

**Inver Grove Heights
Park and Recreation Advisory Commission
Wednesday, September 9, 2009
8150 Barbara Avenue
7:00pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PRESENTATIONS – Items that don't require action.
4. ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - A. You can find information regarding the City of Inver Grove Heights by visiting our web site at www.ci.inver-grove-heights.mn.us
 - B. Next Meeting; October 14, 2009 Work Session 6:45pm; Regular Meeting 7:00pm
5. CONSENT AGENDA – All items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and have been made available to the Commission at least two days prior to the meeting; the times will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Commission member or citizen so request, in which event the item will be removed from this Agenda and considered in normal sequence.
 - A. Approval of Agenda
 - B. Approval of August 12, 2009 Meeting Minutes
6. PUBLIC COMMENT – Public comment provides an opportunity for the public to address the Commission on items that are not on the Agenda. Please raise your hand to be recognized. Please state your name and address for the record. This section is for the express purpose of addressing concerns of City services and operations. It shall not be used to clarify individual's views for political purposes. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per person.
7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Items that are brought back to the Commission for action from a previous meeting.
8. REGULAR AGENDA - Items requiring action that are new to the Commission.
 - A. Consider Approval of Youth Athletic User Fees for Use of Park Outdoor Athletic Facilities
 - B. Consider Improvements for North Valley Disc Golf Course
 - C. Consider Approval of Tree Planting Plan for Portions of Heritage Village Park
 - D. Consider Request for Acquisition of Tax Forfeited Property – Rock Island Swing Bridge
 - E. Consider Disposal of Park Property – Cameron Park
9. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS - Items that need to be discussed without any actions.
 - A. Review Use of Rich Valley Park
 - B. Review Dog Park Information
 - C. Department Happenings
10. COMMISSION COMMENTS – A chance for Commissioners to ask questions or make comments.
11. ADJOURN

Since we do not have time to discuss every point presented, it may seem that decisions are preconceived. However, background information is provided to the Commission on each agenda item in advance from Staff; decisions are based on this information and past experiences. In addition, some items may have been discussed preliminarily at Work Sessions. If you are aware of information that has not been discussed, please raise your hand to be recognized. Comments that are pertinent are appreciated.

**City of Inver Grove Heights Minutes of the Proceedings
Of The Park and Recreation Advisory Commission
Wednesday, August 12, 2009**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Al Eiden called the August 12, 2009 Park and Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Chair Al Eiden, Vice Chair Dennis Schueller, Commissioner's: Willie Krech, Tammy Johnson, Jim Huffman, Marty Silvi, and Keith Joyce

Absent: Commissioner's Joe Boehmer and Stan Johnson

Park and Recreation Director Eric Carlson and Recording Clerk Sheri Yourczek

3. PRESENTATIONS:

None

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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B. The next Park and Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2009. Work Session 6:45 p.m.; Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Silvi, seconded by Vice Chair Schueller to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

8. REGULAR AGENDA:

A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TRAIL FUNDING FOR HWY. 52 BECKMAN AVE. CONNECTION

Park and Recreation Director Eric Carlson stated this is regarding a trail connection from Highway 52 trail to Beckman Avenue. The project cost is not to exceed \$25,000. There is currently a worn path to get to the trail. Bids were reviewed and Danner Inc. will be doing the work. City Council wanted the Park and Recreation Commission to identify a funding source. They are recommending it come out of the Park Acquisition and Development Fund (Fund 402).

Motion by Commissioner Joyce, seconded by Commissioner Silvi to approve the trail funding source as presented.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FENCE AND TRAIL QUOTES FOR SOUTH VALLEY TRAIL

Director Carlson stated this item has been discussed before. They were waiting for some work to be done on the storm sewer near the trail. It is currently being fixed. At this time they will be voting on the fence reconstruction on either side of the trail as well as replacement of a section of the trail. They will award it to the lowest contractors. Ace Blacktop for the amount of \$14,846 and Just –Rite Fence at \$14,400.

Commissioner Joyce asked who is responsible for the fence from now on?

Director Carlson responded it will be the City's responsibility.

Commissioner Krech can understand the blacktop and the fencing, but the tree removal and restoration could be done by Staff. He thought the cost of the additional work seemed high and it should have been part of their regular maintenance. He doesn't see charging ourselves to be doing what they should already be doing.

Motion by Commissioner Silvi, seconded by Commissioner T. Johnson to approve the fence reconstruction and the replacement of a section of the trail as presented to the lowest contractors.

Commissioner Joyce asked who was doing the tree removal.

Director Carlson responded Staff will do it.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 1 (Krech) Motion carried.

C. CONSIDER REQUEST FOR PARK PROPERTY BOUNDARY EXCEPTION AT 7907 CONROY WAY EAST

Director Carlson stated awhile back they started an exercise where they went out and marked the park boundaries in some of the City's parks. They have completed 16-18 out of 30 parks at this time. At times they have run across situations where property owners have encroached on park property. The City Council directed Staff to notify the property owners to remove the encroachments from park property. 30 people have received letters so far. One resident is here this evening regarding this. He lives at 7907 Conroy Way East, which is located in the Southeast corner of the Oakwood Park. His chain link fence, as well as a few items inside of the fence, needs to be moved. The property owner is requesting one of two things. Allowing their fence to continue to be on park property utilizing approximately 136 sq. feet of Oakwood Park for their personal use, which is providing them with an exception, or to sell approximately 550 square feet of park property. Staff's perspective would be to leave the boundary where it is. While the request sounds reasonable, consideration needs to be given to the potential precedent established. There are a number of other residents that have encroached. Staff isn't sure that selling the property under these circumstances is a good practice.

Commissioner Joyce asked if there wasn't a shed on park property out there?

Director Carlson responded there is.

Vice Chair Schueller asked if this is a City-wide park policy?

Director Carlson responded it is. 16 out of 29 have been surveyed so far. He has also visited several of the sites, as well as the Renner's property.

Commissioner Silvi stated that many homeowners have gardens, woodpiles, flowers, etc. If we allow one case it allows others to want the same. If this fence is moved it doesn't change their view point at all. He is against changing the park boundaries as there could be many more instances.

Doug Renner, 7907 Conroy Way East wants the matter resolved. They bought the home 18 years ago and the fence was in place. The park boundary post was put in without any documentation as to why it was there. He would like to keep his fence in place until his dog is no longer using the yard. He asked if he has to remove the fence, what will happen with the area?

Commissioner Silvi asked how the park property is maintained now?

Mr. Renner said they mow right up to the fence. There is an incline and weeds if the fence is removed.

Director Carlson said the City can change the grade so it drains down into the park.

Commissioner Silvi suggested he take out the fence and re-install it.

Mr. Renner said he would probably need new fence posts.

Commissioner Huffman asked how far the fence needed to be moved?

Mr. Renner responded it was 7 feet. It's approximately 135 square feet.

Commissioner Joyce was not for selling off park property. It would set a precedence.

Motion by Commissioner Silvi, seconded by Commissioner Joyce to let the policy stand with no variances, therefore, denying the request.

Commissioner T. Johnson asked if there was a rush to do this? Since there is a dog involved, perhaps they could set a timeline?

Director Carlson said the letter stated the fence was to be removed by August 31st.

Commissioner Krech suggested leaving it up to the City Council to decide. They may be more sympathetic. He would be okay with selling off the land.

Vice Chair Schueller stated that setting a precedence to selling parkland is not a good idea. He supports the motion as it should be done according to the agreement.

Commissioner Krech suggested the homeowner check to see if a survey was done at the time he purchased his home.

Chair Eiden agreed with the Commissioners that if we started allowing variances for one, we could have many more.

Director Carlson stated this item will be on the City Council's Agenda on August 24th. They will make the final decision.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Commissioner Silvi asked if we don't already have a plan in place regarding property owners who border parks?

Director Carlson stated that one is for screening. The homeowner and the City develop a landscape plan which is planted on City property.

Mr. Renner asked if the post will remain? Is there somewhere else they can put it? Underground?

Director Carlson said they can work with him to make sure it isn't such an eyesore.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS:

A. Department Happenings

Director Carlson said he has nothing to update them with this evening and will stand by for questions.

Director Carlson noticed someone in the audience and asked, even though we are past the time to make public comments, if he would like to address the Commission.

George McQuay, 7367 Dawn Avenue would like to see a Dog Park in the City. South St. Paul has one and a lot of people use it. There is an empty ball field at the corner of 72nd and Dawn Way that would be a good spot for one. If a dog park goes in there, he would like to suggest the name Tucker Park after his dog who was hit by a UPC Truck on Dawn Avenue.

Vice Chair Schueller liked the idea of a dog park in Inver Grove Heights.

Commissioner Krech said there are about 20 acres of land behind the King of Diamonds that could be a potential area for a dog park.

Director Carlson said that area is located by the bridge but the City doesn't own it yet.

Mr. McQuay felt the ball field is a perfect spot. It just needs fencing.

Commissioner Krech commented those types of parks tend to be better away from neighborhoods due to dogs barking.

Chair Eiden said the dog park wouldn't be a neighborhood park. It would be a community park used by all.

Director Carlson suggested bringing back information at the next meeting. There are a lot of different types of dog parks. He can look up some information on ones that are in the general area to give comparisons.

The Commission agreed with Director Carlson.

Director Carlson said it would be more realistic if they were to take the winter to get some ideas and let residents know next spring or summer.

Commissioner Silvi asked that page numbers be put on the pages that have the financial information on them so they can easily tell a page number if they have any questions. He had a few questions about some amounts at the Golf Course.

Commissioner Joyce felt the amount indicated unsold merchandise still on the shelf.

Commissioner Schueller said he noticed that Simley Island Park has a lot of work going on. The wooded area was thick. It seems some Company is clearing it out. He asked for an update.

Director Carlson said the Council approved some plantings along the shoreline to help with the Geese issue on the Island. He is unsure what is going on off Carmen Avenue, but will check with Parks Superintendent Mark Borgwardt on that.

10. COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner T. Johnson had no comment.

Commissioner Huffman had no comment.

Commissioner Silvi had no comment.

Commissioner Joyce said we will have had Inver Grove Heights Days by our next meeting.

Vice Chair Schueller encouraged people with concerns regarding the Golf Course to take an active role in the process.

