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## **PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION**

### **AGENDA**

**6:30 P.M. Regular Meeting  
City Council Chambers  
5341 Maywood Road, Mound, MN**

*Thursday, June 12, 2025*

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approve minutes from the 5-6-2025 Joint CC/POSC Meeting  
Approve minutes from the 5-8-2025 POSC Meeting
5. Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present  
(No more than 3 minutes allowed per speaker)
6. Park Visits Discussion
  - A. Group A – Joanna Kahn
  - B. Group B – Sherrie Pugh
  - C. Group C – Tyler Pieper
  - D. Group D – Kim Blievernicht
  - E. Group E - Travis Mills
7. Lost Lake Commons: Phase II – Recap & Survey Results
8. Park/Open Space Naming Policy - DRAFT
9. Reports:  
Staff Updates:  
City Council Representative:  
Commissioner Comments:  
POSC Commissioner Pieper: Letter to Community  
Education/Westonka School District.
10. Next Meeting: July 10, 2025  
Tentative Discussion Items: Park Events Programming  
Document Review.
11. Adjourn

**JOINT PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION (POSC) AND CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL  
MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 6, 2025**

The Mound Parks and Open Spaces Commission (POSC) and City Council met in a Joint Session on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers at the Centennial Building.

POSC Present: Chair Joanna Kahn, and Commissioner Tyler Pieper, and City Council Representative Sherrie Pugh.  
POSC Absent: Commissioners Travis Mills and Kim Blievernicht.  
City Council Present: Mayor Holt, and City Councilmembers Sherrie Pugh, Kevin Castellano, Kathy McEnaney, and Michelle Herrick.  
Others Present: City Manager Jesse Dickson, Deputy City Manager Maggie Reisdorf, and City Attorney Scott Landsman.  
Public Present: Bruce Stillman (Minnetrista).

1. **City Council - Call to Order**

Mayor Holt called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. Councilmember Pugh approved, McEnaney seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**POSC – Call to Order**

Chair Kahn called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm. Commissioner Pieper approved, Pugh seconded, Motion carried 3-0.

2. **Chester Park**

Dickson noted that this was an informational item that will be going to the City Council for approval at their regular meeting on May 13, 2025

Kahn informed that the POSC invited neighbors of Chester Park to a meeting in December 2024 and to another recent meeting to discuss the replacement of the playground at the park. She explained that the neighbors were invited to provide comments and feedback on the design. She noted that some neighbors attended, including the owners of the nearby business, Al & Almas. Kahn informed that general input from the neighbors was that they wanted something compact so as to not impact the view of the lake, and something with nautical colors. She said that they all agreed on the park design presented.

McEnaney expressed concern about the height and size of the structure. She said that it is important to preserve natural features on the park and to not impact the view of the lake.

Pugh talked about the playground design and the city’s requirement to follow new “fall zone” requirements.

Reisdorf noted that at the December meeting, it was recommended by a neighboring resident to rename Chester Park after another neighboring resident that recently passed away and had a big impact on the community.

McEnaney informed that she is 100% opposed to getting involved in acknowledging people who are deceased as part of public spaces.

Pugh stated that the city needs to create some sort of a process that provides guidelines for when the city is asked to rename public spaces.

McEnaney agreed that a policy and process is needed as these requests occur from time to time.

Kahn stated that a member of the community had asked the POSC to consider the name change. She noted that the POSC requested more information on the historical meaning of Chester Park

and how it got its name. She agreed that there is no current process to follow for these requests and agreed something should be created.

Holt said that he would like to leave things alone and keep them as they currently are as far as names.

Pieper stated that a policy would be good because there are a lot of city public spaces and people will continue to ask from time to time for them to be renamed.

Reisdorf said that she would reach out to other cities to determine what is already in place for some cities.

Dickson asked for clarification on the Chester Park playground approval and if the City Council was comfortable presenting the park design for approval without the dedication plaque included.

The City Council agreed.

Kahn reviewed some of the features of the playground. She highlighted the desire to have monkey bars for older kids. She noted that swings would not be included in the design because they need a large “fall zone” and the park size cannot accommodate the space needed for swings. She said that this park was the cheapest of the six presented as well.

Reisdorf reviewed that the POSC was presented six playground designs from three different companies. She said that the cost of the playground design was provided, as well as whether the cost included installation and/or the engineered wood fiber. She talked about how the current sand would be replaced with the engineered wood fiber to bring the playground up to code as far as accessibility. She noted that the current sand would be moved to the beach by the lakeside. Reisdorf confirmed that the playground that was chosen by the neighbors and the POSC was quoted at \$39,983.50 and that that included the installation of the playground and wood fiber. Reisdorf said that the total project cost was estimated to be about \$65,000, but that the nearby sidewalk also needs improvements done as part of the overall project scope.

### **3. POSC/CC Long-Term & Short-Term Priorities – Discussion**

Holt introduced the City Council’s park priorities for 2025. He noted that one of the main priorities was to start and finish Phase II of Lost Lake Commons Park in 2025 and then to start planning for the final Phase III soon thereafter.

Bruce Stillman, resident of Minnetrista and property owner of properties in the City of Mound, introduced himself. He said that he recently saw the concept plans for Phase II of Lost Lake Commons and said that he would like to offer some ideas for changes to the design. He stated that he would also like to complain about the trees that were torn down in the park that shouldn’t have been. Stillman said that they should have been saved as they were mature trees and Phase II includes the planting of more trees. He explained that the city is also spending too much money on landscaping. Stillman recommended that the city consider creating several mounds in the park that would tie to the city’s history related to the Native American burial mounds. He explained that giant rocks could be brought in as well to create a functional gathering space. Stillman said he could design something that is maintenance friendly.

Holt informed that the project planning for Lost Lake Commons has been in the works for over two years. He noted that some changes could be made, but that some would be difficult to change.

Stillman said that the park needs to be dynamic and a pleasant place to be. He talked about having stone picnic tables and/or an evening restaurant. He said that local restaurants could have their food delivered there through delivery services and that people could then picnic and eat at the park. Stillman said it is not too late to change the plans. He said that the budget is too high.

Pugh asked Stillman if his design would be accessible to people of all ages and abilities. She stressed the importance of it being able to be enjoyed by all users and year-round. She agreed that it should be a center of many community activities.

Holt said that the park design and discussion process started over two years ago and noted that the community has been surveyed and that comments have been solicited on several occasions. He said that he is not in favor of starting the process over from the beginning.

Stillman said he is willing to pull the rug out from under the project.

McEnaney stated that she would like to see Stillman get involved somewhere in the project.

Stillman said that it is not too late to fix a mistake and that he is questioning a lot of the current design.

Holt mentioned that there is an art walk feature that is part of the park design scope.

Kahn said that she would love more input from Stillman on this part of the project since he has done other art projects around the city.

Stillman mentioned a program that allows communities to rent/lease sculpture to a designated amount of time before it can be replaced with another.

Castellano stated that even though there is a specific designated budget, it doesn't mean that the city should spend all of it.

Holt said that the timeline for phase III hasn't even been decided yet.

Castellano said that the Lost Lake Commons Park design is purposefully designed as an open event park. He said that is opposed to the Native American Burial mound idea because he noted that the city needs to be careful about being disrespectful.

Herrick noted that a clay model design of Stillman's ideas would be great.

Stillman recommended doing a mural on the old Tonka Toy building in town. He noted that there are often grants available for murals.

McEnaney said that she would love to see ideas and concepts.

Pugh explained that she has reached out to the local historical society about trying get more history on Tonka Toys and the former owner Hasbro. She noted that the historical society had reached out to Hasbro to talk about creating some sort of recognition in the City of Mound for the old toy manufacturing site. Pugh said that the historical society didn't have any luck with Hasbro. She noted that there has been discussion about having an interactive Tonka Toy Truck somewhere in the community to connect the city back with that history. She said that she continues to work on finding out more information.

Holt noted that another priority of the city was adding onto the current Andrews Sister's Trail.

Pugh explained that the current trail just starts and ends and that the goal would be to extend it becomes a full circle for people to ride on. Pugh said that it would take coordination with the County and would include striping of streets and the designation of street shoulders. Pugh also talked about how the city could connect more local sidewalks and trails to the regional Dakota Trail.

Holt mentioned that another goal of the City Council is to create and install wayfinding signs off of the Dakota Trail.



Pugh mentioned that this has been talked about at the POSC and the commissioned determined that the City Council needs to determine what types of signage they would like, where they would like to see it installed, and what would be on the signage.

McEnaney asked that if a wayfinding sign was designed to guide users of the trail to businesses in the city, would it be city or business initiated as to what businesses would be placed on the sign.

Dickson stated that he thought it would be a business initiated activity and that having clear criteria for what information can be placed on signage is important.

Kahn said that the POSC has discussed this several times and that ultimately the city needs to decide what the goal is with the signage. She explained that signage looks different depending on the information. She provided examples that included maps, history, nature, wayfinding and more.

Holt recommended a map on the trail that would show where all of the park spaces of the city are located.

Herrick recommended a QR Code on the sign to take users to the city website.

McEnaney said that visuals are needed for the City Council to review and then make a decision on.

Holt explained that the purpose of the signage is to promote the City of Mound by getting of the regional trail and walking around and visiting the city.

