



**OPEN SPACE & RECREATION
COMMISSION
2018 ANNUAL REPORT AND
2019 WORK PLAN**

2018 Open Space & Recreation Commission

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Purpose, Mission, and Prescribed Duties

The Open Space and Recreation Commission provides advice and recommendations to the Council regarding recreational programs, parks, and open space in the community, including:

- the portion of the Comprehensive Plan relating to open space needs, parks and recreation programs, and trail systems
- policies and plans for parks, recreation programs, use of open space, and trail systems
- assessment of current programs regarding open space, parks and recreation, and trail systems
- assessment of future needs regarding parks and recreation, open space, and trail systems
- cooperative agreements, policies with other public and private agencies, groups or individuals relative to recreational programs and facilities
- budget and capital outlay needs for parks and recreation, Brookview Golf Course, and the park improvement fund

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2018 Overview

- Reviewed and recommended the 2019–2023 Parks Capital Improvement Plan.
- Worked with the community and staff on development and final recommendation for the Parks and Recreation 2040 Comprehensive Plan.
- Worked with staff on design and construction of the new tennis and pickleball courts at Wesley and Wildwood Parks.
- Completed first full year of operation at the new Brookview.



The new Brookview Golden Valley

- Participated in the Isaacson Park field lighting and facility improvement grand re-opening event.
- Supported a successful grant application partnering with the Golden Valley Girls Softball Association for reconstruction of dugouts and field improvements at Lions, Wesley, and Schaper Parks.
- Worked with staff to develop design parameters for future Community Gardens.
- Worked with staff to develop design parameters for future off-leash pet exercise locations.
- Continued to work with staff on the potential outcome of off-leash pet exercise areas at Theodore Wirth Park and Sochacki Park.



Isaacson Park grand re-opening event

- Participated in the design and selection of the new play structure and court at Wesley Park.
- Reviewed and recommended new monument signage for Brookview, Brookview Park, and Brookview Golf Course & Lawn Bowling.
- Recommended addition of a new site shelter at Brookview Golf Course.
- Discussed and recommended the addition of new electric golf carts at Brookview Golf Course.
- Opened of the new Par3 and Lawn Bowling building at Brookview.
- Worked with staff and the community on development and approval of a Goose Management plan for Brookview Park and Brookview Golf Course.
- Worked with staff and the community on development and approval of a Turkey Management plan for the City of Golden Valley.
- Worked with staff and recommended improvements to the Sochacki Park JPA committee for the development of the initial five-year Capital Improvement Plan.
- Participated in annual Joint City Council/Commission meeting.
- Represented Open Space & Recreation Commission on the Brookview/City Hall rotational public art selection committee.
- Participated in both the annual park system tour and a site tour of Brookview Golf Course.
- Reviewed annual presentations of recreation programs, leagues, events, facilities, and golf operations.
- Received Awards of Excellence from the Minnesota Recreation & Park Association for Schaper Park and the new Brookview.
- Supported golf staff on the addition of comedy shows at Brookview.
- Continued to meet with youth athletic associations for program updates and discussion on future facility needs.



Brookview Par 3 and Lawn Bowling building



Comedy At Brookview debuted in January 2018.

2019 Proposed Work Plan

- Work with staff on the partnership with the Minneapolis Park Board and the Animal Humane Society for the design of an off-leash pet exercise area to be located in the southeast quadrant of Golden Valley.
- Review, provide insight, and recommend 2020–2024 annual Park Capital Improvement Plan.
- Review and recommend the design of new internal directional signage at Brookview.
- Monitor and provide input on the impact of the initial year of the Goose Management Plan for Brookview Golf Course and Park.
- Install a new severe weather warning system on Brookview Golf Course.
- Successfully received a Hennepin County Youth Sports grant for the update of seven ballfields at three parks in partnership with the Golden Valley Girls Softball Association. Provide insight and recommendations on proposed improvements as needed.
- Support staff with the event planning of the 50th anniversary for Brookview Golf Course.
- Work with staff as they partner with Three Rivers Park District, the Minneapolis Park Board, and other key entities on a solution to the Luce Line regional trail winter access issue in Theodore Wirth Park.
- Work with staff and JPA partners to provide guidance and support for the initial capital improvements scheduled in the south areas of Sochacki Park.
- Work with staff and the Medley Park neighborhood to present and take input on the proposed improvements for an off-leash pet exercise area and community garden in the park.
- Continue to support and provide guidance to staff for the growth of enterprise and revenue funds within the Parks and Recreation Department.
- Review and provide insight/recommendation for a new winter recreation amenity at Brookview to offer leagues, youth programs, and drop-in rentals during the winter season.
- Continue to review recreation, golf, and Brookview programs, events, leagues, and facility operations.
- Implement other park capital improvements, including reconstruction of the Medley Park parking lot, shelter building roof replacement and tennis court resurfacing at Gearty Park, play structure replacement and installation of a new adjustable outdoor basketball hoop system at Scheid Park, scoreboard replacement at Isaacson Park, and upgrade of the weather safety notification system on Brookview Golf Course.
- Continue to participate in annual Joint City Council/Commission meeting, annual park system tour, and represent Open Space & Recreation Commission on the Brookview/City Hall rotational public art selection committee.
- Continue to meet with youth athletic associations for program updates and discussion on future facility needs.