Commissioner Krech agreed with Vice Chair Schueller regarding the course. He commented it looks really good on Cahill Avenue to Inver Grove Trail now that a portion of the grass has been mowed.

Chair Eiden stated he was approached last week by several residents and was told many are pleased with The Grove and the Golf Course.

Director Carlson said Inver Grove Heights Days will be held the week of September 7th.

11. ADJOURN

Motion made by Commissioner Huffman, seconded by Commissioner Joyce to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS

REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION

Consider Approval of Youth Athletic Association Fees for Use of Park Outdoor Athletic Facilities

Meeting Date: September 9, 2009
Item Type: Regular Agenda
Contact: Tracy Petersen – 651.450.2588
Prepared by: Tracy Petersen
Reviewed by: Eric Carlson – Parks & Recreation

Fiscal/FTE Impact:
 None
 Amount included in current budget
 Budget amendment requested
 FTE included in current complement
 New FTE requested – N/A
 Other

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Approve youth athletic association fees for use of park outdoor athletic facilities.

SUMMARY

In 1999, the City and three (3) Inver Grove Heights athletic associations (Inver Grove Heights Baseball Association, Inver Grove Heights Softball Federation and the Inver Grove Heights Soccer Association) entered into a ten(10) year agreement whereas the associations would pay a yearly sum to help pay off the construction debt of the Rich Valley Athletic Complex. A similar agreement was also put in place for the City's adult softball program.

From 1999 to 2009, the three athletic associations and the City's own adult softball program were charged the following:

- Inver Grove Heights Baseball Association: \$3,600 per year
- Inver Grove Heights Softball Federation: \$2,280 per year
- Inver Grove Heights Soccer Association: \$1,800 per year
- City Adult Softball Program: \$50 per team per year

The dollar amounts above were based upon actual usage by the various associations at the time the agreement was put in to place. During this same ten year period, the youth athletic associations have paid usage fees for tournaments but have not paid any usage fees for games and/or practices.

In an effort to continue to maintain a high quality facility at Rich Valley Athletic Complex and other athletic fields in the City, staff is proposing to implement the following facility usage fees:

Proposed Yearly Facility Usage Fees:

Youth athletic association resident player/per season:	\$10
Youth athletic association non-resident player/per season:	\$15
City Adult Softball Program per team/per seasons:	\$50

Funds would be put into the park dedication fund and be used to make future improvements to Rich Valley Athletic Complex and/or any other City field deemed appropriate. Projects in which funds could be utilized would be mutually decided upon between the association and the City and be deemed mutually beneficial to all parties. Funds would not be used for routine maintenance and/or improvements of a routine nature.

Yearly payment of the proposed fees by any youth athletic association serving Inver Grove Heights will allow the group usage (for games and practices) of the Rich Valley Athletic

Complex, other City athletic fields and school district fields in accordance with the outdoor athletic facility use policy. Associations will continue to be charged for tournaments as has been the City's practice.

It is staff's perspective that utilizing the facility usage fees in this manner is fair, pro-active and an effective way in which the Rich Valley Athletic Complex and other City athletic fields can continue to provide a quality experience for our youth.

Currently the cities of Eagan, Farmington, Lakeville and South St. Paul charge youth athletic associations for usage of athletic facilities. This is becoming more of a common practice throughout the metro area as well.

In addition, the City will continue to provide the following, at no cost, to the youth athletic associations serving Inver Grove Heights:

1. Free usage of meeting room at Veterans Memorial Community Center once a month
2. Listing of association contact information on City's website
3. Ability to sell concessions for tournaments as a fundraiser

Staff has met individually with each of the three (3) athletic associations regarding the proposed fees and they are comfortable with what is being proposed.

CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS

REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION

Consider Improvements for North Valley Disc Golf Course

Meeting Date: September 9, 2009
 Item Type: Regular Agenda
 Contact: Mark Borgwardt – 651.450.2581
 Prepared by: Mark Borgwardt
 Reviewed by: Eric Carlson – Parks & Recreation

Fiscal/FTE Impact:	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	FTE included in current complement
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PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Recommend funding improvements to North Valley disc golf course including:

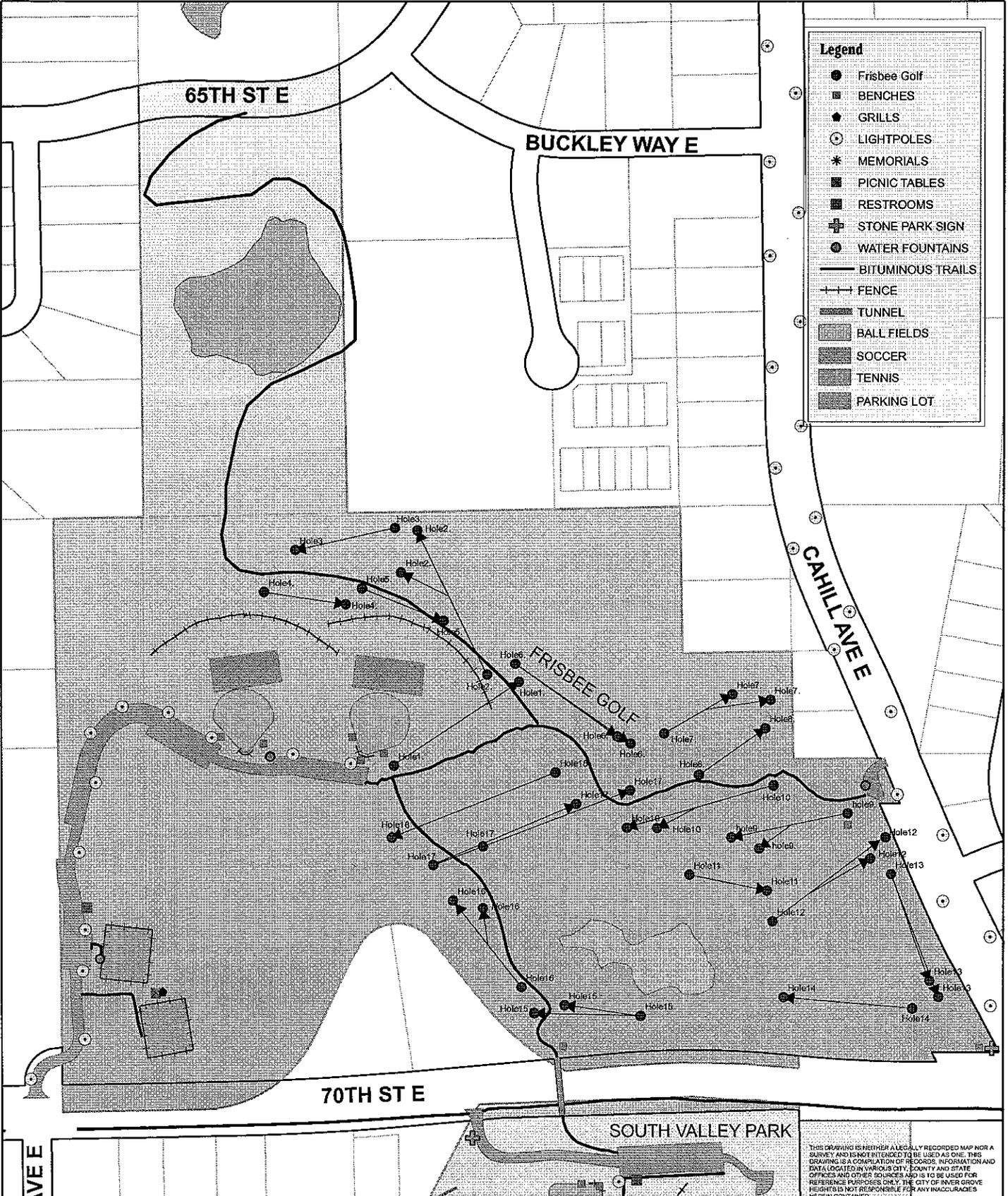
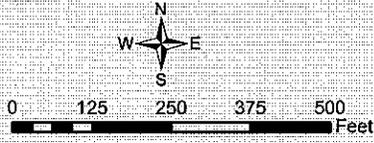
- 9 new concrete "T" pads
- 9 new Mach 3 baskets
- 1 entrance Kiosk sign
- 36 "T" signs for long and short holes
- 9 directional arrow signs throughout course

Cost and funding for improvements recommended as follows:

• Concrete for "T" pads/Parks install	\$3,000	Parks budget
• Mach 3 basket/Parks install	\$4,600	Park Maintenance Fund
• Signs/Parks install	<u>\$5,000</u>	Park Maintenance Fund
TOTAL	\$12,600	

SUMMARY

City Council was generally interested in wanting to pursue some improvements to the disc golf course at the February 23, 2009 meeting. At that time a budget of \$15,000 was recommended and discussed. Recently, Park and Recreation staff walked the course with local resident and disc golf designer and enthusiast Chuck Kennedy to prioritize course improvements possible this year within budget parameters. The recommended list of improvements above is a result of this walk through inventory and research of course comments as found on www.dgreview.com that posts disc golf course reviews. The North Valley disc golf course has seen increased use since its inception in 1989 and is in need of suggested maintenance improvements. The disc golf use of this scenic park with its rolling terrain, water features and mix of tree cover and open space has been a good match and very popular with the public throughout the entire year. Recommend request of \$9,600 from Park Maintenance Fund for baskets and signs at North Valley Disc Golf Course.



- Legend**
- Frisbee Golf
 - BENCHES
 - ◆ GRILLS
 - LIGHTPOLES
 - * MEMORIALS
 - ▣ PICNIC TABLES
 - RESTROOMS
 - ⊕ STONE PARK SIGN
 - ⊙ WATER FOUNTAINS
 - BITUMINOUS TRAILS
 - - - FENCE
 - TUNNEL
 - ▨ BALL FIELDS
 - ▨ SOCCER
 - ▨ TENNIS
 - ▨ PARKING LOT

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CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS

REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION

Consider Approval of Tree Planting Plan for Portions of Heritage Village Park

Meeting Date: September 9, 2009
Item Type: Regular Agenda
Contact: Mark Borgwardt – 651.450.2581
Prepared by: Mark Borgwardt
Reviewed by: Eric Carlson – Parks & Recreation

Fiscal/FTE Impact:
 None
 Amount included in current budget
 Budget amendment requested
 FTE included in current complement
 New FTE requested – N/A
 Other

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Recommend Fall 2009/Spring 2010 tree planting plan for \$42,700 and Fall 2009 seeding plan for \$39,087 for Heritage Village Park with funding from Park Dedication and Development Fund. Total for tree and seeding plan is \$81,787.