Holt said that a City Council priority is to look for grants to finance projects when possible.

Pugh mentioned several local, regional, and county grant programs available for the arts.

Dickson said that the city gets notified of grant opportunities that generally open up on an annual basis. He acknowledged that the private philanthropic grants are likely an underutilized source.

Holt mentioned the tree lighting in 2024 and that the event went very well. He said that the City Council should commit to doing something similar for 2025.

McEnaney agreed that the event went really well.

Holt talked about Lost Lake Commons Park and the ongoing discussion on whether the new fire pit should be gas or wood fuel.

Kahn mentioned that this was talked about at length at a POSC meeting and noted that the consensus is that there are pros and cons to both. She said that both need maintenance and upkeep. Kahn explained that she would like the fire pit to be designed in a way that allows it to be used year-round. She asked if the fire pit were to use wood as a fuel source, who would supply the wood. She personally recommended a wood fuel source. She wondered though if wood fires were easier to spread.

Pieper noted that the nearby Artessa Condo building uses a natural gas fire ring. He wondered if a timer could be placed on a gas system to control the length of time it ran at one time. He did express concern about the cost of fixing the gas system if it went down and needed maintenance.

McEnaney stated that the cost to maintain is a factor as it is taxpayer money. She said that there are pros and cons to both and that both can be beautiful and nice options. She mentioned though that some sort of control should be in place with regards to how it operates.

Castellano stated that he liked the idea of a control system that has a timer on it.

Herrick wondered if a fire pit amenity was needed as many people already have fire pits in the back yards of their personal properties. She wondered though if a movable fire pit could be something to look into. Herrick explained that the fire pit could be set up during large events. She said that she thought that doing it that way could save on costs and reduce risk. Herrick recommended that users could sign up to rent the fire pit and the public works department could bring it to the location for use.

Kahn stated that she believed that the concern is mostly the type of fire source desired. She said that in community surveys, that residents would like this in the park. She talked about how it would be used during the winter months with the nearby proposed ice rink.

Herrick stated that as a taxpayer, she doesn't support a permanent fire pit at the park.

McEnaney said she liked the idea of a movable fire pit.

Pugh cautioned that a movable fire pit could be costly in safe time.

Castellano said that he isn't opposed to a movable fire pit.

McEnaney asked if city staff has reached out to other communities to solicit their experience with fire pits.

Pieper said that would be a good idea to ask other communities.

McEnaney said she agreed with Herrick about the actual demand for a public fire pit.

Holt stated that he is leaning more towards having a gas supported fire pit. He wondered if a removable gas pit could work.

Castellano asked if that type of fire pit would be plugged into a gas system in place in the ground.

Holt said that he likes the idea of a removable fire pit. He noted the fire troughs that were brought in for another winter event in 2024.

McEnaney agreed.

Kahn wondered what the ongoing cost of gas would be for a gas supported fire pit.

McEnaney asked if the goal of the fire pit was for warmth or ambiance.

Holt said ambiance. Holt went into detail about the eventual desire for an event coordinator staff position that would manage city recreational programs. He explained that at this time, there is a funding issue with regards to adding that position.

Kahn noted that the POSC has expressed a desire for that type of position as well but understands the financial situation currently. She talked about her idea of coordinating what is called "pop up playdates" as a POSC Commissioner and volunteering her time for those events. Kahn explained her idea of inviting the public to various parks in the city and hosting a different event each time for different age groups.

Reisdorf noted that since the city hasn't done much recreational programming in the past, that she is working at a staff level to create a policy that would provide guidelines on how to navigate different types of recreational programming.

Landman said that the main areas of research include insurance and protecting the city from liability. He said he is confident that staff can get the information pulled together.

Castellano said that he is excited about the programming that Kahn is proposing.

McEnaney agreed.

Pieper noted that the POSC is working on a letter as well to the local school district informing them that the city parks are available for use and the city would like to collaborate whenever possible.

McEnaney explained that she would like to see a playground at the Lost Lake Commons Park. She said that she wants to see value added to this space. She noted that the park is adjacent to many downtown businesses. McEnaney stated that she would love to move the playground at Surfside Park to Lost Lake Commons. She said that she wants people to use the park on a daily basis and for it to have unique amenities. She said that they owe it to the taxpayers.

Pieper talked about how he believed the art walk feature would be a constant draw. He talked about how great it would be to be able to incorporate Tonka Toys into the park space.

Holt mentioned the City Council's desire to understand the use of each park space. He said that the POSC already does this on an annual basis.

Kahn explained that the POSC Commissioners split up the parks into groups and each one of them visits a park and then reports comments back to city staff. She noted that it provides a second set of eyes and point of view on these park spaces.

McEnaney thanked the POSC for their hard work and all that they do.

Holt mentioned that another City Council goal is to resurface the Farmers Market parking lot. He noted that this is part of the capital plan.

Holt talked about another City Council goal being to finalize amenities for the Lost Lake Commons Park, including a winter ice rink where the Farmers Market takes place in the summer.

McEnaney expressed concern about the staff time and added cost it would take to maintain an ice rink. She noted that it is very labor intensive.

Pugh stated that the idea for Lost Lake Commons Park was to make sure that it was a park that had programs and amenities year-round. She asked McEnaney about other winter amenity ideas.

Holt talked about adding more to the tree lighting event.

McEnaney recommended a synthetic curling ice area. She expressed again the concern about the labor involved to maintain an ice rink.

Herrick talked about doing movie nights and inviting food trucks.

Kahn said that she is open to coming up with more winter ideas. She agreed that the park should have year-round activities.

McEnaney said that she likes the POSC's idea on a park passport idea where the city creates a passport document, users visit each listed park and then turn in the completed passport to city hall.

The POSC and City Council agreed that having at least one annual joint meeting moving forward is important.

Dickson informed that the Depot building at Surfside Park would be getting new appliances soon. He noted that the public works department would also be re-staining the deck area this year. He stated that a larger conversation needs to be had though on the needed larger improvements.

4. **Adjourn**

**City Council Adjournment**

Castellano called to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm. Councilmember McEnaney seconded, Motion carried 4-0.

**POSC Adjournment**

Pieper called to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm. Council liaison Pugh seconded, Motion carried 4-0.

**PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION (POSC) MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 8, 2025**

The Mound Parks and Open Spaces Commission met on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers at the Centennial Building.

Present: Chair Joanna Kahn, and Commissioners Travis Mills, Tyler Pieper, Kim Blievernicht, and City Council Representative Sherrie Pugh.  
Absent: None.  
Others Present: Deputy City Manager, Maggie Reisdorf.  
Public Present: Bruce Stillman (Minnetrista).

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: Chair Kahn and Commissioners Mills, Pieper, Blievernicht, and City Council Representative Pugh.  
Absent: None.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

**Motion by Blievernicht to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Mills; Motion carried 5-0.**

4. **Approve Minutes from 4-10-2025 Meeting**

**Motion by Mills to approve the 4-10-2025 meeting minutes, second by Pieper. Motion carried 5-0.**

5. **Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present**

Bruce Stillman (Minnetrista), a resident of Minnetrista and owner of several properties in the City of Mound introduced himself to the Commission. He noted that he owns the nearby Big Stone Mini Golf Course.

Kahn noted that at the May 6, 2025, Joint POSC/CC meeting, Stillman had addressed both the City Council and Parks and Open Spaces Commission with his ideas for the Lost Lake Commons Park design. She stated that he was asked to attend this meeting as well to share his ideas directly with the Commission.

Stillman explained that he has seen recent plans for the Lost Lake Commons Park and noted that he was triggered by the engineering cost. He showed pictures of trees that were cut down during Phase I of the park project and stated that he felt that these trees should have been saved. He said that he is upset about the current park design and the budget. Stillman said that the park is an opportunity to do something creative. He noted that he is an artist and that the park should be “a work of art”. Stillman said that the current park design is one that preserves community open space. He recommended that the City of Mound instead recognize its history and why it is named the City of Mound. He explained that it is because of Native American burial mounds. Stillman said that a contemporary and maintainable design of 12 – 14-foot mound hills be designed for the park to recognize the mounds of Mound’s history. Stillman presented a clay model of his recommended mound design. He noted that it would be three rolling hills where people could sit on the hills.

Stillman added that he would also include an art element where rotating art pieces could be rented on a yearly basis and swapped out from time to time. He explained that the fire pit could be integrated into the design as well. Stillman said that Mound restaurants could have their food delivered to the park and visitors could sit and eat there. Stillman explained that large rocks would be included in the design as they can signify “organized strength”.

Blievernicht asked if the mounds would be accessible to all users of the park space.

Pugh noted that accessibility of the City's parks spaces is important for all ages and abilities. She stated that all users should be able to access and interact with the park's features safely.

Stillman mentioned getting a garden group together to plant flowers. He said that he envisioned something fun. He said that he has dealt with cities before.

Kahn noted that the project is at Phase II of planning and that it would be difficult to change things entirely. She said that due to his background with art, she would like to see his help with the art walk portion of the project.

Reisdorf added that Phase I of the park included grading the park land and the installation of the irrigation system. She noted that the preliminary landscaping included the installation of an approved stormwater pond that was required for stormwater management of the site and neighboring sites. Reisdorf explained that Phase II would include more above ground landscaping, sidewalk installation and concrete seating areas.

