

Council Meeting: May 21, 2026	Prepared By: Jessica Christensen Buck, Parks and Recreation Manager
Topic: Parks, Recreation, and Trails Update	Action Required: Information Only

Summary

Youth Baseball: The season has begun with 140 participants across the t-ball, coach pitch, and machine pitch programs. Staff coordinated pre-season logistics including uniform distribution and photo night, while on site each night overseeing nightly programming operations until the Program Coordinator begins. Prior to the start of the season, Community Development staff installed temporary fencing, caution tape, and signage to clearly identify the western portion of Heritage Park as closed during ongoing construction activities.

Three Rivers Park District - State of the Parks: Staff attended the event where the District announced 2026 as the "Big Year of Rivers", highlighting a year-long focus on river-related programming and initiatives.

Heritage Park Construction: Progress continues on both the playground and the building. The agricultural-themed playground elements, including the tractor, silo, and barn are now prominently visible, while the building is currently receiving the vertical wood siding ahead of upcoming window installation.

Youth Soccer: Registration for the 2026 season is underway, with 143 athletes registered across the U6, U8, U10, and U12 divisions, as of May 13.

Hennepin County Youth Activities Grant: Staff continues working with the County regarding the administration of the previously awarded grant, related to the Heritage Park project. Staff also submitted a Spring 2026 grant application seeking funding support for a new recreation storage shed at the park.

Outdoor Recreation Grant Program (DNR): Staff is continuing to coordinate with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to complete the pre-award phase for funding and move toward official award execution.

Wayfinding: Community Development, Public Works, and Communications staff recently met with HKGi to officially kick off the City's wayfinding planning and design process.

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- 6e. Hennepin County Youth Activity Grant - Spring 2026
 - Approved the authorization for staff to prepare and submit a grant application for a new shed at Heritage Park.
- 6n. Heritage Park Remaster - Window Trim
 - Informational report regarding the window trim adjustment from wood to metal.
- 6o. Heritage Park Improvements - Pay Request 6 (Sitework)
 - Approved pay request 6 for the Heritage Park Improvements to Fehn Companies, Inc. in the amount of \$117,045.11.

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- 6h. Heritage Park Remaster - Window Trim
 - Informational report regarding an update to the previous window trim report, noting that thicker gauge metal was needed, which increased the cost (\$13,611, pulled from the allowance for the project - \$6,389 remaining in allowance).
- 6i. Heritage Park - Physical Security - Camera, Doors, Licensing, Install - Deployment Proposal
 - Council to review a proposal for cameras, electronic door access controls, and related software to support secure, flexible, and remotely managed Heritage Park Building operations (\$86,576.25).

- 6j. Heritage Park - Network Infrastructure and Connectivity Project Proposal
 - Council to review a proposal to install the Heritage Park Building's core network infrastructure, including cabling, wireless access points, and internet connectivity to support operations and future technology needs (\$13,408.65).
- 6k. Heritage Park Remaster - Tables and Chairs
 - Council to review furnishing recommendations for the Heritage Park Building, including chairs, tables, carts and set up equipment to support flexible community and rental use configurations (\$42,241.84)
- 6l. Heritage Park (Site) - Irrigation
 - Council to review irrigation expansion options for Heritage Park ballfields, with staff recommending installation of shut-off valves to preserve future irrigation flexibility while minimizing current costs (\$1,700).
- 6m. Heritage Park Remaster - Change Order #15
 - Council to review a change order addressing underground conduit connections into the Heritage Park Building, including options for completing the conduit transition between sitework and building systems (\$5,025.05).
- 6n. Heritage Park Remaster - Change Order #16
 - Council to review a change order for FRP wall panel materials in the Heritage Park Building kitchen/storage areas (\$2,513.51).
- 6s. Heritage Park Improvements - Pay Request #9 (Building)
 - Council to review Pay Request #9 for Valint Construction Services (\$232,922.58).
- 6t. Heritage Park Improvements - Pay Request #7 (Sitework)
 - Council to review Pay Request #7 for Fehn Companies, Inc. (\$99,681.57).
- 9b. Heritage Park Building - Usage Survey
 - Council to review staff's proposed Heritage Park Building Usage Survey and discussed operational expectations, service levels, and whether a volunteer building attendant model should be explored for future facility operations.

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