SUMMARY

Tree plan as prepared by Parks and EOR staff is as follows:

Area 1: Plantings along 2500' of MRRT under power lines.

- 25- Hawthorn
- 25- Serviceberry
- 25- Techny Arborvitae
- 25 Crabapple Cultivar

These species grow less than 20' tall.

Area 2: Planting in prairie and west berm along R.R. tracks

- 20- Burr Oak
- 20-White Oak
- 20- Swamp White Oak
- 20- Honey Locust
- 20- Black Hills Spruce

These trees are typical in Oak Savanna

Area 3: North berm along Gun Club

- 20- Hackberry
- 20- White Birch
- 20- Maple (mix)
- 20- Thorned Hawthorn
- 20- Oak (mix)

EOR will work with Parks staff to plan placement of trees for orderly development of park. All plant material includes installation by contractor, mulch, watered with one year warranty.

Area 1 approximate cost	\$13,500
Area 2 approximate cost	\$15,200
Area 3 approximate cost	<u>\$14,000</u>
TOTAL	\$42,700

Seeding plan and approximate costs are as follows:

RR berm: 3.5 acres or 16,940 sq. yds

- MNDOT 350 prairie seed mix and Flexterra Hydro Mulch at \$1.74 sq. yd.
- Total for above is \$29,475

Balance of park including lot along Doffing minus crushing operation and access road:

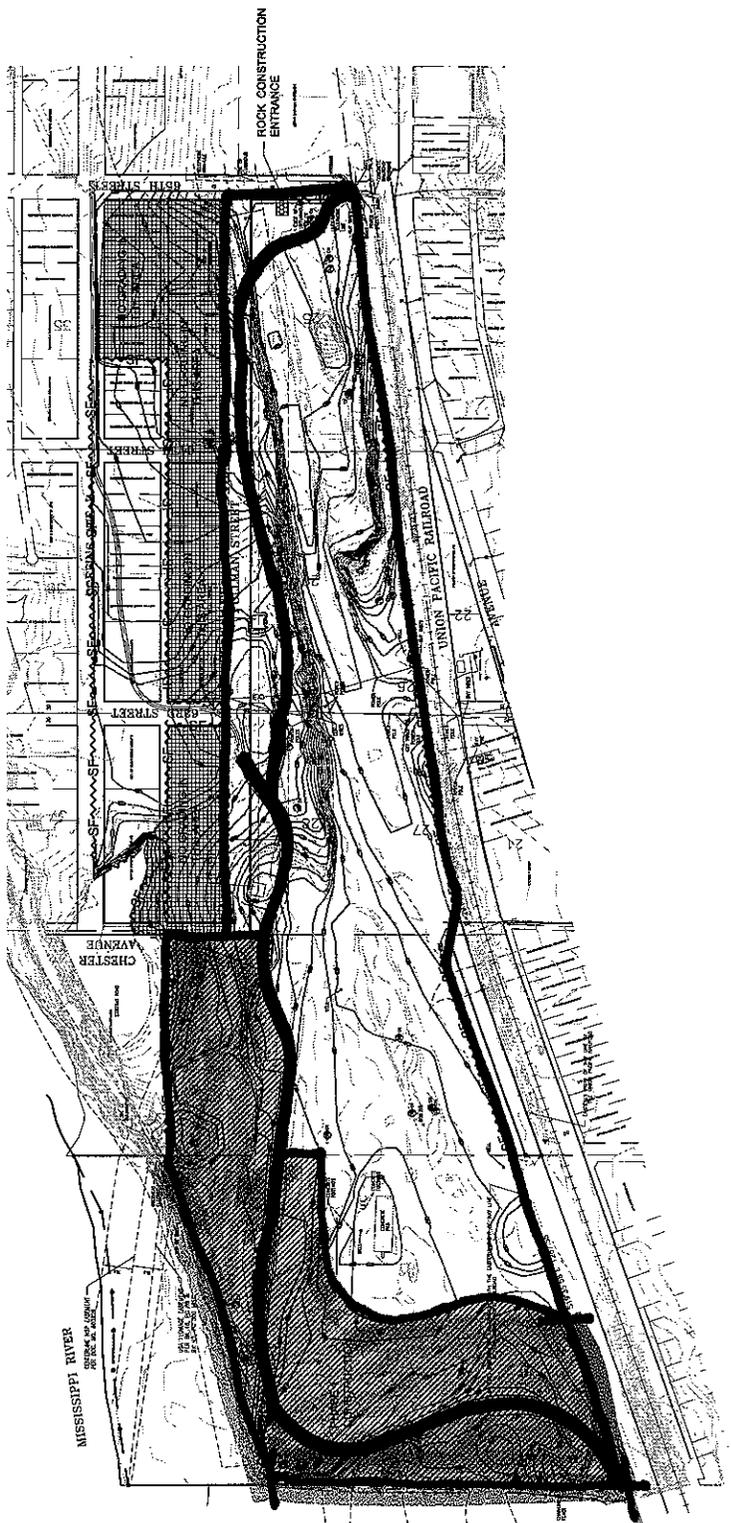
- 23 acres
- Development Seed, Mulch, Anchor and Fertilize at \$420 per acre.
- Total for above is \$9,660

TOTAL seeding costs are: \$39,087

Summary of tree planting and seeding costs:

Tree planting	\$42,700
Seeding	<u>\$39,087</u>
TOTAL	\$81,787

Recommend funding tree planting and seeding of Heritage Village Park this fall for the sum of \$81,787 with funding from Park Dedication and Development Fund.



NOTES:

1. ALL SILT FENCE AND THE CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED PRIOR TO BEGINNING GRADING OPERATIONS.
2. IN AREAS WITH NO GRADING, TRANSITION DOWN TO ORIGINAL GROUND SURFACE 10 FEET FROM THE PROPERTY LINE AT A 2:1 SLOPE.
3. ALL CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC SHALL ENTER THE SITE AT THE DESIGNATED CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE.

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ROCK CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE



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Emmons & Oliver Resources, Inc. 857 Hale Ave North Coaldale, MN 55128 www.eorinc.com Tel: 651.770.8448		SUBMITTAL DATE 08-08-2008 DESIGN BY SWH DRAWN BY SWH PROJECT NO. 08-07-01 SHEET NO. 03/201		I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAN, SPECIFICATION OR REPORT THAT I AM A DAILY LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA. <i>Richard Ravniss</i> RICHARD RAVNISS DATE: AUGUST 19, 2008 LICENSE # 22241
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CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS

REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION

Consider Request for Acquisition of Tax Forfeited Property – Rock Island Swing Bridge

Meeting Date: September 9, 2009
Item Type: Regular Agenda
Contact: Eric Carlson – 651.450.2587
Prepared by: Eric Carlson
Reviewed by: Eric Carlson – Parks & Recreation

Fiscal/FTE Impact:
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PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Consider approving the application by the City for Conveyance of Tax Forfeit Land in the Concord Neighborhood. The acquisition of the property is recommended as a part of the Rock Island Swing Bridge project.

SUMMARY

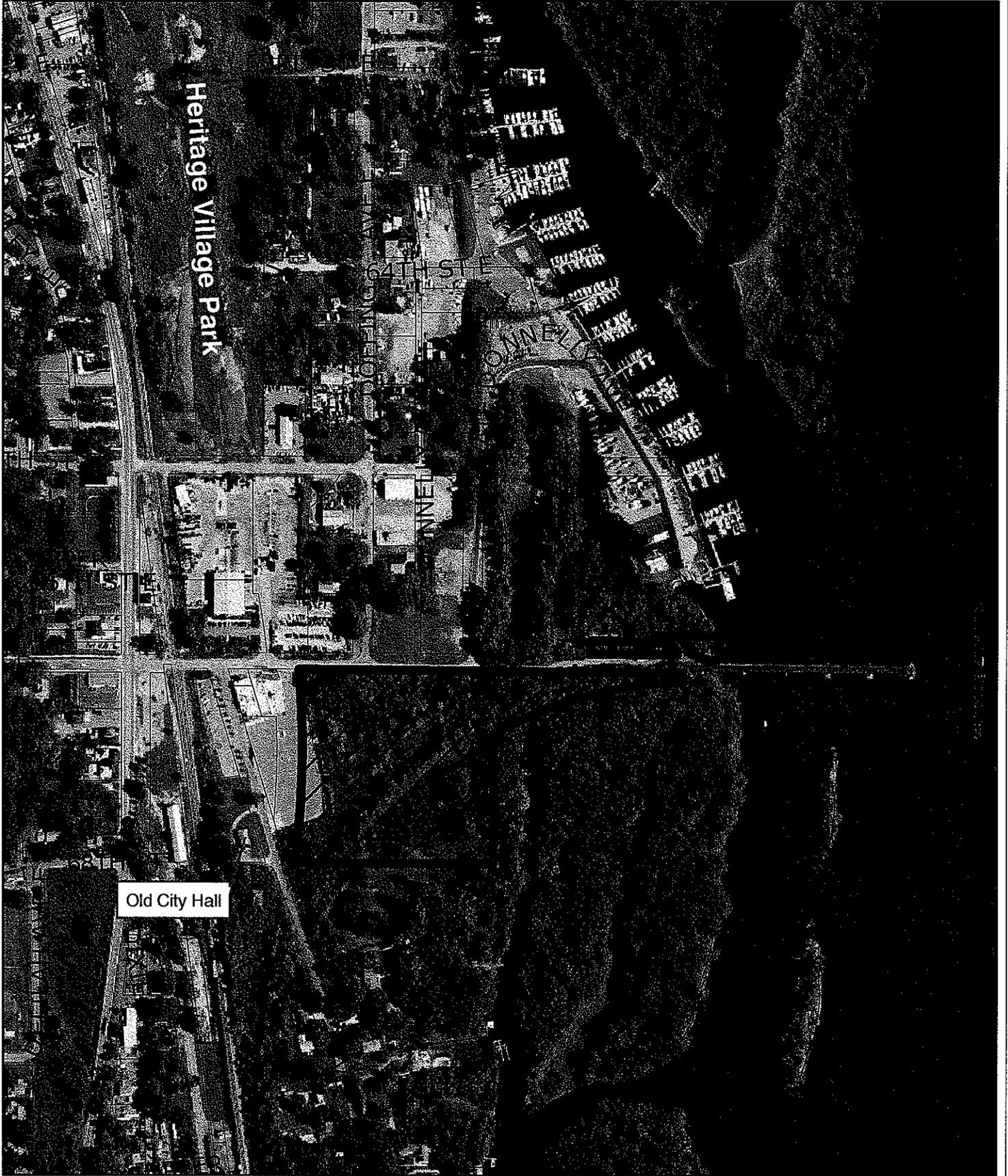
The proposed properties are located east of Concord Ave. and are just north and south of 66th St. E. The southern parcel abuts other City property previously acquired for park and trail purposes. The eastern portion is within the 100 year flood plain. The property is 0.59 acres (northern) and 10.81 acres (southern) in size.