Pieper said that he is a newer commissioner that started in 2025. He informed that he understands that the City Council ultimately controls the budget. He said that Stillman has some interesting ideas that he thought would be neat to build into the project. Pieper mentioned Stillman's mini golf business and how much he enjoyed visiting it. He said that he enjoys open park spaces. Pieper mentioned that he believed that a coordinated effort could occur for sure with the art walk aspect of the park design.

Mills said that he agreed with Pieper on the art walk coordination. He noted though that he didn't like the idea of the current large open grassy space. He mentioned that it would be great to make it more of an interactive gathering space to make it more fun. Mills stated though that the City is likely not interested in redoing anything that has already been put in place. He said he liked the mound idea and the hillside elements to be able to sit on. Mills expressed concern about making changes though and what that would do to the budget.

Stillman said that the changes would only include bringing in more dirt and moving dirt. He said that the sprinkler system could be reused. He said that he could do the work.

Reisdorf explained that there is a process that the city needs to follow when it does projects over a certain dollar amount. She noted that the city cannot allow anyone to come in and do work. Reisdorf said that generally with projects like this, the City Engineer needs to put together an engineered and approved project scope and design. She noted that the document is published then for private contractors to bid on. Reisdorf said that generally the lowest bidder is awarded the project.

Kahn stated that she would definitely like to work with Stillman on the art walk portion of the current design. She noted that she didn't think the City Council would be open to significant changes at this time.

Stillman said that he was super suspicious of the project cost.

Kahn noted that the POSC is only an advisory board to the City Council. She said that she wanted to be straight forward about the hesitation and likelihood of significant project changes at this time. She explained that there are many other city park spaces that have significant open spaces that she thought Stillman could create creative designs for.

Stillman expressed concerns about the city leaders receiving financial kickbacks and doing other things they shouldn't be. He noted that he was going to reach out to the Attorney General to look into the City of Mound's practices. Stillman asked why the POSC couldn't recommend to the City Council approval of his design.

Reisdorf stated she was concerned about some of the comments being made by Stillman.

Pieper said that he appreciated Stillman bringing forward his ideas. He noted that he is excited to see what can be done with the park design. He said that more research has to be done and explained that not all wish list items will be able to make it into the final design. Pieper said that he hoped Stillman could leave the meeting in a good place noting that the Commission would value his collaboration. He stated that he agreed with Kahn that there are many open city spaces that are currently “blank canvasses”.

Pugh asked Stillman if he had seen the three phases of the park design.

Stillman said that he had.

Pugh explained that she likes creative spaces and that it is important to incorporate art in everyday living spaces. She noted that there is an art walk planned that is an opportunity to bring art into this park as it will add value to the space. Pugh said that Stillman doesn’t need to be adversarial about comments from the Commissioners. She said she didn’t appreciate the Attorney General threat.

Stillman stated that trees in Phase I of the project were ripped out that shouldn’t have been ripped out.

Kahn noted that the POSC needed to move on to other items on the agenda.

6. **Follow Up Items from Joint POSC/CC Meeting**

**A. 2025 POSC Personal/Commission Priorities**

Kahn mentioned that on May 6, 2025, the City Council and the POSC met in a joint meeting to connect and discuss priorities of both boards related to parks. Kahn informed that at that meeting, the packet included a final design for the playground that the POSC recommended approval for at Chester Park. She stated that it is going to the City Council for approval at their May 13, 2025, regular meeting. Kahn stated that there were some concerns by some of the City Council regarding the height of the playground and how it would impact the view of Lake Minnetonka. She explained to the City Council that it was the shortest and most compact of all the designs and that the design was also vetted by and recommended by neighbors who attended the meeting, including the owners of the restaurant, Al and Almas.

Kahn stated that the City Council reviewed mostly their properties related to the city parks and open spaces. She noted that many of them were priorities of the POSC as well. She stated that the City Council wasn’t aware that the Commissioners did annual park visits to all of the parks and that they liked that this was being done. She mentioned that part of the discussion centered on the wayfinding signs within the parks and that the City Council needed to take a bigger role as to what they want those signs to look like and what to include.

**B. Chester Park Rename**

Reisdorf stated that at the joint meeting, the City Council agreed that these requests to rename the parks or to make name dedications are becoming more frequent. She noted that the City Council requested that a policy be written to provide guidance in the future for these requests.

Pugh noted that in the past parks were allowed to be renamed when financial donations were received. She agreed that a process needs to be determined with specific criteria.

7. **Adopt a Green Space Program**

**A. Application Document Review**

Reisdorf presented an updated application document for the Commission to review for the Adopt a Green Space Program. She noted one change to be that volunteers could “opt-in” to receiving notifications and updates from city staff. She said that the intent of relooking at the application and program documents was to create more guidelines on how to keep track of volunteers and provide more and better communication. Reisdorf noted that in the past, she has tried to reach out to volunteers to determine if their commitment was still active. She said that she only received a response back from about 50% of adopters. Reisdorf explained that the Commission recommended doing an annual application process to have adopters

recommit. Reisdorf recommended doing an adoption term of two-years due to administrative and staff work related to the program. She said this includes creating adopter signage for the adopted locations.

The POSC noted no changes regarding the updated application and were ok with the two-year term commitment for adopters.

**B. Letter to Adopters Document Review**

Reisdorf provided a draft letter that will be going out to current adopters soon informing them of minor program changes that will be coming up in 2026. She stated that this would include the new application process every two years, and the “opt in” communications option. She recommended that the city send out two letters early in the summer explaining the changes to current adopters and notifying them that if they are interested in remaining the adopter of their current space or park, that they need to complete a new application by a specific date. Reisdorf said that if a new application is not received by a certain date, that the letter would inform that the current space or park would become open for adoption by another.

Reisdorf stated that the terms would be a strict two-year term, explaining that the new first term of the upcoming agreements would be January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027.

The POSC commissioners discussed and were in agreement with this.

**8. Recreational Programs Discussion**

**A. Playground Passport**

Kahn provided an update on a previous discussion that focused on creating a playground passport to incentivize residents to visit parks outside their neighborhoods and/or the biggest parks. She explained that the passport would be a document that would list 15 different parks and that each park could be crossed off after visited. Kahn said that she is working with someone at the local high school to help design the document. She noted that the city would be printing them.

The POSC agreed to hand them out at the Farmers Market, the Spirit of the Lakes Festival, the library, and at City Hall.

Pieper asked if a copy could be printed in the local newspaper.

Mills asked about having copies at the municipal liquor store.

Kahn recommended promoting it on social media.

**B. Pop Up Park Playdates**

Kahn talked about another personal idea that she came up with. She noted that the POSC has talked about trying to increase visits to different parks in the city. She explained that she is working on putting together five different pop-up park play date events, each at different parks and times. Kahn said that the city would advertise them.

Kahn outlined the tentative events and that each one would have a partner:

- Library event
- Music event
- Yoga event
- Ice Cream Truck event
- Early Childhood Education Event

She noted that she is hoping to do these starting in August 2025. Kahn mentioned that staff needs to do a little research on planning, processes and coordination.

Blievernicht asked Kahn how the POSC could help make it successful and to keep them all updated.



Mills said that he thought the idea was really cool.

Pugh said that the events were great and had great partners associated with them.

Pieper thanked Kahn for her efforts. He said that some time he would be interested in hosting an event about gardening.

9. **Summer Meetings Schedule**

Kahn informed that the Commission has generally taken off during the summer months. She noted that the POSC has a lot of projects going on at the moment and wondering if it was a good idea to take off this summer. She stated that she understood the summer is busy for people as well.

Pieper agreed that there is a lot going on and said he would be ok continuing throughout the summer months.

Mills agreed to meet as well, as did Blievernicht and Pugh.

10. **Annual Park Visits Assignments**

Kahn introduced this item and said that on an annual basis, the POSC splits up the parks into groups and performs visits.

The POSC assigned the following parks:

- Kahn: Group A.
- Pugh: Group B.
- Pieper: Group C.
- Blievernicht: Group D.
- Mills: Group E.

They agreed to bring their assessments back to the next meeting in June.

11. **Reports**

**Staff Reports:** Reisdorf said that the Public Works Department would be starting to paint picnic tables this month. She said that there has been a delay with the new website.

**City Council Representative:** Pugh noted that the City Council is still seeking funding for a water treatment facility. She said that the state representatives need to start working together to address the needs to clean water treatment around the State of Minnesota; including Mound.

**Commission Comments:**

POSC Commissioner Pieper: Letter to Community Education/Westonka School District. (Tabled).

