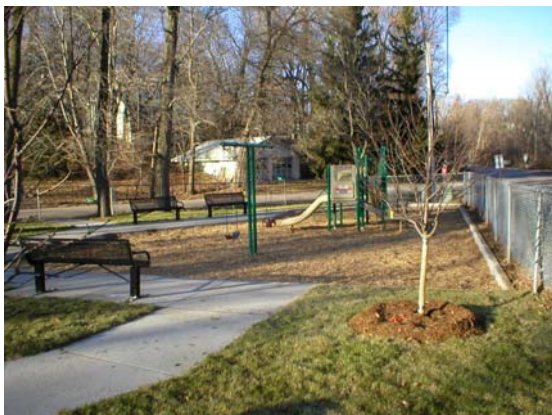
2022 - Resurface/Replace Basketball Court

Park Amenities

Park Sign - 2004
Basketball Court - 2004
Basketball Court Resurface - 2017
Playground Equipment - 2017
Fence - 2018
Rubber Mulch - 2017
Picnic Tables (2) - 2004
Trash Can - 2003
Benches (3) - 2004



The Douglas Park will need further work done to achieve perfection. When the playground equipment is updated, it has been discussed to add a more decorative fence. The nature of the park and Tuxedo Road requires a fence, however the neighborhood has complained about the appearance of the current plain chain link fence. If the large cottonwood trees remain a problem for the park, they should be removed before the playground equipment and fence are updated.





Jennings Park

865 Jennings Cove Rd
1 acre

Mini Park

Jennings Park was dedicated in 1986 as part of the Jennings Cove Subdivision. It was originally developed in 1993 by adding a small set of playground equipment. The fast growth of the neighborhood created a demand for expanding the park equipment in 1996 and then adding a sport court in 2000. A pond was added in 1999 to help alleviate drainage concerns in the area.



Maintenance Schedule

2021 - Playground Equipment - \$40,000
2021 - Rubber Mulch - \$30,000
2021 - Park Redesign - \$55,000
2021 - Trail Mill and Overlay

Park Amenities

Resurface Trail - 2008
Add pea gravel to play area - 2007
Park Sign - 2004
Sport Court/Fence - 2000
Playground Equipment - 1996
Picnic Table - 2004
Benches (3) - 2004
Trash Cans (2) - 2003
Trail - 2000
Pond Excavated - 2000
Trees - 2016



Jennings Park should be redesigned in the future, as the park amenities are not laid out properly for the drainage on the site. The court should not have sediment from the play areas draining across it to the pond. Sport Courts are typically more of a residential use and there is not much information available on how well they hold up in public parks. This should be monitored. A regular basketball court and/or tennis court may prove to be more durable in the long run. Currently, the court is mostly used for basketball. If the court reaches a point where major renovation is needed, that would be the appropriate time to explore the redesign of the park. If a major redesign does not occur, adding pedestrian pathways to the court would assist in keeping sediment off of it. When the playground is replaced, rubber or wood mulch will be needed to be used for the base.



Friendship Park

5676 Kramer Rd
25,334 square feet

Neighborhood Mini Park

Friendship Park is located in the Painters Creek Preserve Subdivision. It was built in 1999 and consists of playground equipment and a picnic area. An irrigation system was donated to the City by the Homeowner's Association in 2002.

Park Amenities

Pea gravel to play area - 2006
Park Sign - 2004
Play Equipment - 1999
Irrigation - 2002
Sidewalks - 1999
Benches/Tables - 1999
Irrigation Housing/Landscaping - 2018

Maintenance Schedule

2020 - New Playground Border
2020 - Replace Play Equipment
2020 - Rubber Mulch

This park is well designed and simple and will not take much effort to maintain. When the time comes to replace the playground equipment, rubber or wood mulch will be needed to use for the base to comply with ADA standards.





Slow Creek Park

5738 Sunnybrook Cir
3.388 acres

Mini Park

Slow Creek Park was dedicated as part of the Sunnybrook Farms Subdivision in 2001. The park was partially constructed by the developer and the City over 2002 and 2003. It consists of a woodchip trail that snakes through the lowlands around the Creek and then terminates in an area where there is a small playground and a picnic area. Also, featured in this area is a bituminous trail that the City built along Game Farm Road to the school.



Park Amenities

Maintain woodchip trail - 2014
Park Sign - 2004
Pedestrian Bridge - 2002
Playground Equipment - 2002
Rubber Mulch - 2017
Picnic Table - 2003
Benches - 2003
Trash Can - 2004
Game Farm Rd Trail - 2002
Wood Chip Trail - 2002
Asphalt Trail - 2019



Maintenance Schedule

2022 - Park Trail Resurfacing - \$3,187
2022 - Park Trail Coating - \$1,375
2025 - Replace Playground Equipment - \$35,000

Woodchip Trails require a great deal of maintenance in many situations. Over time, if the maintenance of this trail is as intensive as feared above, it could be replaced by a mowed turf trail.