The subject property meets the Council's criteria for acquiring tax forfeit properties in the Doffing area that are within the 100 year flood plain. Acquisition of the property would also broaden the options for future regional trail location. County staff has encouraged application for conveyance for park and trail purposes.

Once conveyed to the City, the City will own the Dakota County side of the Rock Island Swing Bridge including piers 2 – 6 and spans 3 and 4. Should the reuse project fail, the City would likely be required to remove the structures from the river.



Location Map Acquisition of Land Adjacent to Rock Island Swing Bridge



CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS

REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION

Consider Disposal of Park Property – Cameron Park

Meeting Date: September 9, 2009
Item Type: Regular Agenda
Contact: Eric Carlson – 651.450.2587
Prepared by: Eric Carlson
Reviewed by: Eric Carlson – Parks & Recreation

Fiscal/FTE Impact:	
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PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Approve the disposal of real property commonly referred to as Cameron Park located at 6501 Concord Blvd. The parcel is 56,430 S.F. or 1.30 acres in size and has an appraised value of \$272,000.

Under City Ordinances, the property would be subject to Park Dedication, and it is recommended that the purchaser of the property be required to pay the park dedication rate in effect at the time of final plat.

SUMMARY

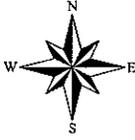
We are recommending selling the Cameron Park property to a private party for the relocation of an existing business. Dakota County is reconstructing Concord Boulevard and has purchased the property owned by Cameron's Liquor Store for right-of-way purposes. The City is interested in selling the property to Cameron's Liquor Store as a site to relocate the business. The property is currently zoned P, Public\Institutional.

The City has a goal of providing a park within ½ mile and we have been working on the Comprehensive Park Plan and Development Guide to be sure we achieve that goal in the NW Area. With the addition of Heritage Village Park, the Cameron site is not needed for park purposes and would be best used for commercial purposes.

Proceeds from the sale of the property could go to the Park Acquisition and Development Fund (Fund 402) and be used for future property purchases or park development projects.



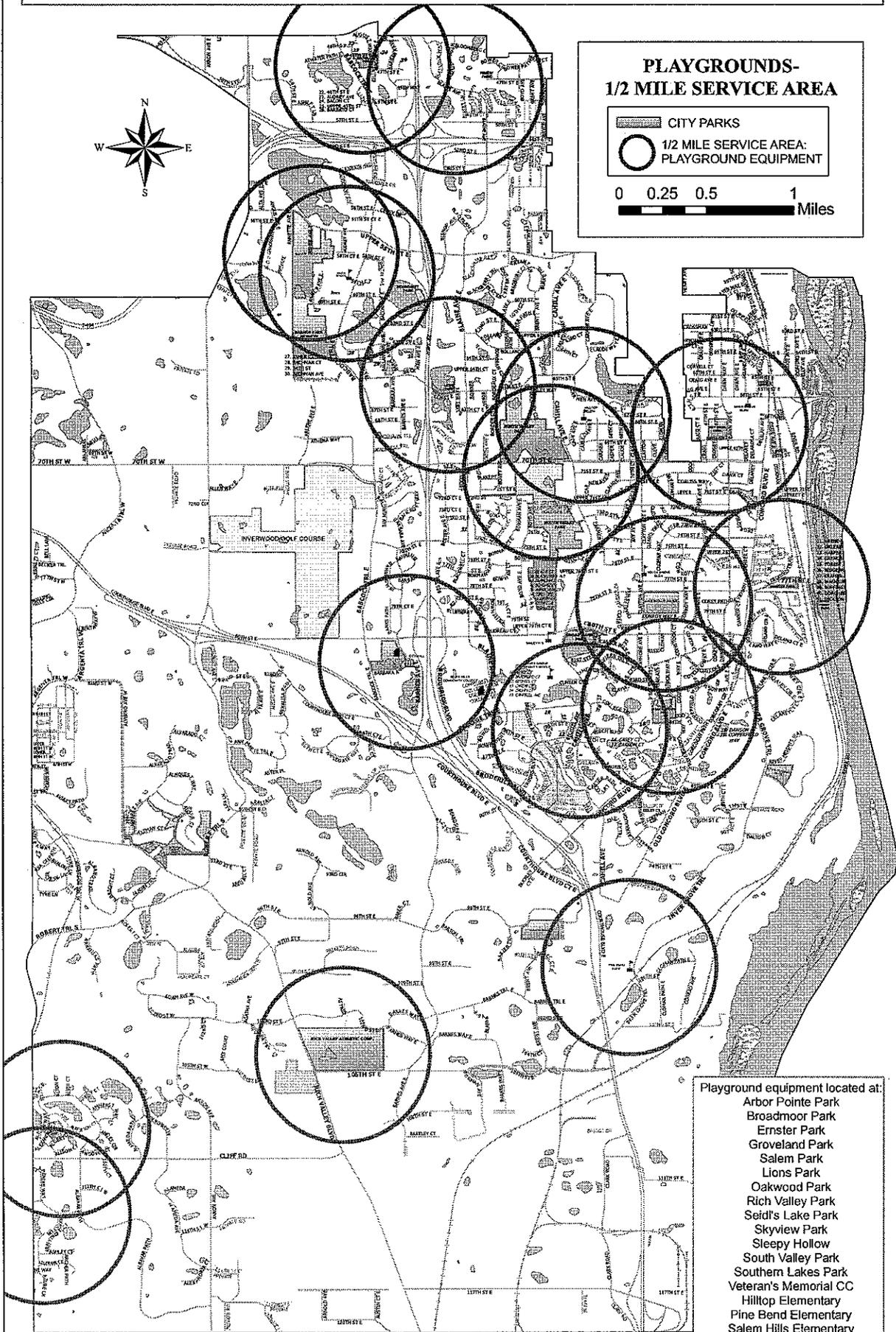
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PLAYGROUNDS- 1/2 MILE SERVICE AREA

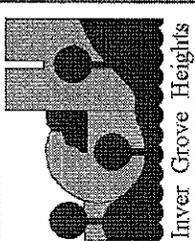
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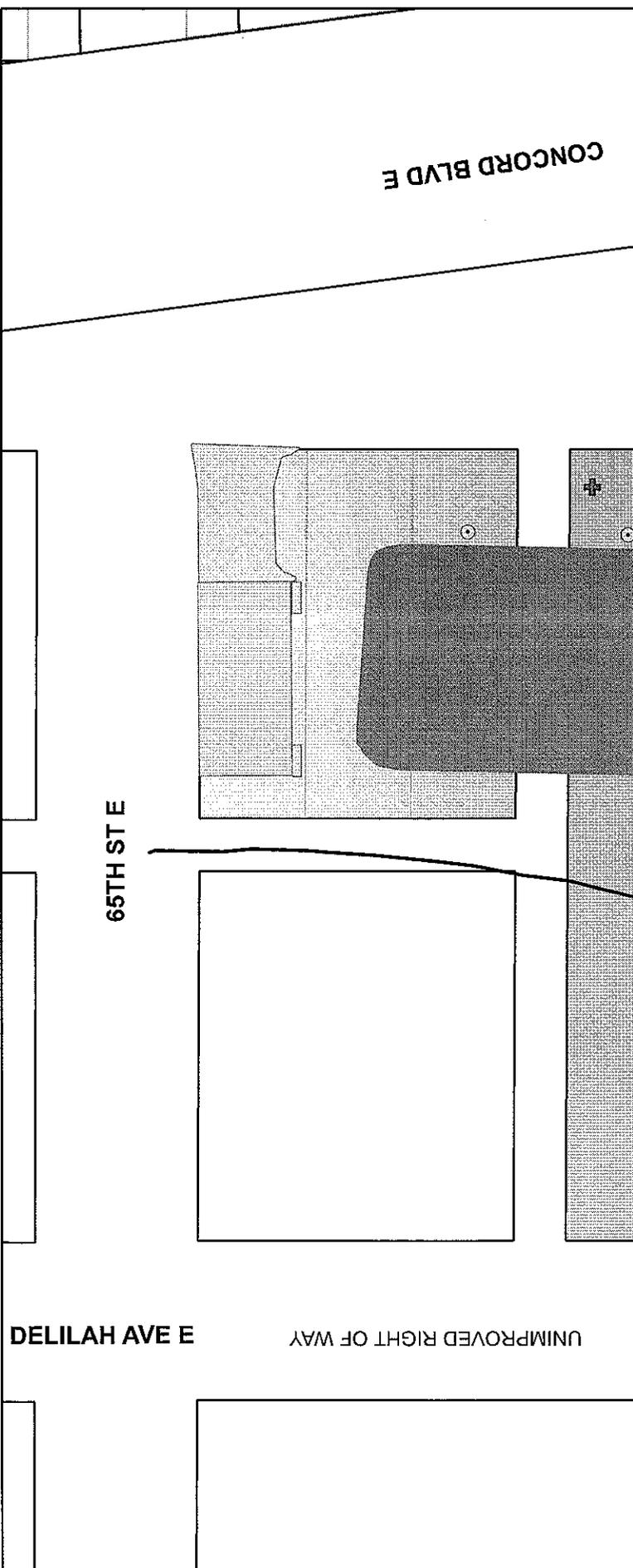
- Playground equipment located at:
- Arbor Pointe Park
 - Broadmoor Park
 - Ernster Park
 - Groveland Park
 - Salem Park
 - Lions Park
 - Oakwood Park
 - Rich Valley Park
 - Seidl's Lake Park
 - Skyview Park
 - Sleepy Hollow
 - South Valley Park
 - Southern Lakes Park
 - Veteran's Memorial CC
 - Hilltop Elementary
 - Pine Bend Elementary
 - Salem Hills Elementary

PARKS & RECREATION
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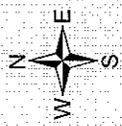
CAMERON PARK

November 2007
Map produced by the City of Inver Grove Heights

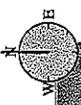


Legend

-  LIGHTPOLES
-  PARK NAME SIGN
-  Bituminous Trails
-  PARK BUILDINGS
-  RINKS



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CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS

REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION

Review Use of Rich Valley Park

Meeting Date: September 9, 2009
 Item Type: Administrative Presentations
 Contact: Tracy Petersen – 651.450.2588
 Prepared by: Tracy Petersen
 Reviewed by: Eric Carlson – Parks & Recreation

Fiscal/FTE Impact:
 None
 Amount included in current budget
 Budget amendment requested
 FTE included in current complement
 New FTE requested – N/A
 Other

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

No action requested. Item is for informational purposes and Commissioners are encouraged to ask appropriate questions.