12. **Next Meeting: June 12, 2025**

Tentative Discussion Items:

Park Visit Discussion

Lost Lake Commons: Phase II

13. **Adjourn**

**Blievernicht moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 PM. Pugh seconded. Motion carried 5-0.**

**PARK REVIEW SHEET**

**PARK NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTRACTIONS:**

**REVIEWED BY:**

	<b><u>NOTES</u></b>
<b>PLAY STRUCTURE:</b>	
<b>USABILITY / ACCESSIBILITY:</b>	
<b>BENCHES / PICNIC TABLES:</b>	
<b>TREES / LANDSCAPING:</b>	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS:</b>	

**Immediate Attention Needs:**

**Quick and Easy Improvement Ideas:**

<b>Group A</b>	<b>Group B</b>	<b>Group C</b>	<b>Group D</b>	<b>Group E</b>
Belmont	Alwin	Avon	Tyrone	Avalon
Canary Beach	Philbrook	Bluffs Beach	Veterans' Plaza	Chester
Centerview Beach	Sorbo	Carlson Park	Wychwood	Doone
Crescent	Veterans'	Highland End	Zero Gravity	Dundee
Seton	Weiland	Highland	Lost lake	Sherven
Three Points	Surfside			Swenson

## Belmont Park

Overall, Belmont is in good shape. Refreshed mulch is already in place and helps the park look cared-for. Established native planting beds are well-established at this point and are looking bountiful. Play structure was in functional condition.

Areas of concern: Some bad words have been carved into the playground equipment. Inside the enclosed tunnel is the word "fuck" and at the bottom of the slide nearest the two native planting beds, the words "pornhub" and "bitch" are carved.

As I'm sure will be discussed separately, the newest native garden bed was accidentally mowed. Also, was the pine tree question ever resolved? The newly planted tree is still growing in the green space area.

Trash and puzzle pieces were dispersed throughout the mulch. There is a trash can, but I feel like I commonly see more trash on the ground here than at other parks. It might be helpful for Public Works to spend a little time here on trash collection since it seems to be a consistent problem at this park.









## **Canary Beach**

Overall, in good shape. Picnic table is in better shape than most since it's not wooden.

Areas of concern: beach did have some collections of organic material. I know Public Works does clean this up, but I thought cleanup day was on Thursdays, and I visited on a Thursday evening.

The street/curb at the entrance can use some cleanup (see picture near sign).

Park could use a trash can. There is no trash can there currently and there is some trash accumulated.





## Centerview Beach

This park was very busy on a Thursday night visit and looked to be in great shape overall. Parking lot is clean, grass is growing well, and native plantings look lush. Fishing pier was being used by multiple groups across the age spectrum. Kayak entry into the water was clear, clean, and inviting.

Areas of concern: Is there some erosion on the beach? There looks to be less sand than what I remember. It seems to drop off quickly from grass to water.

Port-a-potty looks like it was hit by a car and pushed off the cement foundation. Likely still functional but less than ideal.







## **Crescent Park**

As always, a beautiful slice of lake life. Native plants by the park sign are abundant. Walkable dirt path is in good shape, and leads to a bench at the end with a gorgeous lake view.

Areas of concern/suggestions:

We have said for YEARS that this park needs signage at the second entrance (next to intersection of Sparrow and Heron). Also, we need a defined walkway between current park sign and the walkable dirt path; the grass leads behind current backyards and appears like you're trespassing on private property even though it is city land.

Bag of trash was hanging at the end of the park, next to the bench/water access. A trash can in that area is not appropriate, but not sure if trash accumulation in that area is a chronic issue.

Suggestion: the bench at the end is a prime location for a memorial bench. It's peaceful and private and has that ideal lake view.









## **Seton Park**

Park is in great condition and was a pleasure to visit. Grass is in good shape, if a little weedy, and planter is beautifully taken care of by park adopters. Playground and mulch are in good shape. Swing has a black rubber mat under it which helps avoid mulch erosion.

Areas of concern:

Dogs in park sign has become unattached from chain link backstop. It is currently kind of propped up into place. This is a very easy fix for Public Works.

Suggestion: Asphalt basketball court is in good shape. Painted lines on the court might be helpful; the old lines are almost completely worn away.







### Three Points Park

This park is in desperate need of some TLC. The overall vibe is "the park the city forgot."

Parking lot: I almost fell getting out of my car, which sums up the state of the asphalt.

Drinking fountain and port-a-potty: These amenities are literally about two feet from each other, which is less than ideal. I know there is no contact between the water source and the waste receptacle but in such a large park there has to be another spot for the port-a-potty.

Tennis/pickleball court: cracked and weedy, with a sagging net.

Playground: play equipment seems to be in good shape, and there is some new mulch added, but it's literally like a sprinkle on top of the older mulch instead of the complete refresh other playgrounds seems to have had.

Planters: There are three raised beds there (why?) and all three are overgrown, on a cracked, weedy cement slab.

Grass: In good shape, actually. The best feature of the park at this time.









