

FOR Parks Board Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2026

6:00 Fireside Room @ Oval **Start 6:01pm**

Attendees: Alicia, Debby, Jessica, Jil, Jodi, Karen, Kori, Kristen, Laura, Linda, Maria, Mary, Midge, Nancy, Pat, Robin, Sara

NA: Chelsea, Holly, Leslie

Park and Recreation Updates (Matt and Carrie)

Matt presented that the #1 ask is Nature Play at HANC \$500K-\$1M. Central Park Foundation will fund the \$10K initial study (Spring 26). MN Dept of Natural Resources has a grant program they will apply for. With the grant they are looking for \$175K each from FOR Parks and Central Park Foundation. Construction 2027/2028

Other Projects

- Splash Pad/Playground/Parking/Trail lighting at Rosebrook – Summer 26
- Autumn Grove Playground – Late 26/early 27
- Sand Castle Playground
- Applewood Point Playground
- Central Park Planning
- Mountain Bike Paths/Park

Secretary's Report (Secretary TBD)

- Approve November & December Meeting Minutes **Approved 17-0**

Treasurer's Report (Nancy)

- Review Nov & Dec report **Reviewed 2025 donations inc. \$270 received from Give to the Max**
- Lu Zibell's memorial funds for bench – **RPR behind in bench analysis. On hold until we hear back from them.**

Membership (Lolo/Robin)

- Update – **will mail renewals in the newsletter that goes out in the next month.**

Fundraising Projects

- Handbag Bingo Recap (Linda) – **moving forward with Spring Bingo until find a replacement fundraiser. Move to April so not up against great weather. Linda is looking for dates with Steve. Nov 7th for Fall.**
- Pickleball Tourney (Debby/Maria) – **Maria talked to RPR – they canceled 2025 tourney and 2024 run by an external company. More research is to be done. Meet with Brad Peper, Shoreview & Little Canada P&R.**
- Tapped & Uncorked Future (Jill/Mary) – **show of hands 15 Yes, 2 No – Debby to send stats to board and will take a formal vote at Feb meeting. 9/18/26 tentative date**

Other Business

- President End of Term Gift (Sara) – **some discussion. Check with Chelsea on tax issues (Volunteer gift, not employee gift). Would it be classified under "operation of the corporation". Would need an update in bylaws.**

Adjourn 8:09 pm