SUMMARY

At a Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission meeting earlier this year, some questions came up regarding the usage of Rich Valley Park.

Rich Valley Park, located in the southwest portion of the City, serves as a neighborhood park for residents in this area. It is also home to a large athletic complex which serves the athletic needs of the entire Inver Grove Heights community. This public park is open to the general public during normal park hours.

Amenities:

1. Tennis court
2. Basketball court
3. Playground
4. 2 Open-air picnic shelters
5. 4 Full size soccer fields
6. 6 Multi-use fields (baseball and softball)
7. 3 Baseball fields
8. Batting cage
9. Concession stand/restroom facilities

Shelter Areas:

Individuals, private groups, businesses, civic organizations, schools, churches, etc. may rent the picnic shelter areas for a resident/non-profit or non-resident/non-profit rate. This rental charge allows the renter exclusive use of the area for a designated period of time. Shelter areas not rented out are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. The playground, tennis and basketball court areas are typically not rented out and open to the public during park hours.

Athletic Facilities:

The Parks and Recreation Department has an outdoor athletic facility use policy that outlines guidelines for the fair and equitable use of parks and facilities within the City of Inver Grove Heights. This policy ensures priority scheduling and use of the athletic facilities for Inver Grove Heights residents by organizations providing the most benefit to the City of Inver Grove Heights residents through their organizations.

Priority Use

1. All City sponsored activities (fees not charged).
2. Recognized Community Athletic Associations with a contractual field use agreement (currently no field fees charged excluding tournaments).
3. School District #199 or #196 activities and programs (currently no field fees charged with the exception of Rich Valley).
*Use limited to local neighborhood parks (excludes Rich Valley Athletic Complex) for weekday activities and concluding prior to 5:30 p.m. The types of uses allowed will be for organized school programs and physical education classes, provided there is no disruption to the City's normal maintenance of the facilities. Limited use will also be allowed for late weekday hours and tournaments provided there are no scheduling conflicts with City activities. There will be a charge for any tournament usage or any school district usage of the Rich Valley Athletic Complex.
4. Other community groups including athletic associations, churches, or civic organizations that provide recreational opportunities to Inver Grove Heights residents (fees charged per use).
5. All other individuals or groups including non-resident, commercial and private membership groups (fees charged per use).

Organized groups/leagues/associations/teams are required to schedule usage through the Parks and Recreation Department. This ensures balanced allocation of the facilities, proper maintenance, proper usage fees and overall organization of the complex.

Athletic fields are open to the public when not scheduled for play. If parks maintenance staff is working on spaces, users may be asked to switch to a different area while maintenance is completed. The baseball/softball fields are gated and typically locked when not in use for organized play. The complex was designed with gates to protect the turf areas, minimize vandalism and provide an overall more secure facility. This has served the facility well over the past ten (10) years. The public is still able to use multiple walk-in gates to access the fields.

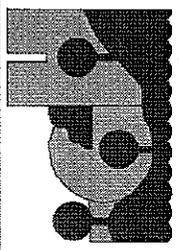
2009 Usage:

In 2009, the Rich Valley Athletic Complex had over 14 youth organizations and 8 adult organizations utilize the athletic facilities at the complex. The City also hosted five youth baseball/softball tournaments and utilized the park for its annual egg hunt, archery program, park pals play school and other various sports classes. Over 4,300 hours of use were scheduled at the baseball/softball fields with 45% of usage from youth athletic associations, 18% usage from City sponsored activities and 37% usage from other rentals.

Overall:

Staff continues to look for additional uses for the facility during off-peak times that benefit the community and may have the ability to generate revenue. Staff is also cognizant of over-use of the turf areas and monitors usage very closely. Rich Valley Park is a highlight of the Inver Grove Heights park system. The athletic fields are well-received and are known as some of the best maintained fields in the metro area.

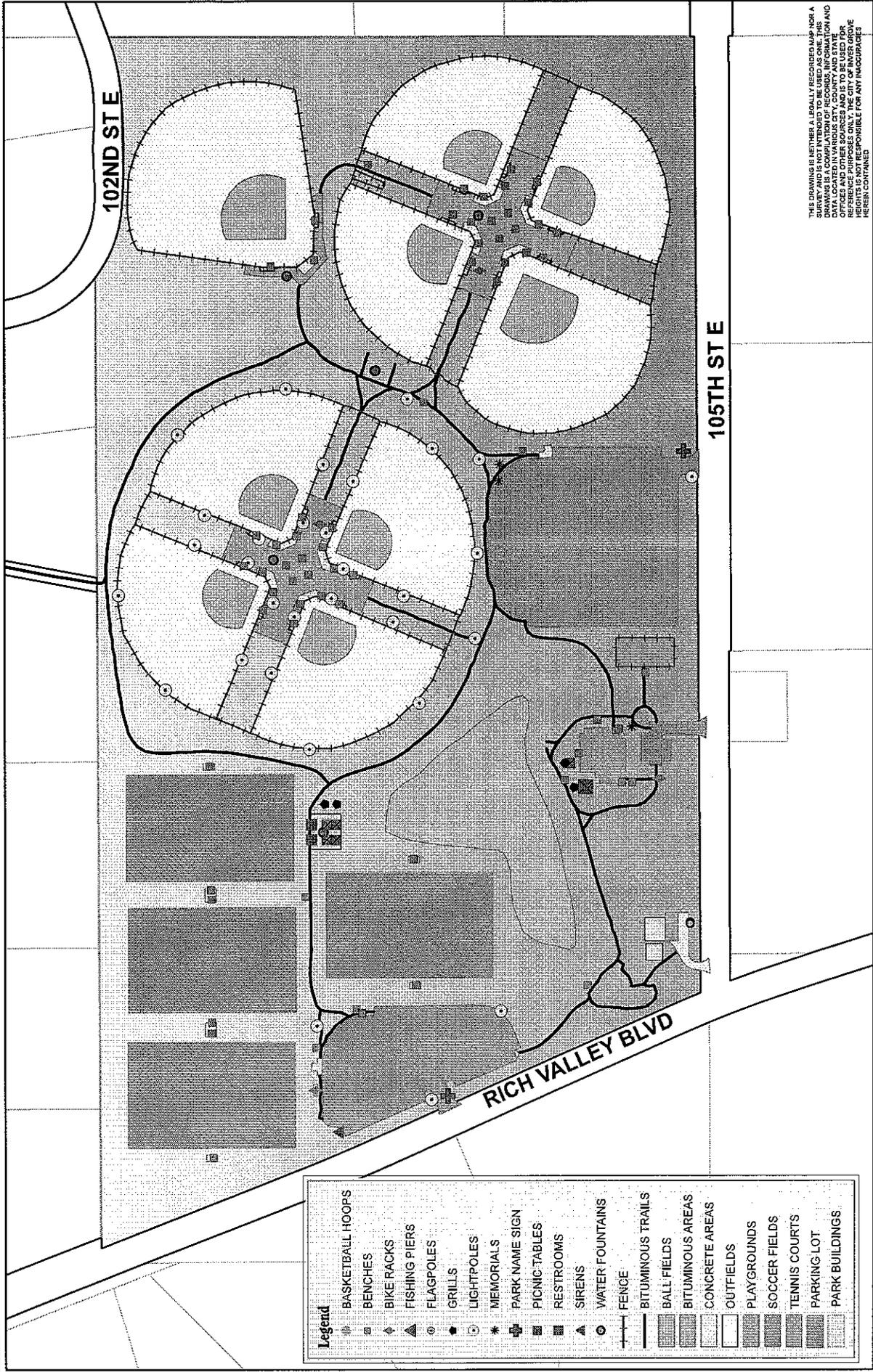
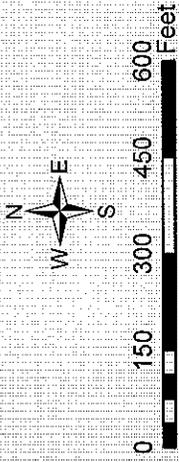
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Inver Grove Heights

RICH VALLEY ATHLETIC COMPLEX

November 2007
Map produced by the City of Inver Grove Heights



Legend	
	BASKETBALL HOOPS
	BENCHES
	BIKE RACKS
	FISHING PIERS
	FLAGPOLES
	GRILLS
	LIGHTPOLES
	MEMORIALS
	PARK NAME SIGN
	PICNIC TABLES
	RESTROOMS
	SIRENS
	WATER FOUNTAINS
	FENCE
	BITUMINOUS TRAILS
	BALL FIELDS
	BITUMINOUS AREAS
	CONCRETE AREAS
	OUTFIELDS
	PLAYGROUNDS
	SOCCER FIELDS
	TENNIS COURTS
	PARKING LOT
	PARK BUILDINGS

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CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS

REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION

Review Dog Park Information

Meeting Date: September 9, 2009
 Item Type: Administrative Presentations
 Contact: Mark Borgwardt – 651.450.2581
 Prepared by: Mark Borgwardt
 Reviewed by: Eric Carlson – Parks & Recreation

Fiscal/FTE Impact:	
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PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Begin discussion of possible dog park in City of Inver Grove Heights and provide staff with further direction. The following is offered from the League of Minnesota Cities website to frame that discussion.