Adler Nature View Park

8230 Highland Road
2.64 acres

Special Use Park

Adler Nature View Park was dedicated as part of the Turtle Creek Subdivision. It is located along the Dakota Rail. It is a special use park that features a bituminous trail.

Park Amenities

Park Sign - 2004
Trail - 2002

Maintenance Schedule

2023 - Trail Mill and Overlay



Kings Point Rd Fishing Pier

Kings Point Road DNR Park

Special Use Park

The City of Minnetrista installed a fishing pier at the DNR's park on Kings Point Road in 2003. There have also been discussions about placing a picnic area in this park.



Park Amenities

Fishing pier - 2003

Maintenance Schedule



Merz Marsh Park

4230 Highland Road
24.8 acres

Neighborhood Park

Merz Marsh Park, named after one of the first German settlers to the area, was dedicated in 2001 as part of the Turtle Creek Subdivision. Currently, it consists of a half basketball court, playground equipment, trails, and a soccer field. The park extends all the way to Six Mile Creek.

Park Amenities

Benches & Tables with Slabs - 2005
Park Sign - 2004
Half basketball court - 2002
Basketball Court Resurface - 2017
Soccer goals - 2002
Trails - 2002
Playground Equipment - 2002

Maintenance Schedule

2022 - Replace Playground Equipment - \$55,000
2022 - Rubber mulch - \$35,000
2022 - Resurface Trails - \$6,300
2022 - Resurface Basketball Court

Parking may become an issue if the soccer field is ever used. Neighborhood residents have already voiced some displeasure over the potential of lighting of the field.



Woods of Saga Hill Park

4900 Grandview Ave

2.1 acres



Mini Park

The Woods of Saga Hill Park was tax forfeited land originally taken by the City in the early 1960's. The deed was misfiled, however, and the park was not developed until 2004. The mostly wooded park has a set of playground equipment and a bituminous trail with off-street parking.



Park Amenities

Playground Equipment - 2004

Rubber Mulch - 2015

Bituminous Trail - 2004

Parking Lot - 2004

Benches (2) - 2004

Tables (2) - 2004

Park Sign - 2004

Maintenance Schedule

2026 - Replace Playground Equipment- \$41,700

2026 - Trail Mill and Overlay





Perennial Park

1270 Langewood Dr
18,569 square feet

Mini Park

Perennial Park was dedicated in 2000 as part of the Heatherwood Glenn subdivision. It has frontage both on County Road 110 North and Langewood Drive. It consists of a picnic shelter, grills, horseshoe pitch, and many perennial plants. There is also a trail that runs along Sunnyfield Road to the football field and a trail along County Road 110.



Park Amenities

Horseshoe Pit - 2008
Trail Coating - 2008
Park Sign - 2004
Picnic Pavilion - 2000
Horseshoe Pitch - 2000
BBQs - 2000
Trail - 2000
Wood mulch around plant - 2000
Benches (2) - 2000
Picnic Tables (3) - 2000

Maintenance Schedule

2021 - Re-roof Pavilion - \$5,000
2022 - Trail Mill and Overlay

Perennial Park may require some future plantings, as there always seems to have been a little bit of trouble getting the plants to stay alive through the years. Adding another horseshoe pitch has been suggested on occasion, as residents have commented that if there were a second pitch there could be some more organized shoeing going on.





Merriman Cemetery

585 County Road 92

1.76 acres

Historical Site

The legendary Merriman Cemetery has often been forgotten and rediscovered. There appear to be several newspaper articles in the archives of the newly discovered abandoned cemetery. Well, that legacy is no more. Recently, the City Council added the historic cemetery to the park system. Last year, the City began to build a driveway to the site to allow for maintenance access. It has been discussed in the past to add some site amenities or perhaps even a gate.

Planning Schedule

2006 - Select site improvements, purchase, and install. This year was selected, as it is technically tax forfeited land and there is a three-year window for improving such sites.



Painters Creek Estates Park

617 Painters Creek Drive

2.1 acres

Undeveloped Park & Trail Corridor

This undeveloped park was dedicated to the City in 1976. It consists of a creekside corridor and a larger open area. Most all of the open area is wetlands. At one time, the City was attempting to acquire a trail that rang along Painters Creek. Over time, this pursuit was abandoned, leaving remnants such as this. Since the parkland was dedicated, it cannot be sold. Currently, it appears that there are some residents that ride ATVs, horses, and bikes in this area. The current trail plan attempts to link this corridor with future trail opportunities.