# Parks and Open Spaces Commission

## – Annual Parks Review

Group D

Commissioner Kim Blievernicht

Spring 2025





# Tyrone Park Attractions Play Equipment Well maintained and in working order



## Additional Attractions



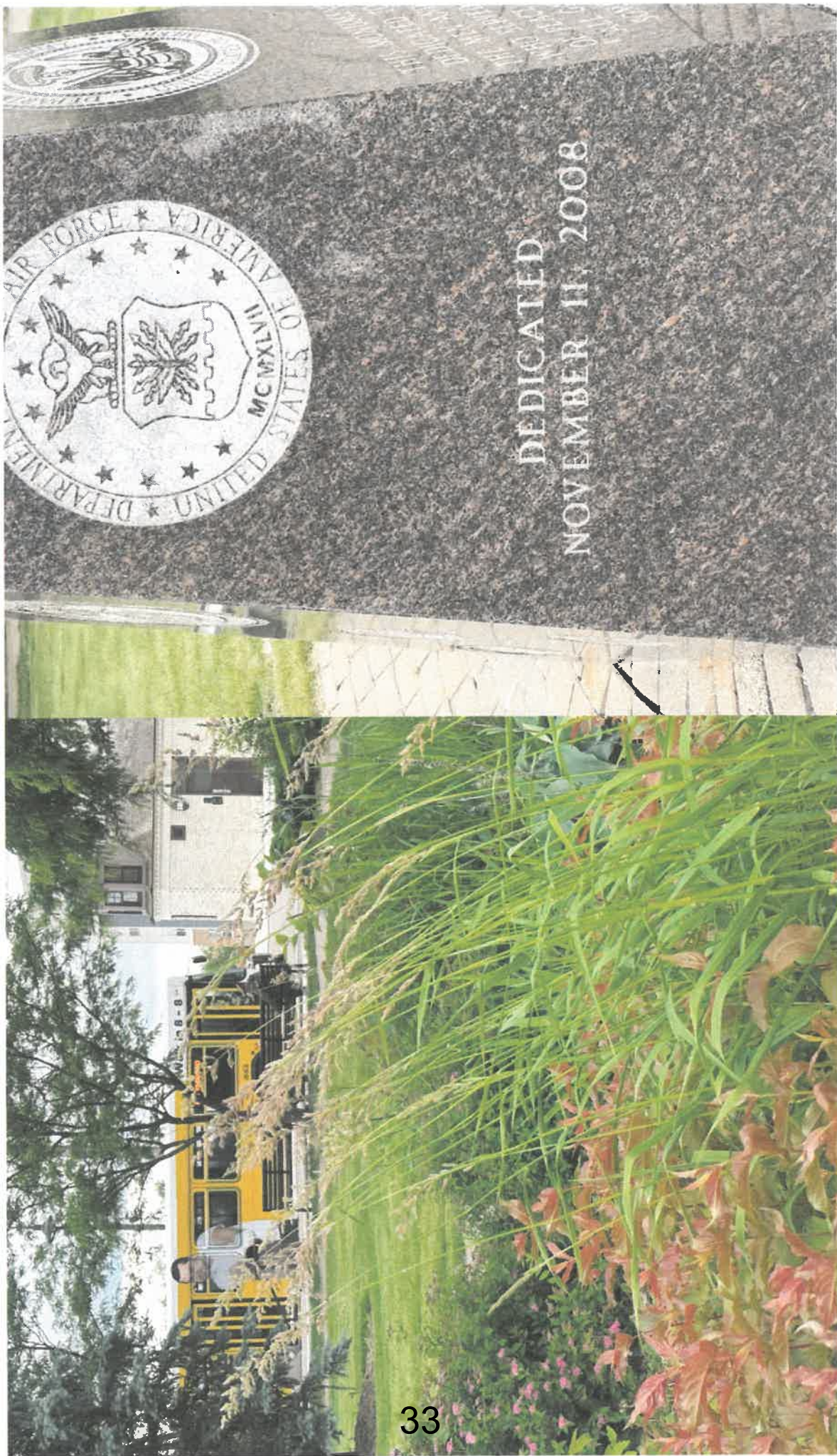


# Veterans Plaza

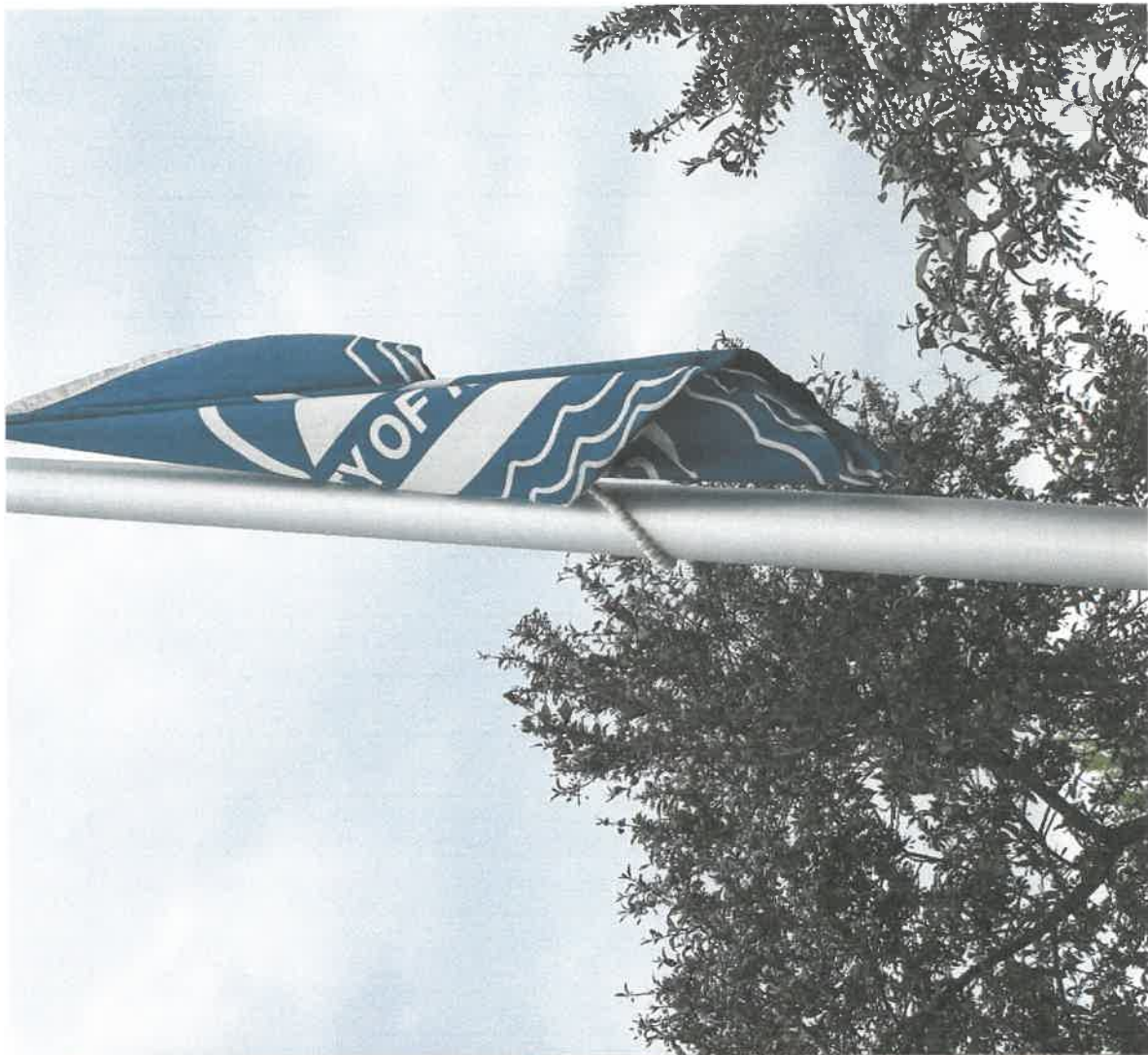
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THE MEN AND WOMEN  
WHO SERVED IN TIMES  
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SOME GAVE ALL

# Wychwood Park



- Green Space
- Beach recently groomed
- Public swim area and beach



Sink hole on path  
entrance needs repair





# Zero Gravity

Reviewed 6/4/2025













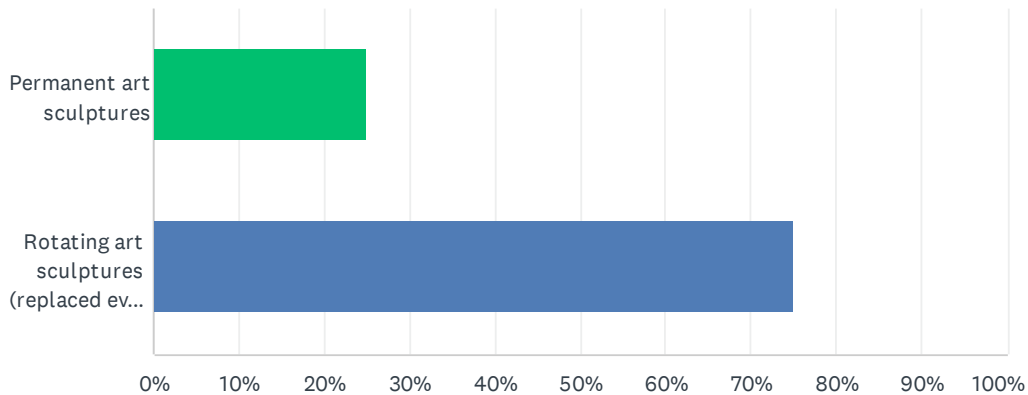
# Lost Lake Park

Reviewed June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025



Q1 Park ArtPark improvements will include an 'art walk,' a series of sculptural pieces placed on reinforced concrete pads along a sidewalk. The city welcomes your input on the duration of the selected art within the Park. Please select your preference below. Note specific art selection will be determined at a later date.

Answered: 180    Skipped: 14



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Permanent art sculptures	25.00%	45
Rotating art sculptures (replaced every x number of years)	75.00%	135
TOTAL		180

## Q2 Please leave any additional comments here.

Answered: 55   Skipped: 139

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	In the selection of art, it would be great if the City would prioritize local artists and artists of color.	6/2/2025 8:42 AM
2	They need to be safe for kids	5/30/2025 11:59 AM
3	why waste money on art when we need better water!	5/30/2025 9:31 AM
4	Permanent if the art is good. Then the pieces can be icons of the area. Or, maybe a blend of permanent icons and rotating exhibits.	5/29/2025 6:11 PM
5	<b>Temp</b> Art changes over time. This would be good way to showcase as many artists as possible	5/29/2025 2:58 PM
6	<b>No art</b> depends on the cost and difficulty of rotating them. Variety is nice but not if it's a cost burden on the city.	5/27/2025 10:40 AM
7	<b>No art</b> Neither, plant more trees or add something useful... drinking fountain for humans and dogs, picnic tables...etc	5/27/2025 9:37 AM
8	<b>Permanent</b> <b>Temp</b> It would be nice to have a couple of permanent pieces that reflect the beautiful nature and wildlife we have in this area. However, I would also like to see some temp pieces that rotate to keep it interesting and everchanging.	5/27/2025 9:35 AM
9	<b>Local</b> Focus on local artists and art relevant to the area.	5/25/2025 5:00 PM
10	More shade please.	5/23/2025 6:27 PM
11	Keep it simple as you dont take care of this area as you should with existing plantings etc. Less is More	5/23/2025 4:53 PM
12	<b>No art</b> No art is my preference	5/22/2025 11:18 PM
13	<b>Local</b> Incorporate the work of local/regional artists	5/22/2025 10:55 PM
14	<b>Permanent</b> This makes me think of the wonderful hill in the Arboretum with all the sculptures. It seems to me that permanent sculptures would be more cost effective for the city in the long run.	5/22/2025 9:19 PM
15	Put the music park back and or playground (a real wood and metal playground not tiny plastic one)	5/22/2025 7:51 PM
16	<b>Permanent</b> Art that requires the least amount of maintenance funds.	5/22/2025 6:36 PM
17	<b>Local</b> I believe it is important to include people in the Arts community to lend expertise to selecting the art work	5/22/2025 10:15 AM
18	I don't care if there is art there. I want a park or green space that I can use with my grandkids and dogs.	5/22/2025 8:15 AM
19	Give people a reason to come back ....	5/22/2025 6:59 AM
20	No strong opinion one way or the other.	5/22/2025 1:47 AM
21	<b>Temp</b> Permanent structures will get boring and subject to vandalism.	5/21/2025 11:00 PM
22	<b>No art</b> Is this the best the city could come up with is an "art walk"? Other cities have pools and splash pads but we have some hunks of metal and some sticks?	5/21/2025 10:06 PM
23	<b>No art</b> <b>Permanent</b> Save money!!!	5/21/2025 9:11 PM
24	<b>Local</b> Find art pieces that allows for interaction and stylistically fits with the natural setting. The senses should be engaged via colors, sounds, textures, and medium.	5/21/2025 5:57 PM

