

Park & Recreation Commission Item

March 24, 2026



Item	Park Renovation Fund Priority Discussion
Item No:	G.4
Agenda Section	<u>GENERAL BUSINESS</u>
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SUGGESTED ACTION

Discussion

SUMMARY

The Park and Recreation Commission at your February 24 meeting listened to a Park Renovation Fund presentation from Kelly Grinnell, the city's Finance Director. She outlined the funds history, current budget and projected fund balance over the next 3-5 years. The Park Renovation Fund for 2026 will have an allocation of \$110,000 for the commission to identify priority projects for the city council to consider and approve.

Staff will ask the commission to continue working on creating a list of park priority projects for the next 1-10 years and to identify park priority projects for 2026. The February staff report is attached for your reference to help guide the conversation.

BACKGROUND

The Park Renovation Fund was developed in 2018 with revenues typically transferred from the General Fund to fund a variety of Park improvement projects. When first developed, the fund did not have a dedicated funding source. From 2018 to 2025, a variety of park improvements were completed. In 2022 and 2023, the City transferred funds from the General Fund to complete several playground replacement projects. The city did not budget any transfers, income, or expenses in 2024 because of the Lake Ann Park Preserve project. For 2025, the City Council adopted a \$100,000 levy for this fund, and the Chan Rec Center Pickleball Courts were resurfaced, and the Carver Beach Playground equipment was replaced.

With the City Council instituting this new levy, the city will have approximately \$700,000 available to fund park improvement projects over the next 5 years.

Here's a list of projects from the past 5 years:

- 2025: Carver Beach Playground (\$64K) Rec Center Pickleball Resurfacing (\$36K)
Total Cost \$100,000
- 2024: Lake Park Preserve (expansion, \$250,000 allocated)
- 2023: Playground Replacement at South Lotus Park (\$80K) Sugarbush Park (\$90K) Roundhouse Park (\$77K)
Total Cost \$247,000
- 2022: North Lotus Hockey Boards/Grading/Drainage/Bituminous Surface (\$185K)
Total Cost \$185,000
- 2021: Lake Susan Basketball Court (\$33K), Carver Beach (Beach) Playground (\$35K), Pheasant Hills Playground (\$96K)
Total Cost \$164,000
- 2020: Lake Ann Beach Playground (\$84K), Power Hill Park Playground (\$90K)
Total Cost \$174,000

DISCUSSION

Park and Recreation Commission reviews the park priorities list and will start to formulate a plan to implement higher priority projects over the next 5-10 years. This plan listing priorities can be formulated over several upcoming meetings.

RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENTS

[Park Renovation Fund - Potential Project List](#)

[Playground Replacement 2026-2031](#)

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