Planning Schedule

None



Dakota Rail Park

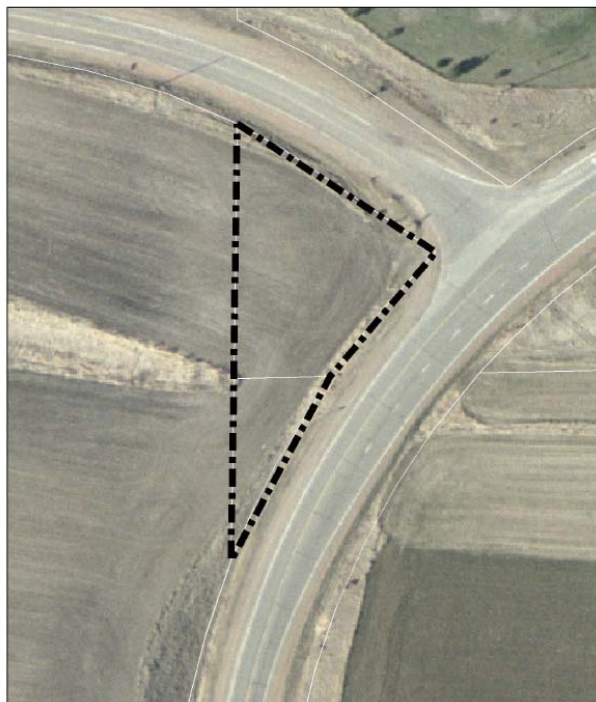
7222 County Road 110 W
1.33 acres

Undeveloped Park

This park is located where the Dakota Rail crossed County Road 110 W. It was purchased in 2003 for future use.

Planning Schedule

None.



Timber Hills Park

651 County Road 92
15,252 square feet

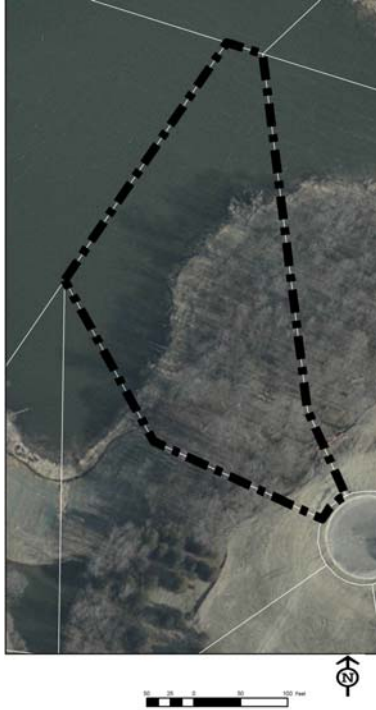
Undeveloped Park

This park is located at the corner of County Road 92 and County Road 26. It was purchased in 2004 for future use.

Planning Schedule

If a trail system is developed along County Roads 92 and 26, then this park should be developed.





South Cusoke Park

6467 Saunders Lake Drive South

1.8 acres

Special Use Park

South Cusoke park was dedicated as part of the South Saunders subdivision in 2002. A paved trail down to the lake was installed in 2003. Many retaining walls had to be built to support it. Area residents often inquire about placing playground equipment in this park but it is not suitable.



Park Amenities

Park Sign - 2004

Trail - 2003

Retaining Walls - 2003

Light - 2002

Parking Lot - 2002

Maintenance Schedule

2021 - Trail Mill and Overlay





North Cusoke Park

2600 Saunders Lake Drive North
0.958 acres

Special Use Park

North Cusoke Park was dedicated as part of the North Saunders Lake subdivision in 2002. It includes a pedestrian bridge over a channel in Saunders Lake. It is possible to launch canoes from this park, as well.



Park Amenities

Park Sign - 2004
Pedestrian Bridge - 2003
Trail - 2003
Parking Lot - 2002



Maintenance Schedule

2021 - Trail Mill and Overlay

The residents in South Saunders often contact the City in hopes of adding some playground equipment to the park. However, that particular park is unsuitable for such development. It would be possible to place some equipment in North Cusoke Park, however. If the area residents still feel that this is a priority, then North Cusoke could be developed into a mini park.





Williams Lane Park

3245 Williams Ln
22,624 square feet

Undeveloped Park

This park was dedicated as part of the Maple Leaf Estates subdivision in 2000. There are trailways through this area that lead to the park but there was no defined use for it.