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25	Statues not necessary. Nice landscaping and grass would be good.	5/21/2025 2:53 PM
26	This park is wasted space	5/21/2025 7:11 AM
27	<b>Permanent</b> I chose permanent assuming more of my tax dollars would have to pay rotational sculptures and the installation. That money could go towards something else more functional/beneficial.	5/21/2025 6:05 AM
28	<b>Local</b> Dog friendly park. Off leash area. Sculptures should represent the indigenous people of the land	5/20/2025 10:33 PM
29	The city of Mound should hire a local agency to get a new logo, it would represent forward progress along with showing the history	5/20/2025 7:56 PM
30	<b>Local</b> <b>Temp</b> If there enough interested artists I think seeing new ones every year, local artists would be inspired to share!	5/20/2025 7:34 PM
31	Put more trees along Shore line Dr.	5/20/2025 4:47 PM
32	<b>Local</b> If possible and practical link the sculpture to the lake and history of Mound.	5/20/2025 2:39 PM
33	Great place for art placement and sharing	5/20/2025 2:34 PM
34	None	5/20/2025 2:21 PM
35	<b>Local</b> Please consider local artists. The artist at Big Stone mini golf and sculpture garden has some great pieces.	5/20/2025 2:20 PM
36	I am so happy we will have this park, I live at Artessa and think it will be a great spot to meet and greet.	5/20/2025 1:58 PM
37	Art would not be my priority but a unleashed dog park run or a kids playground would be	5/20/2025 10:18 AM
38	It needs more outdoor activities , outdoor music , kids activities, coffees shops patios. Improve the city image . Removed all the bad junk left in some people's yard and junk houses in Mound .	5/20/2025 9:14 AM
39	<b>Local</b> <b>Temp</b> It would be nice to see a rotating selection of art - both for walkers and giving more artists exposure.	5/20/2025 7:07 AM
40	Are these the pieces? Not really a fan of either.	5/20/2025 6:05 AM
41	Large rocks to sit on that are placed around trees as they were before would be appropriate.	5/20/2025 1:23 AM
42	Nothing too bright or obnoxious. It should blend well with surrounding habitat.	5/19/2025 9:36 PM
43	Permanent will be less money, right? How are you choosing the artists? Not really necessary, leave room for green space	5/19/2025 9:12 PM
44	Featuring local artists	5/19/2025 7:15 PM
45	Spend initial funds on high quality art, that will last and be impressive.	5/19/2025 5:44 PM
46	Local artists that can incorporate lake Minnetonka history into the artwork. Paul Tierney Sculptures this would be a artist to contribute to this project	5/19/2025 5:10 PM
47	The fact that Mound can't quite figure it out is embarrassing. Stop allowing building without stores that attract business. Give businesses incentives to come to Mound. Follow what they did in Hopkins and maybe this city will be less Moundtucky.	5/19/2025 5:10 PM
48	Would feature more, varied artists and styles	5/19/2025 4:45 PM
49	Include an 'Art Passport' where one checks off each art installation and when they're all checked off, they bring it to the Mound Westonka Museum for a sticker :)	5/19/2025 4:19 PM
50	Allow local artists to have their info displayed on their pieces.	5/19/2025 4:19 PM
51	Least expensive. I think costs need to be considered	5/19/2025 4:18 PM
52	N/A	5/19/2025 4:14 PM
53	Art sculptures get stale and community gets blind to them, taking up space where something else that is useful could be there or money spent elsewhere	5/19/2025 3:58 PM

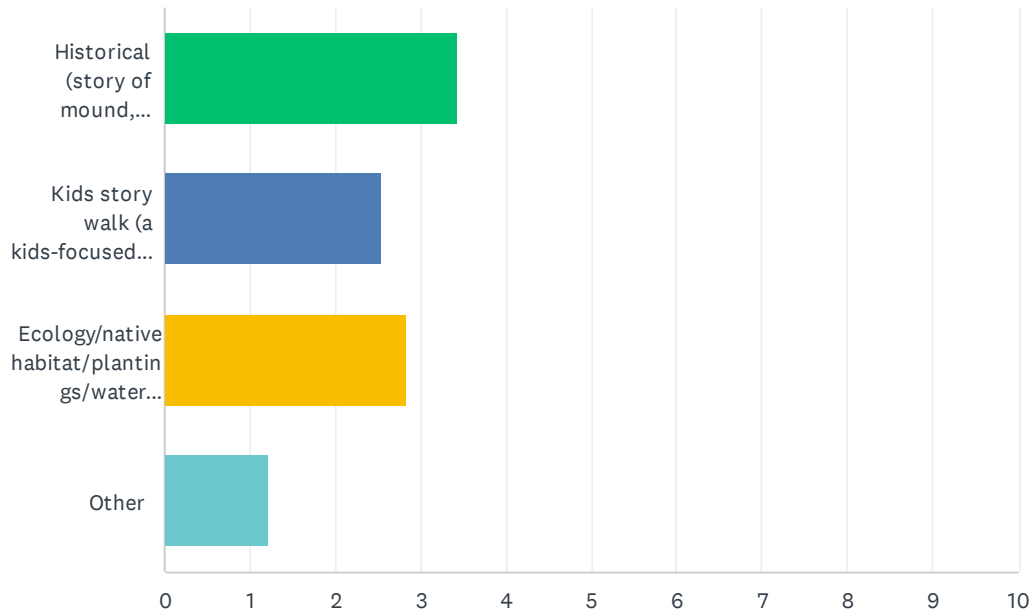


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54	It would be awesome to have the sculptures be some sort of nautical themed art to encompass or showcase the lake area.	5/19/2025 3:58 PM
55	Grass. Lots of grass	5/19/2025 3:57 PM

**Q3 Interpretive Signage** Park improvements will include a series of interpretive/educational signs. Please help us select the preferred subject(s) for the signage information. Please rank in order of most preferred (1) to least preferred (4).

Answered: 188 Skipped: 6



	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	SCORE
Historical (story of mound, significant events, figures/ businesses, etc.)	57.45% 108	29.79% 56	11.17% 21	1.60% 3	188	3.43
Kids story walk (a kids-focused story sequenced in a series of signs)	17.55% 33	27.13% 51	45.74% 86	9.57% 18	188	2.53
Ecology/native habitat/plantings/water quality	23.40% 44	39.89% 75	33.51% 63	3.19% 6	188	2.84
Other	1.60% 3	3.19% 6	9.57% 18	85.64% 161	188	1.21

## Q4 If you ranked "other" higher than least preferred (4), please specify your answer here.

Answered: 23   Skipped: 171

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	History of the Native Americans in Mound and the Lake Minnetonka area.	6/2/2025 8:42 AM
2	Rotating seasonal signage about what birds are likley to be seen and their habits/natural history.	5/30/2025 9:32 AM
3	Lake Minnetonka-focused facts	5/24/2025 2:40 PM
4	Puzzle sculptures, humor, or Snoopy.	5/23/2025 6:27 PM
5	Don't add, leave it green grass and simple	5/23/2025 4:53 PM
6	N/A	5/22/2025 7:51 PM
7	A Look and Find Activity for Children	5/22/2025 7:50 PM
8	Nature Look and find for kids	5/22/2025 7:48 PM
9	Build longterm kid friendly infrastructure to support young families. There is plenty in town for the older generation. Consider a splash-pad or more young family friendly improvements.	5/22/2025 6:36 PM
10	Please make sure there is significant information about the indigenous people who lived here long before us. We owe everything to them.	5/22/2025 10:15 AM
11	Too much signage will be vandalized. We have library for story time. Don't junk up the beauty of nature.	5/22/2025 8:15 AM
12	Not enough in the area to warrant a special area for them.	5/21/2025 4:35 PM
13	Interpretive signage, who's idea was this. No we are really wasting space	5/21/2025 7:11 AM
14	Facts of indigenous people	5/20/2025 10:33 PM
15	Splash pad for children	5/20/2025 8:40 PM
16	Different types of boats	5/20/2025 7:34 PM
17	More trees	5/20/2025 4:47 PM
18	Make outdoor activities and sidewalks for people come over to enjoys the outdoor spaces. More businesses can bring people to there . Outdoor music , coffees shops	5/20/2025 9:14 AM
19	0 for all, not necessarily a good idea	5/19/2025 9:12 PM
20	Activity based, something that encourages movement	5/19/2025 6:11 PM
21	Just it's not a children's playground. If it was I'd have voted for that.	5/19/2025 5:09 PM
22	Local events, calender.	5/19/2025 4:19 PM
23	Broader lake Minnetonka facts	5/19/2025 4:06 PM

## Q5 Please leave any additional comments here.

Answered: 30 Skipped: 164

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	If you do decide to include signage about Native Americans in Mound, please have someone from the Native community read the draft before it's printed and give input, like a sensitivity reader.	6/2/2025 8:42 AM
2	Andrews Sisters trail already contains interpretive signage. Ecological signs to educate about healthy lake ecosystems	5/29/2025 2:58 PM
3	Park benches, tables for picnics, trees - keeping an area for the farmers market and bike trail is important. Water fountains. Trash containers. A open place by the water to watch the boats and have guests enter and park there for our restaurants.	5/27/2025 8:39 PM
4	Mow the weeds, plant grass seed, turn on the irrigation system, buy weed and feed, repeat	5/26/2025 6:40 AM
5	If "kids" is chosen, it could include elements to engage all ages. I hope there won't be too many signs and that they will be tastefully integrated in the surroundings.	5/25/2025 10:17 PM
6	Excited to see more art in Mound!! Thank you for making more public park and art space. How about adding performance space?	5/25/2025 7:28 PM
7	Addition of dog friendly area with watering stations etc.	5/25/2025 5:00 PM
8	Ensure Farmer's Market has enough space.	5/24/2025 8:18 PM
9	Maybe not a fireplace but a grill or two would be nice.	5/23/2025 6:27 PM
10	Just plant grass and get the weeds eliminated to start. Give us Confidence you'll maintain before you add too much	5/23/2025 4:53 PM
11	Keep it natural Less is more	5/22/2025 11:18 PM
12	N/A	5/22/2025 7:51 PM
13	Let's get the community involved with clean up and planting	5/22/2025 8:41 AM
14	Make it walkable and accessible.	5/22/2025 8:15 AM
15	Plant lots and lots of trees. 10-20 years down the road you will have a really nice shaded oasis in the middle of downtown Mound. Also put benches in there too.	5/21/2025 11:00 PM
16	Would greatly appreciate stories of earliest Native Americans.	5/21/2025 4:37 PM
17	You should combine the ecology/native habitat into the kids story walk. Make it fun to learn.	5/21/2025 6:05 AM
18	Dog park needed in city of mound	5/20/2025 10:33 PM
19	Lots of picnic tables! You could have picnics while using the trail. Restaurant!!!	5/20/2025 7:56 PM
20	Please keep fire pit, interactive product and activities closest to where the park meets Highway 15. We can hear people talking and playing through our windows.	5/20/2025 4:55 PM
21	More trees along Shore line Dr	5/20/2025 4:47 PM
22	A resource or idea generator would be Big Stone Mini Golf in Minnetrista. Also, coordinate with the trail signage Hennepin County has done.	5/20/2025 2:39 PM
23	Other should include our Veterans or tying it back to Veterans Park.	5/20/2025 2:20 PM
24	Why do we have signsthat say "no Fishing". The dock is a perfect spot for people to fish from, besides no one enforces this sign anyway.	5/20/2025 1:58 PM
25	For history signage, please include Native American info.	5/20/2025 10:41 AM