SUMMARY

What are dog parks?

The term “dog park” is generally used where the purpose and design of the park is such as to invite dogs, often in an unleashed environment. Some dog parks require membership or charge fees; others are free and open to the public. In general, private parks tend to be those that require fees to assist in the costs of operating the park.

Why have dog parks?

Dogs are popular and people want a safe place to socialize and exercise their dogs. Off-leash parks offer substantial benefits as a way for dog and owner to get exercise and meet new friends. Dog parks are relatively inexpensive to maintain, have no significant history of claims, and have generally been thought to be successful where they have been created.

What are the features of a dog park?

Dog parks vary in size and amenities, but the following represent some things to consider.

Should you enclose your dog park? Consideration should be given to manmade or natural barriers to encourage the dogs to stay within the designated area. Small areas in busy neighborhoods may necessitate a fence around the park with a gated access. Larger areas may allow for natural buffer zones. Nearby property owners and traffic should be considered to determine what level of barrier might be necessary.

Should specific rules be developed and posted?

Rules should be posted at the entrance to the dog park. Indicate the purpose of the park, the hours of operation, and a phone number to report problems and emergencies. General rules include picking up feces, keeping control of aggressive dogs, and leash requirements if any. Off-leash parks should emphasize that dogs kept on leashes within the off-leash boundary will cause tension and should be avoided. Cities should require that dogs be licensed and vaccinated to be allowed in the dog park. Children should be supervised while in the dog park because playing dogs can run into children and running children may trigger the dog’s instinct to chase prey. Any special information about the use of the dog park should be displayed at the entrance.

Should trash containers be provided?

It may take some time to cultivate good habits, particularly for picking up feces. By providing containers and even bags, if possible, compliance will improve. Dog owners must be reminded that good stewardship will ensure the continued availability of the facility.

How much parking should be provided?

Adequate parking will be necessary to prevent clogging streets or the parking lots of others with dog park patrons. Some cities have found that use of the park greatly exceeded their original estimates; extra parking had to be added. The location of parking should minimize any detours from the most direct route into the park. In general it is a good idea to require the use of a leash in parking areas until entering the off-leash area. Parking leading to a gated entrance provides an opportunity for placing advisory signs that are hard to miss.

Should the park have a source of water?

Dogs drink plenty of water during play, and some dogs enjoy swimming. Therefore natural ponds or streams may be desirable. On the other hand, if there is mud around, a dog will find it. Some owners prefer to avoid this problem. Owners should be encouraged to bring plenty of water with them if none exists at the park.

How should the park be designed?

Some parks are specifically designed for smaller dogs. Larger dogs do not usually attack small dogs, but small dogs may be injured engaging in play with much larger dogs. In most cases, dogs properly supervised will socialize easily in the neutral turf of an off leash exercise area.

Are there any maintenance considerations?

Primary maintenance issues include trash removal, snow removal, grass cutting, and wear and tear to walkways. Parks with enough area can fence off portions to allow for vegetation to reestablish itself in over-worn areas. Wood mulch may be applied to walkways to reduce erosion and improve traction.

Are there other items to consider?

Some parks have bulletin boards to provide feedback on park use and to report problems. Many parks also have picnic tables, benches, and park shelters for shade and protection from the elements.

CONCLUSION

Off leash areas, or dog parks, provide great benefits to dog owners. Current statistics indicate almost one in four people own a dog. Dogs and their owners are happiest and healthiest when they have opportunities for exercise and meeting others. Dog parks have not proven to be a significant liability risk or source of complaints by the public.

Following are some web sites where you can find dog parks or information about dog parks.

These sites allow you to search for dog parks in any state.

<http://animal.discovery.com/features/dogpark/map/states/MN.html>

<http://www.ecoanimal.com/dogfun/>

These sites provide information about dog parks.

<http://www.dogplay.com/Activities/dogpark.html>

http://www.thebark.com/community/advocacy_dogParks/dogParks.html

CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS

REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION

Department Happenings

Meeting Date: September 9, 2009
Item Type: Administrative Presentations
Contact: Eric Carlson – 651.450.2587
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SUMMARY

Items included:

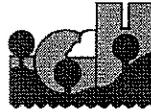
- September Department Happenings Report
- July VMCC Financial Statement
- July Inver Wood Financial Statement
- Star & Trib Articles on Rock Island Swing Bridge
- Star & Trib Articles on Inver Wood Golf Course
- Miscellaneous

Items to be discussed:

- Miscellaneous



Parks & Recreation Department Department Happenings



Parks

Heritage Village Park Update

Silt fence has been installed around Brown Caulking site. Weeds around perimeter of prairie were mowed to prevent weed seed contamination of prairie. A tree plan is being developed for along the Mississippi River Regional Trail and on the new berm between the Gun Club and park for fall planting. Hopefully construction will take place this fall and allow for tree planting. Bolander continues to move and grade fill on site.

South Valley bituminous trail/fence repairs off Cahill

Construction is complete on storm water pipe erosion in South Valley Park along bituminous trail off Cahill and 73rd. Contractor has installed new pipe to direct storm water coming off Cahill to valley floor. The resulting slope has been hydro-seeded with native grass and wildflower mix. Ace Blacktop is scheduled to re-construct bituminous trail this month and fence contractor is lined up to replace fence along trail when trail is complete.

Gun Club Lake fishing pier

Repairs to Gun Club fishing pier at Lions Park are being planned for later in September. The "T" section at the end of the pier is breaking away from section attached to shore due to excessive movement in two sections design. Solutions are being developed to eliminate this play between sections and make pier more durable and safe for public to use.

Oakwood Park parking lot and lights

Construction on Oakwood parking lot and new lot and trail lighting continues. All the concrete curb and first lift of bituminous has been installed. All the lighting concrete footings have been installed and conduit and wiring have been constructed. Construction on lights and lots is expected to be complete in September. New construction should make for a safer and more user friendly park experience.

Simley Lake shore fishing stations and ADA access

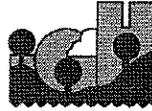
Parks crew installed five shore fishing stations on Simley Island Park. The DNR donated the flagstone slate stone materials for the project which now provide designated shore fishing locations around island. These fishing stations will help better maintain the shoreline restoration plants that will be installed later this fall. An ADA accessible concrete sidewalk was also poured by parks crew to allow persons with disabilities to access fishing pier. This sidewalk also was planned around the upcoming shoreline restoration project scheduled for this fall.

Groveland Park concrete work

Parks crew poured concrete for bleacher and player benches behind the backstop at Groveland Park. The new concrete provides for cleaner and more player and spectator friendly amenities in which to use ballfield at Groveland Park. The city is fortunate to have the concrete finishing skills of Parks Lead Worker Mike Carter for these projects.



Parks & Recreation Department Department Happenings



Inver Wood Golf Course

Group Instruction - Final Tally

The fall session of the group instruction program is currently underway through September. Final participation for the four sessions decreased from 158 participants in 2008 to 144 participants in 2009, a decrease of 9 percent. The split for adult and junior participation is slightly weighted to the junior category with 66 Adults (46%) and 78 Juniors (54%). Demand for instruction in general remains soft even in the light of a group lesson rate freeze since 2003, and in the case of private lessons, a 50 percent decrease in rate in 2008.

Free Clinics – Final Tally

A total of nine (9) free instruction clinics were conducted on Saturday morning throughout the spring and summer. A total of 161 women attended these sessions covering both full swing and short game fundamentals. Also, six (6) free instruction clinics for our junior golfers were held on Friday mornings throughout June, July, and August. A total of 135 juniors attended these sessions.

Annual Greens Aeration

Each September, Inver Wood's 28 greens are routinely aerated in order to eliminate soil compaction and promote healthy turfgrass root development. The front nine of the championship course will be closed to play until 3:00 PM on Tuesday September 8th. The back nine will be closed until 3:00 PM the following day, September 9th. The executive course and practice putting green will be aerified on Monday September 14th. This schedule is subject to appropriate weather conditions.

Reminders

Please help promote Inver Wood's Family Program. On Fridays after 2:00 PM and Saturday and Sunday Afternoons after 12:00 Noon, children ages 7 to 17 play free with each paid adult Executive Course green fee.

Fall Golf at Inver Wood. The fall color at Inver Wood will be here soon and is always spectacular due to our large variety of tree species. Cool, clear days combined with aggressive leaf removal procedures by our maintenance staff will provide some of the best golf conditions of the season. Help spread the word about a great time of the year to play golf at Inver Wood.

And complete information regarding programs, rates, and course information is always available at our website, inverwood.org.



Parks & Recreation Department Department Happenings



Recreation

IGH Days

Recreation staff is preparing for this year's IGH Days festivities. Staff will be participating in the parade and Explore Inver Grove Heights Days events on Sunday on Cahill Avenue. Staff is coordinating the skate jam, disc golf tournament and kid's court area. The new kid's court area will offer games, arts & crafts and entertainment geared towards youth. The event provides a good opportunity for the department to interact with the community and showcase our offerings.

Minnesota Baseball Academy

Rich Valley is playing host to the Minnesota Baseball Academy this fall on weekday mornings as well as various weekends. This group is sponsoring camps and clinics to youth baseball players across the metro. This has been a great opportunity to have the fields utilized during non-use times.

Back-to-School Open Houses

Staff participated in the school open houses at Hilltop, Pine Bend and Salem Hills Elementary Schools. This is a great opportunity for us to promote our program and facility offerings, engage with the community and partner with the schools.

Free USTA Adult Tennis Lessons

With a grant from the United States Tennis Association Northern section, staff is offering free adult tennis lessons! Classes are taught by a professional USTA tennis instructor. One class was offered in August and a second class is available in mid-September.



