

2026 Central Park Playground Improvements Project (PARK2026-E21)

The following actions detail the proposed process track for local improvements.

Date ¹	Project Step	Purpose of Step	Council Action	Staff Action
July 10, 2025	Neighborhood Meeting	The intent of this meeting is to inform the neighborhood of the upcoming project and seek input on the improvements, which will be summarized for City Council.		
October 15, 2025	Neighborhood Meeting	The intent of this meeting is to inform the neighborhood of the upcoming project and seek input on the improvements, which will be summarized for City Council.		
November 17, 2025	PRAB Meeting	Get input from PRAB on upcoming project	File ID 25-621	Present at PRAB on upcoming project
January 7, 2026	HPC Meeting	Obtain Certificate of Appropriateness from HPC for playground Improvments	HPC Res 2026-001	
January 20, 2026	Approve Plans and Order Advertisement for Bids	Final approval of plans for bidding	Motion 2026-052	
February 4, 11,18, 2026	Publish Ad for Bid in Northfield News	A step in the bidding process. The project will also be advertised on the MnDOT e-Advert website.		Send Ad to NNews January 30, 2026
Feb 26, 2026	Bid Opening – 2:00 P.M.	Final step in the bidding process. Bids are opened by staff and tabulated. From here staff will make a recommendation to the City Council for award.		
April 7, 2026	Accept Bids and Award Contract	This step follows the uniform municipal contracting law, 471.345, the City’s purchase policy and allows for the project to move forward with beginning the actual construction process.	Resolution 2026-042	
May – Sept, 2026	Construction	The City Engineer recommends to City Council when the final payment should be made to the Contractor. The City Council may accept the work by resolution; however, if the city fails to pay the amount due within 30 days of a monthly estimate, or 90 days after the final estimate, the city must pay interest on the past due amount as prescribed by law.		
Dec 2026	Accept Improvements and Authorize Final Payment		Resolution 2026-XXX	

¹ – Dates in grey text indicate actions that have taken place. Dates in bold text indicate the next planned step. Dates in italics denote tentatively scheduled future actions.