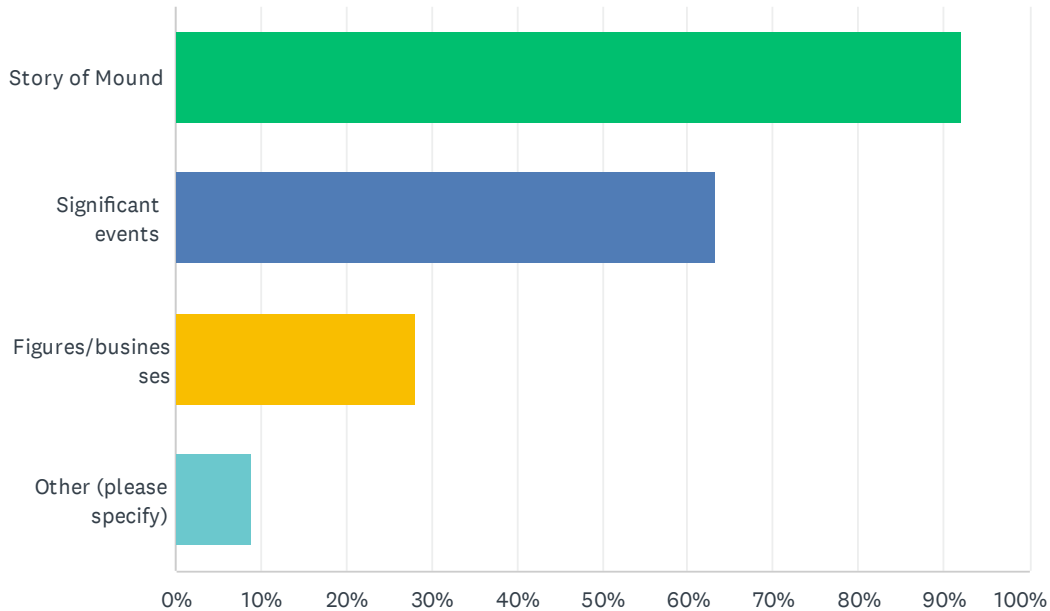


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26	It need keep the park and downtown looks more nicer , how can bring people to the park . Improve the neighborhood and more sidewalks , outdoor music , event . Asking someone house clean the junk in the yard .	5/20/2025 9:14 AM
27	Seating, trash receptacles, shade. Would love if you provide places for BBQ and birthday parties.	5/19/2025 7:15 PM
28	Please be have awareness on what brings us together, and not what divides us. It should feel neither conservative or liberal.	5/19/2025 6:11 PM
29	Grass. Lots of grass	5/19/2025 3:57 PM
30	Splash pad for kids	5/19/2025 3:49 PM

## Q6 If signage contains historical information, please select your preferred subject(s). Select all that apply.

Answered: 177   Skipped: 17



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Story of Mound	92.09%	163
Significant events	63.28%	112
Figures/businesses	28.25%	50
Other (please specify)	9.04%	16
Total Respondents: 177		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	History of Lake Minnetonka	5/31/2025 5:44 PM
2	Native American history	5/27/2025 7:13 PM
3	natural history (e.g., lake formed by glaciers etc.)	5/27/2025 10:40 AM
4	Indigenous history	5/24/2025 11:14 AM
5	Describe the burial mounds	5/23/2025 7:35 AM
6	Lake Minnetonka and Lost Lake info	5/21/2025 10:31 PM
7	Information contextualizing the lakes to the natural history of Minnesota.	5/21/2025 5:57 PM
8	Map	5/20/2025 7:56 PM
9	how did Mound get its name etc!	5/20/2025 1:58 PM
10	Native Americans	5/20/2025 10:41 AM

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11	Kids activities	5/20/2025 9:14 AM
12	Native people history should be included also.	5/20/2025 8:11 AM
13	Origin of name mound	5/19/2025 9:16 PM
14	none	5/19/2025 9:12 PM
15	Native American History	5/19/2025 5:25 PM
16	More on the Andrew Sisters! Mound needs to be 'known' as something. Right now, I feel like we're the last thought when it comes to deciding on where to go on Lake Mtka. People need a reason to visit.	5/19/2025 4:19 PM



## Q7 Please leave any additional comments here.

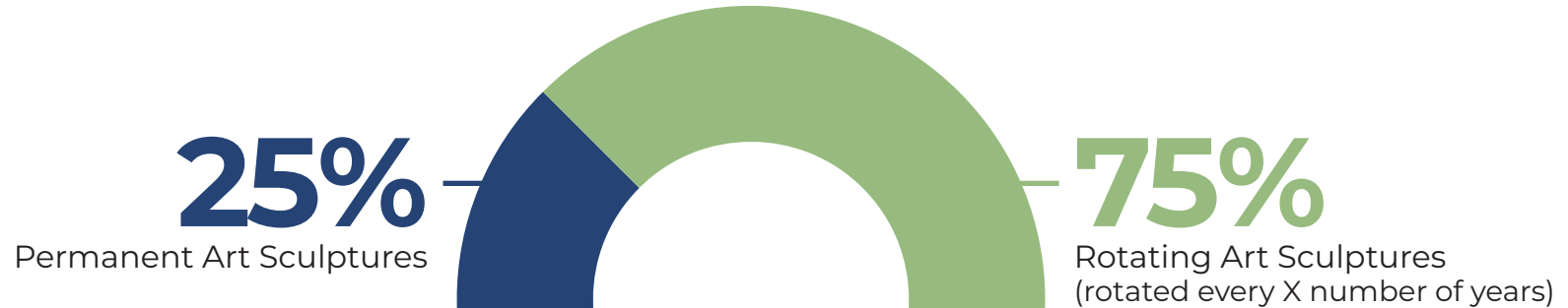
Answered: 42    Skipped: 152

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Thank you for giving Mound residents a chance to weigh in. The park will be amazing!	6/2/2025 8:42 AM
2	More public fishing area for children	6/1/2025 6:55 PM
3	The musical interactive instruments were a fun addition	5/31/2025 11:10 AM
4	This location needs lots of shade trees... picnic tables and some sheltered. Hoping for a stage or platform with electrical for live music and outdoor presentations.	5/30/2025 11:59 AM
5	The city should change its name. Westonka comes to mind.	5/29/2025 6:11 PM
6	Seating. It is a beautiful area. Trees. Add some trees. Picnic tables. You need more than art to bring people here. Please research successful art walks for ideas. What is success? People visiting, walking, reading, relaxing, enjoying.	5/28/2025 5:39 AM
7	We need some work in the stores on Main Street & the mail by Wells Fargo What a waste of a downtown...we need to turn these areas around too! Thanks	5/27/2025 8:39 PM
8	Make the park fun and interactive. The percussion instruments from before were great. Consider a walking path that can be flooded and used as a skating ribbon in winter. Consider a small stage.	5/26/2025 2:48 PM
9	Clean up harbor area. There usually aren't any dog bags in the dispenser. Buy some RoundUp for the weeds in the walk ways. Buy more garbage cans for the boaters garbage and pick it up more than once a week. You should not be spending money on these projects if you can't afford to keep them up.	5/26/2025 6:40 AM
10	I hope there will be plenty of space to sit (natural or created) to enjoy the park.	5/25/2025 10:17 PM
11	See above	5/25/2025 7:28 PM
12	Would love to see a creative mural painted by someone in the area. Also something that people could add to like the locks in Paris.	5/25/2025 9:27 AM
13	It was nicer before	5/22/2025 11:18 PM
14	None	5/22/2025 10:55 PM
15	N/A	5/22/2025 7:51 PM
16	Plant lots of trees. It's inexpensive and you'll have a really nice spot in downtown Mound someday.	5/21/2025 11:00 PM
17	This whole thing is an embarrassment.	5/21/2025 10:06 PM
18	Please show a rendering of your plans with the Artesa building included.	5/21/2025 7:02 PM
19	To allow for spontaneous community gatherings and outings, provide seating areas that are shaded with several being handicapped accessible. Leave wide green space. Place fence or shrubbery to suggest barrier from busy roadway. Conduct test of desire paths through space.	5/21/2025 5:57 PM
20	You did a survey for surfside park and to my knowledge didn't follow through with the results	5/21/2025 7:11 AM
21	Not figures/businesses. Let's keep the private sector out of this. People look for things to complain about, including certain businesses/people and not others will only feed the fire.	5/21/2025 6:05 AM
22	I like the focus on nature	5/21/2025 5:45 AM
23	Off leash dog park. Use funding from off leash permits and/parking fees	5/20/2025 10:33 PM
24	Make it kid friendly!!! Splash pad would be great!!	5/20/2025 8:40 PM