Parks & Recreation Department Department Happenings



Veterans Memorial Community Center

Fighting Cancer with Fun Event

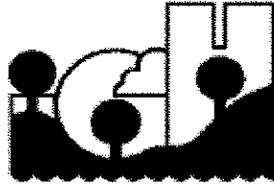
On Friday, Oct. 2, families will have an opportunity to come to the community center and utilize all of the amenities! Families will pay \$20 per family of 5 or \$5 per person and all proceeds are to benefit the American Cancer Society. The evening will also include an opening ceremony, food and various sports clinics put on by the Simley High School Sports teams. Watch for more information online, in *City Insights*, the newspaper and at the community center.

Armory Gym Floor Complete!

The armory gym floor is finally complete. It will officially re-open on September 8. An extra epoxy sealer was added to address any future moisture issues. Staff will also be installing drain tile around the perimeter areas as another method to control any mitigating water issues.

Indoor Turf

The indoor turf in the west rink will come out on October 17. The turf will go back in March 15 of 2010. We have not experienced a great interest in rental usage so far this fall. Staff will continue to look at ways to utilize the surface for revenue generating programs and activities. The surface was key to have this summer when the gym floor was down for longer than anticipated.



COMMUNITY CENTER
CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND
COMPILATION REPORTS**

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING

July 2009



INVER GROVE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
July 2009

	July 2008 ACTUAL	%	July 2009 ACTUAL	%	2008 YTD ACTUAL	%	2009 YTD ACTUAL	%
DEPARTMENTAL REVENUES								
ICE OPERATIONS	571	0%	21,362	10%	242,641	20%	271,251	21%
GROVE OPERATIONS	68,969	32%	69,238	33%	569,086	46%	594,916	45%
PROGRAMS	81,852	38%	66,736	32%	251,642	20%	265,897	20%
FOOD & BEVERAGE	12,245	6%	3,115	1%	105,003	8%	68,411	5%
PRO SHOP	0	0%	51	0%	1,929	0%	1,151	0%
COMMON	50,083	23%	49,970	24%	66,592	5%	116,551	9%
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	213,720	100%	210,473	100%	1,236,893	100%	1,318,178	100%
PERSONNEL EXPENSES								
ICE OPERATIONS	18,549	13%	30,755	15%	179,556	20%	172,751	18%
GROVE OPERATIONS	14,493	10%	30,753	15%	136,835	15%	170,766	18%
PROGRAMS	73,668	52%	102,271	50%	325,887	36%	358,466	37%
FOOD & BEVERAGE	3,272	2%	3,050	2%	32,535	4%	26,019	3%
COMMON	30,981	22%	36,052	18%	236,830	26%	235,430	24%
TOTAL PERSONNEL EXPENSES	140,963	66%	202,881	96%	911,642	74%	963,433	73%
OTHER EXPENSES								
ICE OPERATIONS	13,615	1%	19,260	2%	154,553	12%	136,114	11%
GROVE OPERATIONS	44,664	4%	28,544	2%	305,878	24%	221,501	17%
PROGRAMS	6,562	1%	7,224	1%	52,411	4%	23,813	2%
FOOD & BEVERAGE	11,246	1%	1,968	0%	44,565	4%	28,080	2%
PRO SHOP	0	0%	131	0%	9	0%	132	0%
COMMON	9,020	1%	12,403	1%	89,592	7%	95,999	8%
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	85,108	40%	69,531	33%	647,008	52%	505,638	38%
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	226,071	106%	272,412	129%	1,558,650	126%	1,469,071	111%
NET OPERATING INCOME	(12,351)	(6%)	(61,938)	(29%)	(321,758)	(26%)	(150,893)	(11%)
NON-OPERATING REVENUES								
INVESTMENT EARNINGS			207		0		508	
OTHER REVENUES(INRS REIMB.)	1,154				9,504		0	
TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUES	1,154		207		9,504		508	
NON-OPERATING EXPENSES								
EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT					0		0	
PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT					0		71,295	
OTHER MISC. EXPENSE					24,874		0	
TOTAL NON-OPERATING EXPENSES	0		0		24,874		71,295	
DEBT SERVICE								
TOTAL NON-OP. EXPENSES & DEBT	0		0		24,874		71,295	
NET INCOME	(11,197)		(61,731)		(337,127)		(221,680)	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

INVER GROVE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER
ICE OPERATIONS
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
July 2009

	July 2008 ACTUAL	%	July 2009 ACTUAL	%	YTD 2008 ACTUAL	%	YTD 2009 ACTUAL	%
ICE OPERATIONS REVENUE								
ICE RENTALS	116	20%	8,705	41%	126,410	52%	157,644	58%
ICE ADMISSIONS		0%	1,043	5%	5,026	2%	5,330	2%
HOCKEY ASSOC.		0%	10,000	47%	81,589	34%	74,930	28%
TURF RENT		0%		0%	0	0%	8,649	3%
ROOM RENTALS	455	80%	1,615	8%	20,280	8%	24,698	9%
GAME ADMISSIONS		0%		0%	9,336	4%	0	0%
TOTAL ICE OPERATIONS REVENUE	571	100%	21,362	100%	242,641	100%	271,251	100%
ICE OPERATIONS EXPENSES								
PAYROLL & RELATED EXPENSES								
SALARIES	10,324	1808%	20,017	94%	96,154	40%	104,065	38%
WAGES PART TIME		0%		0%	0	0%	0	0%
WAGES TEMPORARY	3,624	635%	2,763	13%	41,011	17%	20,827	8%
PAYROLL TAXES-BENEFITS	4,601	806%	7,975	37%	42,391	17%	47,860	18%
TOTAL PAYROLL EXPENSES	18,549	3249%	30,755	144%	179,556	74%	172,751	64%
OTHER EXPENSES								
ALARM SERVICES		0%		0%	470	0%	0	0%
CENTRAL EQUIPMENT	2,650	464%	2,742	13%	18,550	8%	19,192	7%
CONFERENCES & SEMINARS		0%		0%	0	0%	0	0%
DUES, LICENSES, SUBSCRIPTIONS	18	3%		0%	155	0%	190	0%
FUELS		0%	281	1%	2,862	1%	2,635	1%
INSURANCE ALLOCATION	150	26%		0%	1,050	0%	0	0%
LEASE PAYMENTS		0%		0%	0	0%	0	0%
MEALS & LODGING		0%		0%	0	0%	0	0%
PROF/TECH SERVICES	1,602	281%	2,839	13%	6,068	3%	16,445	6%
REPAIRS & MAINT-BLDG	3,052	535%	611	3%	28,183	12%	5,598	2%
REPAIRS & MAINT-EQUIPT		0%		0%	2,200	1%	1,196	0%
REFUSE REMOVAL		0%		0%	0	0%	338	0%
SMALL TOOLS		0%	159	1%	250	0%	2,687	1%
SUPPLIES-JANITORIAL	769	135%	797	4%	8,792	4%	3,178	1%
SUPPLIES-SHOP		0%		0%	640	0%	100	0%
SUPPLIES-MAINTENANCE	232	41%	999	5%	4,561	2%	3,903	1%
SUPPLIES-OTHER	9	2%		0%	771	0%	59	0%
TELEPHONE	104	18%	102	0%	735	0%	837	0%
TRAVEL	20	3%	14	0%	100	0%	33	0%
UNIFORMS		0%		0%	1,010	0%	263	0%
UTILITIES-ELECTRIC	3,264	572%	8,505	40%	48,958	20%	56,987	21%
UTILITIES-GAS	417	73%	1,050	5%	23,887	10%	15,946	6%
UTILITIES-SEWER	744	130%	329	2%	2,409	1%	2,579	1%
UTILITIES-WATER	584	102%	834	4%	2,595	1%	3,572	1%
MISC. EXPENSE		0%		0%	306	0%	377	0%
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSE	13,615	2384%	19,260	90%	154,553	64%	136,114	50%
TOTAL ICE OPERATIONS EXPENSE	32,164	5633%	50,015	234%	334,109	138%	308,866	114%
NET INCOME (LOSS)	(31,593)	(5533%)	(28,653)	(134%)	(91,467)	(38%)	(37,614)	(14%)

INVER GROVE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER
GROVE OPERATIONS
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
July 2009

