



## STAFF REPORT

**Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting:** September 15, 2025

**To:** Park and Recreation Advisory Board  
**From:** Andrew Tussing, Streets and Parks Manager  
**Subject:** Park Update

**Riverside Discovery Zone:**

- **Progress Update:**  
Council approved the plan for the nature based playground. Next steps is develop a final plan, and go forward with soliciting bids to complete the project.

**Park Sign Replacement**

- Staff is working with Neuger Communications on park sign branding. Many of the older park signs are out of date and falling apart, staff is working on replacement of signs with current city branding. Pending delivery of signs, staff should begin work this fall for replacements.

**Archery Range**

- Archery Range expected to close in November due to the Jefferson Pkwy road extension, this is pending delivery of construction materials. Staff will at that time start the transition of Archery Range targets and structures to its new home on the south side of Meadows Park.

**General Parks:**

With the season change taking place, staff have added football field striping to the list for weekly items, we continue to maintain soccer and baseball fields for fall activity.

At Sechler park the NYBA is applying for grants to update batting cage nets and some other items. Staff have reached out for pricing on fence repairs, possible field upgrades/changes, and storage updates around the park.

Staff plans to demo some new equipment to help maintain neighborhood ball fields, currently staff time limits how much attention we can give to Washington Park, Roosevelt Park and Way Park ball fields. By the time staff can drag the fields, weeds and vegetation have taken hold. This equipment could allow staff to maintain these fields better without the use of any chemicals.

Staff have reached out to xcel energy on possible rebates to update trail lights to LED.