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25	More trees on shore line dr	5/20/2025 4:47 PM
26	include dog poop bags and garbage cans in the park so people will hopefully use them. I have been picking up a lot of stuff left around from ice cream store lately, He should also tell people not to litter in case they DID NOT KNOW THAT duh	5/20/2025 1:58 PM
27	No comments	5/20/2025 1:52 PM
28	More kid friendly the better.	5/20/2025 10:50 AM
29	IMO, there should be a several benches and perhaps a picnic area.	5/20/2025 10:41 AM
30	History of Lost lake should be included given proximity to park	5/20/2025 10:18 AM
31	Thank you for reaching out to the community for input. I'm looking forward to having this new walkway to enjoy.	5/20/2025 7:07 AM
32	Need space for food trucks or other small businesses to draw people into lost lake. Seems like a huge missed opportunity given we are only one of three cities on the lake with dock access right into our down town. Need to make some effort in taking advantage of that. Appreciate the work that has been done already but don't settle! Thanks!!!	5/20/2025 1:23 AM
33	no signage leave more green space	5/19/2025 9:12 PM
34	Should put in a splash pad.	5/19/2025 8:45 PM
35	Instagrammable photo opps. Something that people would COME TO mound to see, take a picture and share with their friends. Like the Unconditional Surrender in San Diego, but a Tonka Truck or the Andrew's Sisters. <a href="https://www.alamy.com/kissing-sailor-statue-port-of-san-diego-also-known-as-unconditional-surrender-recreates-famous-embrace-between-a-sailor-and-a-nurse-celebrating-the-image408252893.html">https://www.alamy.com/kissing-sailor-statue-port-of-san-diego-also-known-as-unconditional-surrender-recreates-famous-embrace-between-a-sailor-and-a-nurse-celebrating-the-image408252893.html</a>	5/19/2025 7:15 PM
36	The city does a great job with the parks and maintenance, thank you!!	5/19/2025 6:11 PM
37	Please do something to make Mound a walking city. So many missed opportunities with all the new builds and nothing done to actually bring people to our city. The city council needs to find a new path, none of what they're doing is working. This city is run like a middle school project.	5/19/2025 5:10 PM
38	I think a group of interested Moundians (?) could do a focus-group like brain dump on what else Mound should consider. The economic development opportunities are so great, yet getting business to sign on the bottom line seems to be an issue. How can the city help the city grow? We have ideas!!!	5/19/2025 4:19 PM
39	A dog park would be cool. Not a single one in mound to my knowledge.	5/19/2025 4:06 PM
40	We already have a children's park in town at surfside beach now. It would be awesome if this space could be used for peace & quiet with history, maps, and not necessarily kid related activities. A space to reflect and be at peace is what we hope for.	5/19/2025 3:58 PM
41	Keep it the mound feel. Not lots of concrete. Lots of grass A place for family's to go and relax in the nice grass. :)	5/19/2025 3:57 PM
42	Would love a splash pad here	5/19/2025 3:49 PM

***Respondents identified their preferred duration for selected sculptures within the park.***



**Additional Comments**

**PRO**

- Low cost
- Permanent sculptures would become fixtures in the community

**CON**

- Would lose interest over time and potentially be the subject of vandalism

**Additional Comments**

**PRO**

- Emphasize wanting to give exposure to as many artists as possible and keep things fresh

**CON**

- The potential higher cost of frequently rotating sculptures

***Overall there was strong support for sculptures by local artists that blend in with and incorporate the local nature and history of Mound.***

***Respondents ranked their preferred subject(s) for interpretive/educational signage within the park.***



**1st**

Historical Signage

108 1st Priority Responses



**2nd**

Ecology / Native Habitat /  
Plantings / Water Quality

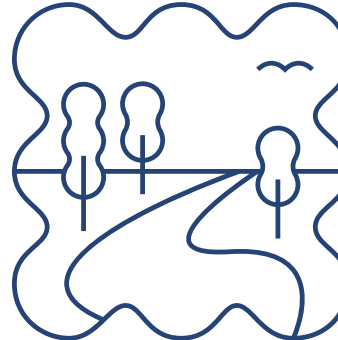
44 1st Priority Responses  
75 2nd Priority Responses



**3rd**

Kids Story Walk

86 Third Priority Responses



**4th**

Ideas from “Other” category

Combining Ecology and Kids  
Story Walk into Interactive  
Nature Signs for Children.

Explore History and Significance  
of Indigenous Peoples Who  
Have Lived in and Near Mound



*Respondents selected their preferred subject(s) for signage that may contain historical information.*

**163**

**Story of Mound**

**112**

**Significant Events**

**50**

**Figures / Businesses**

**12**

**Other**

*Popular Suggestions: History and Context of the Lakes, History of Native American Peoples*

**337 Total Responses**



## ADMIN POLICY – NAMING OF PARKS

Original Adoption: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

Reviewed/Updated: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference No. ADMIN-0XX

### **Purpose and Scope**

It is the responsibility of the City Council to name parks developed within the City of Mound (the “City”). This policy creates a consistent process for the adoption of an official name for parks throughout the City.

This policy does not apply to working names and, given the need to identify future parks prior to development, the City Council may designate a working name for a park at any time prior to adoption of an official name.

### **Procedure**

The Parks and Open Spaces Commission will receive and consider suggestions for a parks official name from community members and City staff.

A park may be named after an individual, family of historical significance, major financial contributor, or the subdivision in which the park is located or in which it is intended to serve, provided that:

- 1) If the park is to be named after an individual, the individual shall have obtained local or national prominence and shall be of some significance to the City of Mound.
- 2) If the park is to be named after a family, the family shall have some historical significance regarding ownership of the property upon which that park is to be located. For example, the names of pioneering families who have owned the property for more than 100 years.
- 3) If the park is to be named after a major financial contributor, the contributions shall have solely made acquisition and/or development of that park possible. Acknowledgement of contributions for the ongoing upkeep or maintenance of a park facility shall not result in a name change, but signage may be given to indicate that park is “Sponsored by (contributor)”.

### **Recommendation and Approval**

Subject to the aforementioned criteria, the Parks and Open Spaces Commission will recommend to the City Council an official name for a park. The City Council may, in its sole discretion, choose to accept or deny the recommendation or may choose a different name subject to the aforementioned criteria.

When an official name has been accepted or agreed upon by the City Council, adoption of the official name shall be done by a formal motion at a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council.

# City of Mound – Parks and Open Spaces Commission

## Westonka School District – Email/Letter Draft

*Email Subject Line: Mound's parks are your classroom resource*

Dear Westonka Public School staff,

The Mound Parks and Open Spaces (POSC) invites you to use Mound's parks as part of your programming and curriculum for students. We seek to elevate access to our parks and would love to accommodate future classroom activities.

### **Interested in hosting your class activity at our shared parks? Let us know!**

The POSC can help coordinate and facilitate usage of our community resources. These parks are the property of Mound residents and thus open to the public. Please email us with any questions, ideas, or proposals, and we will assist in any way possible. {INSERT POSC/CITY OF MOUND EMAIL}

### **What we can do for you:**

- ﷥ Help direct you to parks that may best fit your needs or requirements.
- ﷥ Assist with questions regarding availability.
- ﷥ Coordinate with city crew to facilitate your activity's schedule.
- ﷥ Document your activity to show how the community engages with our parks. This could inform future improvements or maintenance.

### **Mound's parks offer numerous educational opportunities:**

1. **Lake Access:** 17 parks providing lake access, perfect for outdoor recreation, exploration and scientific studies. Lessons, such as the [National Park Service's "Water Quality Lesson,"](#) could take place in one of our many lake-adjacent parks.
2. **Natural Habitat:** Seven parks feature natural areas, with recent native plantings recently completed/underway in Belmont Park and Edgewater Park. Natural areas allow for scientific observation and would facilitate classroom-based biology. For example, check out this [classroom activity series on native plants from the Bureau of Land Management](#). Another fun activity could involve having students observe and document the endangered Rusty Patched Bumblebee using a system like [iNaturalist](#).
3. **Open space:** 16 parks with open space for large class or group settings on mowed and maintained lawn.
4. **Playgrounds:** 15 parks with playgrounds and spaces for young children.
5. **Sports:** Seven parks allowing for tennis/pickleball, baseball, and basketball.

Check out a full listing of parks and locations with a chart describing amenities at: <https://www.cityofmound.com/parks>. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

*Mound Parks and Open Spaces Commission*

*{Insert Signatures from POSC Members Here}*