Park & Recreation Commission Item

October 28, 2025

Item	Establish 2026 Picnic Reservation Fees
Item No:	G.3
Agenda Section	**GENERAL BUSINESS**
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SUGGESTED ACTION

The Park and Recreation Commission recommends that the City Council approve the 2026 picnic reservation fees for group picnics.

Approval requires a simple majority vote of members present.

SUMMARY

BACKGROUND

Each year, the Park and Recreation Commission reviews various aspects of group picnic reservations, including total revenue, reservation methods, event types, and other related factors.

In previous years, a large group fee was introduced for gatherings of 100 or more to help cover the additional costs associated with hosting larger groups. This fee has been well-received without any opposition and should remain in place. A comparison of reservation fees with nearby communities shows that Chanhassen's rates are competitive, and most customers consider the fees to be fair and reasonable.

While some customers have expressed interest in hourly or half-day rentals, our current staffing capacity does not allow for the quick turnaround needed to accommodate multiple reservations in a single day. Therefore, we recommend continuing with the existing full-day rental rates.

The City of Chanhassen's picnic reservation fees were last increased in 2020, and staff recommends not increasing the group picnic reservation fees for 2026.

DISCUSSION

RECOMMENDATION

The Park and Recreation Commission recommends that the City Council approve the 2026 picnic reservation fees for group picnics.

ATTACHMENTS

2025 Picnic Reservation Fee Question Survey Results
2026 Chanhassen Picnic Information.pdf