

AGENDA
CITY OF MAPLEWOOD
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
6:00 PM January 18, 2023

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. November 16, 2022

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2023 Parks & Recreation Commission Goal Setting

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Goodrich Park Improvements

G. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

H. COMMISSION PRESENTATIONS

I. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

1. Parks and Natural Resources Updates – (No Report)

J. ADJOURNMENT

RULES OF CIVILITY FOR THE CITY COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND OUR COMMUNITY

Following are rules of civility the City of Maplewood expects of everyone appearing at Commission Meetings - elected officials, staff and citizens. It is hoped that by following these simple rules, everyone's opinions can be heard and understood in a reasonable manner. We appreciate the fact that when appearing at Commission meetings, it is understood that everyone will follow these principles:

Speak only for yourself, not for other Commission members or citizens - unless specifically tasked by your colleagues to speak for the group or for citizens in the form of a petition.

Show respect during comments and/or discussions, listen actively and do not interrupt or talk amongst each other.

Be respectful of the process, keeping order and decorum. Do not be critical of Commission members, staff or others in public.

Be respectful of each other's time keeping remarks brief, to the point and non-repetitive.]

MINUTES
MAPLEWOOD PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
6:00p.m., November 16, 2022

A. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairperson Mallet at 6:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners

Craig Brannon, Commissioner	Present
Vickie Lee-Her, Commissioner	Present
Monica Barton, Commissioner	Present
Terri Mallet, Chair	Present
Mark Harris, Commissioner	Present
Kimii Porter, Commissioner	Present
Jason DeMoe, Commissioner	Present

Staff

Audra Robbins, Parks and Recreation Manager	Present
Steve Love, Public Works Director	Present
Neil Breneman, Recreation Program Supervisor	Present

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Barton made a motion to approve the agenda.

Seconded by Commissioner Harris. Ayes – All

The motion passed.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. September 21, 2022

Commissioner Harris made a motion to approve the October 19, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes.

Seconded by Commissioner Barton Ayes – All
Abstention – Brannon

The motion passed.

E. NEW BUSINESS

Wednesday, November 16, 2022
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

1. Maplewood Connectivity Discussion

Steve Love, Public Works Director, gave a presentation regarding the connectivity and trails within the city. Mr. Love gave an overview of the cartograph inventory management system and how the city tracks and manages all the trails, sidewalks, roads etc. Commission questions were answered.

2. Programming Update

Neil Breneman, Recreation Program Supervisor, updated the commission on recreation and nature programming, department events, partnership updates and facility information for 2022. Specific discussion regarding partnerships ISD622 Community Ed, Ramsey County 4H, RevSports, YMCA and Friends of Maplewood Nature.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**G. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS****H. COMMISSION PRESENTATIONS****I. STAFF PRESENTATIONS****1. Wakefield Skating Loop**

Audra Robbins, Parks and Recreation Manager, updated the commission on the addition to the skating loop at Wakefield.

J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at Chairperson Mallet at 7:23 p.m.

2022 Parks and Recreation Goals

For 2022, the Parks and Recreation Commission identified the following goals and made a point to tie them to the Strategic Priorities created by the City Council. The PRC acknowledges that successful completion of these goals may be affected by budgetary constraints and the state of the COVID -19 Pandemic.

1. Continue to implement the outcomes of the Parks & Recreation System Master Plan and stay on top of park improvement plans
2. Continue to find new ways to engage the residents of Maplewood in community processes
3. Offer special events and programming at a variety of parks and make arts & culture a priority
4. Ensure we meet the programming needs of the actively aging community and offer inclusive, wellness-based activities in our parks
5. Hold a meeting dedicated to review the implementation progress of the Nature Center and Programming Task Force recommendations and receive regular updates as well
6. Value the youth perspective and recruit/appoint a student PRC member
7. Receive quarterly updates from the MCC/YMCA, as well as updates from community groups and partners to look for ways that we can work together
8. Hold a meeting dedicated to connectivity and trails
9. Explore the idea of consistent signage that utilizes technology in our parks
10. Explore the idea of offering recreation programming in the future through the Parks and Natural Resources Department



Edgerton Community Gardener



Fish Creek Volunteers

Winter Nature Photo Contest

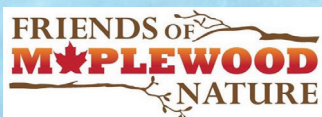


Through January, visit any of our parks, preserves or open spaces and capture an amazing nature shot. Submit it for a cool prize and a chance for your photo to be featured in *Maplewood Living*.

We will have two age categories: 12 & under and 13+, each winner will receive a \$30 gift card (donated by the Friends of Maplewood Nature)

- Only nature photos without people will be considered
- Photo must be taken between January 1-31, 2023
- Photo must be taken in a Maplewood Park or Preserve

For complete rules and to submit your entry visit maplewoodmn.gov/1156



By submitting a photo, you are authorizing the City of Maplewood to use it in its publications and marketing materials



Winter Gnome Challenge

February 12 - 26

Maplewood Nature Center

2659 East 7th Street, Maplewood

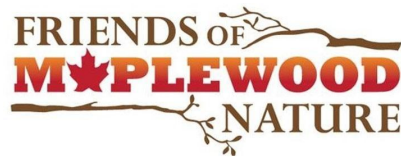
Nature Center trails open daily from dawn to dusk.

Look for gnomes while enjoying a FREE, self-guided walk on the Nature Center trails.

- * Take a picture of your favorite gnome and submit it for a prize drawing!
Prizes include: Tickets for two to Snake Discovery and \$5 Dairy Queen gift cards.
- * Humans do not need to be in the photos. By submitting a photo, you give permission for its publication, including the people pictured.
- * Photos may be submitted to maplewoodnature@gmail.com.
- * All ages may enter. You may submit as many photos as you like, but there will be only one entry per person.
- * Winners will be contacted via email or Facebook Messenger in early March.

Visit the Friends Facebook page or website for additional details.

friendsofmaplewoodnature.wordpress.com



All gnomes are visible from the trails. You do not need to go off trail to find the gnomes.

Gnomes are happiest in their natural setting. Please leave them so other visitors can meet them.