

CITY OF MENDOTA HEIGHTS
DAKOTA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA

Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission Work Session
June 10, 2025

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a work session of the Parks and Recreation Commission, City of Mendota Heights, Minnesota was held at 1101 Victoria Curve, Mendota Heights, MN 55118.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jaffrey Blanks called the meeting to order at 6:33pm. Commissioners Jo Schifsky, Michael Toth, Jennifer Weichert, Daniel Van Lith and Dan Sherer (arrived at 8:11pm) were also present. Commissioner Michelle Muller and Student Representative Evangeline Fuentes were absent.

City staff present included Meredith Lawrence, Parks and Recreation Director/Assistant Public Works Director, Trey Carlson, Recreation Facilities Coordinator, Willow Eisfeldt, Recreation Program Coordinator, and Eydie Myers, Parks and Recreation Intern.

Department Updates

Director Lawrence introduced Parks and Recreation Intern Eydie Myers and discussed the projects she will be working on this Summer.

Director Lawrence provided an update on the 2040 Park System Master Plan and invited Commissioners to attend the consultant's presentation at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, June 17 at 6:00pm.

Director Lawrence provided an update on the Ivy Hills Park Playground project, notifying Commissioners that the City Council decided to reject all project bids and a new Request for Proposals will be brought to the July 8 Parks and Recreation Commission for review.

FY2026 Budget Recommendation

Director Lawrence provided an overview of the budget process and answered questions about the specific projects listed in the Capital Improvement Plan.

After discussion, the Commission's 2026 Project Recommendations include the following:

1. Dog Park Water Source
2. Tot Lot Water Source
3. Wentworth Park Hockey Board Replacement
4. Wentworth Park Basketball Court Expansion
5. Playground Replacement (based off staff recommendation)
6. Valley Park Picnic Shelter Refresh
7. Bocce Ball Court Addition to Park (staff will research potential locations)
8. Hagstrom-King Ballfield Infield Resurfacing

Staff let the Commission know they will notify them when the Parks, Recreation, and Par 3 budgets will be reviewed by the City Council so they can attend and listen to the discussion if they would like.

The commission adjourned the meeting at 8:19pm.

Minutes Taken By:

Meredith Lawrence, Parks and Recreation Director/Assistant Public Works Director