

HOPKINS PARK BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Monday, February 23, 2026
6:30 pm

THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE
UNTIL THE START OF THE PARK BOARD MEETING

The public may attend this meeting in-person.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ADOPT AGENDA

III. COMMUNITY COMMENT

1. *At this time, any interested resident may come to speak about an item not on the agenda this evening.*

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the December 15, 2025, Park Board Meeting

V. GENERAL PARK UPDATE

1. 2026 Projects Review; Pavek

VI. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Review Bylaws and Election of Officers; Baker
2. Adopt Working Groups for 2026; Baker

VII. PARK AREA ASSIGNMENTS

1. Discussion, Interlachen and Hilltop; Baker
2. Parks for March Discussion – Valley and Cottageville

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Next Meeting March 23, 2026 – at Hopkins City Hall, 1010 1st St S.

IX. ADJOURN

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CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a special meeting of the Hopkins Park Board was held on Monday, December 15, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1010 1st Street South.

Chair Hanneman called the meeting to order with Vice Chair Lyksett and Members Boor, Flynn, Shadis, Wilkus, Woodfill, and Youth Members Garcia-Galindo and Rodriguez attending. Others in attendance included Parks Supervisor Brummer, Program Specialist Baker, Sam Kessel, Urban Infill Practice Leader at Bolton & Menk, and Carl Grimsby, Nine Mile Cove Resident.

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Lyksett **Second** by Flynn

Motion to Adopt the Agenda.

Ayes: Boor, Flynn, Hanneman, Lyksett, Shadis, Wilkus, Woodfill
Nays: None. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENT

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Wilkus **Second** by Lyksett

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda.

1. Minutes of the October 27, 2025 Park Board Meeting

Ayes: Boor, Flynn, Hanneman, Lyksett, Shadis, Wilkus, Woodfill
Nays: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL PARK UPDATE

V.1. Solar Update; Pavek

Parks Supervisor Brummer, in place of Public Works Director Pavek, provided a brief update on the \$72,000 being spent for solar panels on the water treatment plant as well as \$6,000 for the same thing at Cottageville Park, and outlined the sites that are still in need of updates.

GENERAL BUSINESS

VI.1. Central Park Presentation; Kessel

Urban Infill Practice Leader Kessel presented the 60% complete Central Park Improvement plans to the Board with more detail about design elements for the proposed amenities and restroom facilities, as well as public input from a November open house, and an update on the project timeline.

Chair Hanneman had a question about the grade changes from the softball fields to the sunken soccer field.

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Member Woodfill had a question about sidewalk use along 13th Avenue near the softball fields.

Member Wilkus posed a question about the transition between the softball fields.

Vice Chair Lyksett asked whether soil remediation efforts during construction would have any effect on creek health.

Member Woodfill suggested the addition of more shade structures.

VI.2. Nine Mile Creek Restoration Project Presentation; Boor

Member Boor, with assistance from Nine Mile Cove resident Carl Grimsby, presented information about Nine Mile Creek Watershed District's cost share grant program, examples of past projects, the history of the creek near the Nine Mile Cove development, an overview of invasive species in Valley Park, and details about how the Park Board could initiate a large-scale buckthorn removal project.

Chair Hanneman questioned how much involvement Public Works would have in a project like this.

PARK AREA ASSIGNMENT REPORTS

VII.1. Discussion, Burnes and Downtown Parks; Brummer

General discussion on potential updates to Burnes Park playground equipment.

Member Wilkus asked about the equipment maintenance schedule at Burnes.

Member Shadis asked when the Burnes ice rink would open for the season.

Member Wilkus commented on how good the Downtown Park maintenance has been with the exception of the backside of the stage. The Board reiterated the compliments on the maintenance.

VII.2. Parks for January Discussion – Interlachen and Hilltop

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Projects and Initiatives Manager Imihy announced the opening of Hopkins-Minnetonka Joint Recreation winter and spring program registration, the Movie in the Park engagement event at the Pavilion, the tentative date for the opening of warming houses, and reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Park Board, and upon a motion by Miller, second by Flynn, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

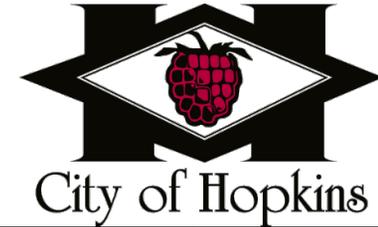
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David Baker, Deputy City Clerk

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2026 Annual Work Plan

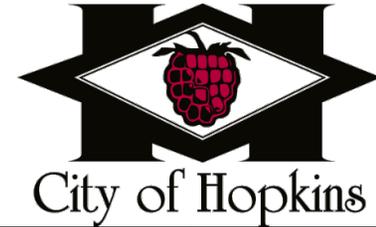


Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/> New Initiative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continued Initiative <input type="checkbox"/> On-Going Initiative	Target Completion Date	Budget Required	Staff Support Required	Council Approval
Begin Construction of Central Park		Summer/Fall 2027	\$14.1 Million	Staff support from Planning, Public Works + Minnetonka Parks and Recreation, Nine Mile Creek Watershed District and Consultant Teams.	
Information/Progress Report: In 2022, the Park Board selected Landscape Architecture firm, Confluence, as the contractor for the Master Park System Plan. This plan was completed in 2024 and in fall 2024 the Park Board and City Council approved consultant Bolton and Menk to carry out this work. In 2025, the project was awarded \$5 million dollars from the MPCA and is funded in part by the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District. The Council will need to approve construction of the project in 2026.					

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Continue Tabling at or Creating Events related to the Parks (Arbor Day, Garden Plot Kick Off, Buckthorn Bust, Garlic Mustard Removal, Earth Day)		Ongoing	\$500	Support from Hopkins Public Works	
Information/Progress Report: The Park Board will continue to table at events to promote use of the parks, sustainability within the parks and to promote keeping the parks clean and safe.					

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2026 Annual Work Plan



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Find opportunities to connect with organizations like HYHA, HALL and others to find alignment and build connections.		Fall 2026	None	Support from City Staff to make connections	
Information/Progress Report: The Park Board wishes to create more meaningful relationships with community groups which regularly use park spaces.					

Ongoing Responsibilities

- Review of Park Dedication Funds
- Advise Council on operation and maintenance on parks
- Increase public understanding of park policies, practices, and ongoing projects

Other Work Plan Ideas Considered for Current Year or Future Years

- Revised Capital Improvement Plan which incorporates recommendations from Master Parks Plan
- System improvements consistent with Master Parks Plan

Proposed Month for Work Session: November

Staff Comments:

Council Comments:

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