

# Park & Recreation Commission Item

February 24, 2026



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| <b>Item</b>           | Park Renovation Fund Budget Overview         |
| <b>Item No:</b>       | G.1                                          |
| <b>Agenda Section</b> | <b><u>GENERAL BUSINESS</u></b>               |
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## **SUGGESTED ACTION**

Discussion

## **SUMMARY**

The city's Finance Director, Kelly Grinnell, will present an overview of the Park Renovation Fund from its development in 2018 to what to look forward to in the next 5 years. The presentation will hopefully provide the Park and Recreation Commission with guidance to plan and make recommendations for future park projects.

## **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 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](#)