

**Park Board
Agenda Item 7.A
Meeting of May 6, 2026**



Title: Glen Lake Park Update

Strategic Plan Goal: To renew and maintain parks and trails

Related Strategy: Participate in the park & trail projects process and make recommendations to the city council.

Action Requested: Provide Feedback

Form of Action: Report

Summary Statement

Glen Lake Park is undergoing master planning which will determine how to accommodate park changes and upgrades, including a new skate park and the removal of the Glen Lake Activity Center. The removal of the Glen Lake Activity Center, which was previously planned and adopted in a Community Facility Study, will provide park space for a number of potential improvements. Initial community outreach began last fall and preliminary concept plans will be presented for discussion and feedback.

Recommended Action

Provide feedback

Background

Glen Lake Park is located in a vibrant and active area of the city. The park is situated along Excelsior Boulevard and Glenview Drive and is home to a number of long-standing community assets including legacy baseball and softball fields, a skate park, yearly Glen Lake Optimist's Christmas tree sale, and a highly used play area. The park also contains the Glen Lake Activity Center, a former fire station that has been used over the years as a flexible community space.

In 2024, the city council adopted a [Community Facilities Study](#). This study looked closely at the long-term viability of various recreational buildings in the city and ultimately recommended removal of the Glen Lake Activity Center due to its age and outdated functionality. In 2023, the city council reviewed the [Skatepark Feasibility Study](#) which identified Glen Lake Park as the city's best location for an updated, modern skate park. The skatepark feasibility study took into account a number of site characteristics, including location within the city, connectivity to trails, proximity to local schools, visibility and safety, and its location within an important village center. Thanks to that study, the city will be receiving grant money from the state of Minnesota to design and construct a new skatepark to encourage this growing alternative recreational outdoor activity that benefits youth and adults alike. Through significant surveying, the [Parks, Open Space and Trails Plan](#) identified interest for a new skate park in the city.

Through this effort, the city will be creating a park master plan to identify community interests in the evolution of Glen Lake Park, the enhancement of the current park features such as the ballfields and playgrounds and providing an updated skatepark. This master plan will identify potential updates to the park to ensure this vibrant part of the city remains welcoming and invites residents to gather and recreate in our city public spaces.

Community engagement included a Minnetonka Matters page with survey options (one for the general park and one for skatepark specific), a pop-up event at Unmapped Brewing, and meetings with local community groups that utilize the park. Feedback included interest in an updated playground and a modern skateboard park that supports a variety of skill levels. Concerns include loss of indoor public gathering space, impacts or loss of parking during peak ball fields events, and loss of on-going storage. Feedback received up to this point have been included with this report.

Community outreach will continue this spring with a planned skatepark demonstration event and input gathering sessions, and pop-up events at the ball fields. A draft master plan will be made available to the community for feedback and will be presented to the park board for further consideration later this summer and fall.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[Glen Lake Park - Preliminary Concept Plan](#)

[Glen Lake Park - Survey Results](#)

[Boy Scout Troop 290 Communication](#)

[Addendum](#)