

Discussed at April 2022 meeting:

\$10,000.00 donation to the City from the Spring Lake Parks Lions. The City Council would like recommendations and ideas from the PTRC as to how to spend the money. A motion was made by Committee Member Kelliher and seconded by Committee Member Poelzer to bring the list of pickleball, no fee engagement activities, a swinging bench, Chatham trail improvements, and Lindey's Park improvements such as volleyball, exercise stations and a back stop forward to the City Council. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Committee Member Poelzer and seconded by Committee Member Nelson to further investigate adding Triangle Park to the City's park system listing. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussed at July 2022 meeting:

A motion was made by Committee Member Beggin and seconded by Committee Member Dietz to approve the proposed habitat restoration projects put forth by Committee Member Seemann and to bring it forward to the City Council.

A motion was made by Chair Hinton and seconded by Committee Member Deitz to have staff move forward with creating a QR code to use in the parks and other places to facilitate a parks survey. Motion passed 6-1.

A motion was made by Committee Member Dietz and seconded by Committee Member Poelzer to request reflective vests with the city logo and "volunteer" on them to be distributed to volunteers. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Committee Member Anderson and seconded by Committee Member Dietz to begin work on a pollinator policy. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Committee Member Anderson and seconded by Committee Member Seeman to form a subcommittee to begin work on a pollinator policy. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussed at November 2022 meeting:

A motion to request a cost feasibility study to install automatic timer open/locks at Perry and Cummings Parks restroom facilities, and add to the 2024 budget if not capable to install sooner was made by Committee Member Poelzer.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Swearingen said this would lead to a constant maintenance need. They would need to determine to cost of maintenance and staff time.

Committee Member Beggin requested to amend the motion to include cost of staff time, supplies and installation of the locks.

The motion as amended was seconded by Committee Member Seemann. Motion passed 7-1 with Committee Member Kelliher opposed.

Items Discussed by the City Council at December 2022 work session:

Background/Discussion Hazelnut Park Proposals

1. 1) Sledding hill placed on the map at Hazelnut Park.
2. 2) Remove invasive species and replace vegetation.
 - The city removes invasive species, but they do not replace vegetation.
 - If the council did decide to direct Public Works to add plants, they would need to go through a process of getting bids from several suppliers.

- See attachments prepared by PTRC member Kerri Seemann.

Name badges for PTRC members

PTRC members have suggested that name badges would be helpful when they are helping to coordinate volunteers.

Volunteer appreciation

There are a few volunteers who generously donate countless hours to improve our parks (ex. weeding). We would like these individuals to be recognized by the city.

- Letter from the City Council
- Proclaim a date for each of them to be [name] day and share that on social media
- Feature their stories in an upcoming newsletter

Reflective vests for volunteers

Volunteers should have reflective vests for two reasons: 1) safety 2) so that other people using the parks understand that they are allowed to be working in the park.

- Regular volunteers (the ones identified for recognition) should be given a higher quality vest that they can keep that includes "Arden Hills Volunteer" on them. Groups should be

given inexpensive vests that they can keep as a small token of appreciation for their work (they can use them for safety when walking in low light conditions).

- Currently, Public Works only provides vests to volunteers if the work being done is near potential traffic or other scenarios where high visibility is needed.

Parkshore Trail Name Contest

The PTRC originally wanted to involve the community in the naming process and create engagement through a contest that allowed residents or students to submit possible names. The City Council determined that there was not enough staff time to facilitate a contest and asked for name suggestions. These are the names that were submitted by PTRC members:

1. Exercise park and trail
 2. Workout park and trail
 3. Keep-fit park and trail
 4. Fitness Park and Trail
 5. Round Lake Fitness Park and Trail
 6. For Your Health Park and Trail
 7. Name the trail the length of a certain number of laps: 1 mile trail, 2k trail, etc.
 8. Round Lake Park and South Shore Trail
 9. Boot Camp Park and trail
- (Fitness Park and Trail and Round Lake Fitness Park and Trail had the most votes from PTRC members.)

Officially name Triangle Park

Give what's known as "Triangle Park" official park status. Add it to the list of parks and note that it has a chess/checkerboard as an amenity.

Updates from the January 2023 meeting:

- **Assistant Public Works Director Miller** provided an update on the December items during the January 2023 meeting: They will be assessing the Hazelnut Park sledding hill proposal this summer, PTRC name badges and vests shouldn't be a problem – the committee should let staff know what they are looking for and they can take care of it or get Council approval. The Parkshore trail name was previously discussed at this meeting. The Triangle Park is going through Community Development/Planning.
- South Shore Fitness Park and Trail, and Parkshore Fitness Park and Trail were suggested by PTRC to bring back to the City Council. **Council Liaison Rousseau** said they could bring the names back to the next work session and provide a photo of the equipment.