Planning Schedule

None



Chateau Way Park

1616 Chateau Way
3.3 acres

Undeveloped Park

The park on the corner of Chateau Way and County Road 15 was dedicated as part of the Chateau De Lac subdivision in 1975. At one time, it was discussed that this could be the center of a large, rural trail system. This property cannot be sold.

Planning Schedule

None



Lincoln Avenue Boat Launch

Lincoln Ave ROW off of Halstead Dr

Public Water Access

This boat launch is a primary public access point for Halstead Bay. There is boat trailer parking and a turn-around available for use. Future subdivision was intended to improve parking and usability. It opened for use in 2000.

Maintenance Schedule

Undefined



Tuxedo Road Boat Launch

Tuxedo Road ROW

Public Water Access

The boat launch on Tuxedo Road has been in operation since the early 1970's. It has a parking lot on site. This site requires very minimal maintenance.

Maintenance Schedule

2018 - Reconstruct with Enchanted Lane Road Project



Linden Park

3900 Hunters Trail
3.85 Acres

Neighborhood Mini Park

Located in Hunters Crest, Linden Park sports a colorful playground, basketball and sand volleyball courts and a picnic pavilion.



Park Amenities

Playground Equipment - 2005
Basketball Court - 2005
Basketball Court Resurface - 2016
Sand Volleyball Court - 2014
Concrete walk - 2005
Bituminous path - 2005
Shelter - 2005
Picnic table & bench - 2005
Drinking fountain - 2005
Rubber Mulch - 2017

Maintenance Schedule

2021 - Reroof Pavilion
2022 - Trail Mill and Overlay
2027 - Playground Equipment

Linden Park will need general maintenance each year. The amenities in this park are fairly new and in very good shape.





Lisle Park

4600 Hunters Trail
15.5 acres

Neighborhood Park

The City Council accepted the Master Plan for this new park in Hunters Crest in 2007. This plan will be used as a guide for the development of Lisle Park. Phase I of the park development includes mass grading, trail, sod, utilities, and irrigation installation, and the installation of a ball field backstop. These amenities were completed in 2009.

Future phases will be scheduled and completed as funds become available through the City's park dedication fund.

Park Amenities

Asphalt Loop Trail - 2009
Irrigation - 2009
Ballfield - 2009
Tennis Courts & Parking Lot- 2015
Additional Parking Lot - 2016
Baseball Field Benches - 2017
Bases for Ballfield - 2017

Maintenance Schedule

2021 - Slab and Bleachers
2021 - Trail Mill and Overlay
2024 - Playground Equipment - \$300,000

15.5 ACRE HUNTERS CREST PARK - ACCEPTED MASTER PLAN DESIGN

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Park Shelter Building

A large multi-use building is part of the main park entrance containing an open picnic shelter area, restrooms, storage space, and an enclosed room to serve as the warming house & summer program room for kids activities. The patio area in front of the building has park orientation and trailhead information for users. The rear patio area contains additional picnic space, custom grill area and overlooks informal green space used for picnic activities, lawn games and winter general skating.

Playground Area

Arbor structures with seating beneath are placed between the two main playground pods for easy viewing of both areas. The playground area to the south contains a sand play space and some playground equipment for the pre-school age group with easy viewing from the park shelter structure. The swings are located in a separate pod. The playground area to the north is the elementary and teen age group space with more unique and challenging equipment. A specialized garden space is created between the two play areas specifically for kids to interact with and touch, such as a sensory garden.

Active Recreational Amenities

The centrally located ballfield area contains a skinned infield with a backstop and players benches with room for a small soccer field overlay. A multi-purpose paved rink accommodates winter hockey and skating use, summer in-line skating, a basketball half court on one end, and can also provide an area for future skateboard activities, if desired. Double tennis courts are provided on the northern end of the park with a bouncewall on one end. A small sledding hill is created by the playground.

Trails

Asphalt trails allow access to the various recreational amenities within the park. A large internal loop system is created that is approximately 4/10 of a mile long, with an additional mini-loop around the sledding hill. Possible additions to the trail system include distance markers, exercise stations, trail lighting, and bench seating areas in select locations. The preferred connection to the regional trail would be between the ponds, if possible, otherwise there will be a connection by sidewalk on the southern end along Hunters Trail. A trailhead would be created by the main park building.

Landscape

Most of the park contains manicured turf that may be irrigated. Natural landscaping shall be used in areas where naturalization best fits with the surroundings. Examples include naturalizing the pond edges, the perimeter of the site that is adjacent to more natural landscapes, etc. The natural landscapes will be designed to separate use areas within the park, provide wildlife habitat, and provide shade.