	July 2008		July 2009		YTD 2008		YTD 2009		
	ACTUAL	%	ACTUAL	%	ACTUAL	%	ACTUAL	%	
GROVE OPERATIONS REVENUE									
MEMBERSHIPS	50,152	73%	55,293	80%	446,457	78%	477,970	80%	
ADMISSIONS	11,709	17%	9,211	13%	83,580	15%	74,739	13%	
ADMISSIONS MISC.	81	0%	50	0%	613	0%	578	0%	
CLOTHING SALES	8	0%		0%	222	0%	197	0%	
RENTS-DISTRICT 199		0%		0%	0	0%	0	0%	
SWIM MEETS		0%		0%	720	0%	375	0%	
POOL RENTALS	3,911	6%	1,484	2%	15,735	3%	18,657	3%	
OTHER RENTALS	3,108	5%	3,200	5%	21,758	4%	22,400	4%	
TOTAL GROVE OPERATIONS REVENUE	68,969	100%	69,238	100%	569,086	100%	594,916	100%	
GROVE OPERATIONS EXPENSES									
PAYROLL & RELATED EXPENSES									
SALARIES	10,324	15%	20,017	29%	95,823	17%	104,063	17%	
WAGES PART TIME	0	0%		0%	0	0%	0	0%	
WAGES TEMPORARY	0	0%	2,763	4%	3,212	1%	19,075	3%	
PAYROLL TAXES-BENEFITS	4,169	6%	7,974	12%	37,799	7%	47,629	8%	
TOTAL PAYROLL EXPENSES	14,493	21%	30,753	44%	136,835	24%	170,766	29%	
OTHER EXPENSES									
ALARM SERVICES		0%		0%	470	0%	0	0%	
APPAREL		#DIV/0!		0%	0	0%	0	0%	
CENTRAL EQUIPMENT		0%		0%	0	0%	0	0%	
CONFERENCES & SEMINARS	50	0%		0%	540	0%	590	0%	
DUES, LICENSES, SUBSCRIPTIONS	18	0%		0%	780	0%	800	0%	
INSURANCE ALLOCATION	2,533	4%		0%	17,733	3%	0	0%	
LEASE PAYMENTS		0%		0%	0	0%	0	0%	
MEALS & LODGING		0%		0%	19	0%	0	0%	
POSTAGE		0%		0%	0	0%	20	0%	
PRINTING & BINDING		0%		0%	1,328	0%	867	0%	
PROF/TECH SERVICES	1,060	2%	9	0%	22,156	4%	2,974	0%	
REPAIRS & MAINT-BLDG	6,420	9%	5,481	8%	66,206	12%	51,832	9%	
REPAIRS & MAINT-EQUIPT		0%		0%	1,596	0%	562	0%	
REFUSE REMOVAL		0%		0%	0	0%	338	0%	
SMALL TOOLS & MISC EQUIPT	1,415	2%		0%	1,680	0%	1,463	0%	
SUPPLIES-JANITORIAL	769	1%	797	1%	9,273	2%	3,288	1%	
SUPPLIES-MAINTENANCE	122	0%	857	1%	9,205	2%	6,812	1%	
SUPPLIES-POOL CHEMICALS	1,897	3%	2,273	3%	11,714	2%	11,839	2%	
SUPPLIES-SHOP	10	0%		0%	619	0%	112	0%	
SUPPLIES-OTHER	78	0%	115	0%	4,374	1%	598	0%	
TELEPHONE	104	0%	124	0%	735	0%	993	0%	
TRAVEL	59	0%	26	0%	247	0%	228	0%	
UNIFORMS		0%		0%	1,010	0%	361	0%	
UTILITIES-ELECTRIC	13,855	20%	14,017	20%	67,403	12%	69,011	12%	
UTILITIES-GAS	15,501	22%	2,668	4%	78,396	14%	55,224	9%	
UTILITIES-SEWER		0%	1,089	2%	4,841	1%	6,481	1%	
UTILITIES-WATER	702	1%	1,063	2%	5,463	1%	6,339	1%	
MISC. EXPENSE	70	0%	25	0%	91	0%	767	0%	
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSE	44,664	65%	28,544	41%	305,878	54%	221,501	37%	
TOTAL GROVE OPERATIONS EXPENSE	59,157	86%	59,298	86%	442,713	78%	392,268	66%	
NET INCOME (LOSS)	9,812	14%	9,940	14%	126,373	22%	202,649	34%	

INVER GROVE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER
PROGRAMS
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
July 2009

	July 2008 ACTUAL	%	July 2009 ACTUAL	%	YTD 2008 ACTUAL	%	YTD 2009 ACTUAL	%
PROGRAM REVENUE								
BIRTHDAY PARTIES	1,505	2%	1,676	3%	16,868	7%	19,195	7%
SPECIAL EVENTS		0%		0%	4,483	2%	4,432	2%
SWIM LESSONS	4,263	5%	4,819	7%	50,508	20%	54,547	21%
FITNESS LESSONS	1,398	2%	1,895	3%	11,100	4%	17,920	7%
PERSONAL TRAINING	1,795	2%	2,860	4%	18,029	7%	15,740	6%
DANCE LESSONS	(33)	(0%)		0%	7,185	3%	5,931	2%
DANCE RECITALS		0%	66	0%	490	0%	138	0%
KIDS ROCK	71,965	88%	54,795	82%	128,269	51%	130,365	49%
SKATE LESSONS	811	1%	515	1%	13,857	6%	16,600	6%
CHILD CARE	149	0%	111	0%	853	0%	1,030	0%
TOTAL PROGRAM REVENUE	81,852	100%	66,736	100%	251,642	100%	265,897	100%
PROGRAM EXPENSES								
PAYROLL & RELATED EXPENSES								
SALARIES	9,479	12%	15,307	23%	67,955	27%	81,444	31%
WAGES TEMPORARY	56,361	69%	75,475	113%	196,749	78%	209,639	79%
PAYROLL TAXES-BENEFITS	7,828	10%	11,488	17%	61,183	24%	67,383	25%
TOTAL PAYROLL EXPENSES	73,668	90%	102,271	153%	325,887	130%	358,466	135%
OTHER EXPENSES								
APPAREL-DANCE RECITALS		0%		0%	0	0%	0	0%
CENTRAL EQUIPMENT		0%		0%	0	0%	0	0%
CONFERENCES & SEMINARS		0%		0%	1,109	0%	0	0%
DUES, LICENSES, SUBSCRIPTIONS	60	0%		0%	930	0%	545	0%
MEALS & LODGING		0%		0%	0	0%	0	0%
PRINTING & BINDING		0%		0%	374	0%	1,000	0%
PROF/TECH SERVICES	20	0%	152	0%	150	0%	2,177	1%
REPAIRS & MAINT-EQUIPT		0%		0%	1,255	0%	2,575	1%
SMALL TOOLS & MISC EQUIPT	554	1%	1,041	2%	33,278	13%	1,950	1%
SUPPLIES-MAINTENANCE		0%		0%	102	0%	21	0%
SUPPLIES-TRAINING	90	0%	6	0%	818	0%	171	0%
SUPPLIES-OTHER	1,292	2%	3,676	6%	5,336	2%	7,150	3%
TELEPHONE	7	0%	11	0%	72	0%	51	0%
TRANSPORTATION-KIDS KAMP		0%	284	0%	0	0%	284	0%
TRAVEL	78	0%	12	0%	233	0%	206	0%
FOOD/BEVERAGE		0%	1,101	2%	0	0%	3,282	1%
UNIFORMS	1,394	2%	93	0%	1,689	1%	1,916	1%
MISC. EXPENSE	3,067	4%	849	1%	7,064	3%	2,484	1%
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSE	6,562	8%	7,224	11%	52,411	21%	23,813	9%
TOTAL PROGRAMS EXPENSE	80,231	98%	109,495	164%	378,298	150%	382,279	144%
NET INCOME (LOSS)	1,622	2%	(42,758)	(64%)	(126,657)	(50%)	(116,382)	(44%)

INVER GROVE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER
 FOOD BEVERAGE
 STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
 July 2009

	July 2008		July 2009		YTD 2008		YTD 2009	
	ACTUAL	%	ACTUAL	%	ACTUAL	%	ACTUAL	%
FOOD & BEVERAGE SALES								
CONCESSIONS-VMCC		0%	(609)	(20%)	42,328	40%	30,184	44%
CONCESSIONS-GROVE	2,744	22%	2,583	83%	22,767	22%	17,947	26%
CONCESSIONS-CATERING	62	1%	41	1%	1,532	1%	452	1%
CONCESSIONS-RICH VALLEY	8,969	73%	1,100	35%	17,240	16%	4,829	7%
CONCESSIONS-DANCE RECITAL		0%		0%	0	0%	0	0%
VENDING-VMCC	143	1%		0%	3,385	3%	0	0%
VENDING-GROVE	326	3%		0%	2,750	3%	0	0%
VENDING-RICH VALLEY		0%		0%	0	0%	0	0%
VENDING-COKE CONTRACT		0%		0%	15,000	14%	15,000	22%
TOTAL FOOD & BEVERAGE SALES	12,245	100%	3,115	100%	105,003	100%	68,411	100%
COST OF SALES								
FOOD COSTS	5,786	47%	798	26%	23,175	22%	12,507	18%
BEV COST	3,817	31%	551	18%	13,821	13%	9,633	14%
TOTAL COST OF SALES	9,603	78%	1,349	43%	36,997	35%	22,140	32%
GROSS MARGIN	2,642	22%	1,767	57%	68,006	65%	46,271	68%
FOOD & BEVERAGE DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES								
PAYROLL & RELATED EXPENSES								
WAGES - TEMPORARY	2,955	24%	2,754	88%	26,701	25%	20,815	30%
PAYROLL TAXES - BENEFITS	317	3%	296	10%	5,834	6%	5,204	8%
TOTAL PAYROLL EXPENSES	3,272	27%	3,050	98%	32,535	31%	26,019	38%
OTHER EXPENSES								
CONFERENCES & SEMINARS		0%		0%	0	0%	0	0%
DUES, LICENSES, SUBSCRIPTIONS		0%		0%	1,065	1%	335	0%
RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT	610	5%		0%	844	1%	0	0%
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE		0%	132	4%	0	0%	2,182	3%
SMALL TOOLS & MISC EQUIPT	50	0%	30	1%	193	0%	30	0%
SUPPLIES-OTHER	948	8%	437	14%	5,036	5%	3,298	5%
TELEPHONE	14	0%	11	0%	101	0%	92	0%
TRAVEL	28	0%		0%	212	0%	58	0%
UNIFORMS		0%		0%	0	0%	140	0%
CASH OVER/SHORT	(8)	(0%)	9	0%	116	0%	(195)	(0%)
MISC. EXPENSE		0%		0%	0	0%	0	0%
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSE	1,643	13%	619	20%	7,568	7%	5,939	9%
TOTAL FOOD & BEV EXPENSE	14,518	119%	5,018	161%	77,099	73%	54,098	79%
NET INCOME (LOSS)	(2,273)	(19%)	(1,903)	(61%)	27,904	27%	14,313	21%

INVER GROVE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER
PRO SHOP
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
July 2009

	July 2008		July 2009		YTD 2008		YTD 2009	
	ACTUAL	%	ACTUAL	%	ACTUAL	%	ACTUAL	%
PRO SHOP SALES								
SKATE SHARPENING	#DIV/0!		22	44%	789	41%	649	56%
SKATE RENTAL	#DIV/0!		15	29%	118	6%	149	13%
MISC SALES	#DIV/0!		14	27%	1,022	53%	354	31%
TOTAL PRO SHOP SALES	0	#DIV/0!	51	100%	1,929	100%	1,151	100%
COST OF SALES								
MISC SUPPLIES	#DIV/0!			0%	0	0%	0	0%
TOTAL COST OF SALES	0	#DIV/0!	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
GROSS MARGIN	0	#DIV/0!	51	100%	1,929	100%	1,151	100%
PRO SHOP DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES								
PAYROLL & RELATED EXPENSES								
WAGES - TEMPORARY	#DIV/0!			0%	0	0%	0	0%
PAYROLL TAXES - BENEFITS	#DIV/0!			0%	0	0%	0	0%
TOTAL PAYROLL EXPENSES	0	#DIV/0!	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
OTHER EXPENSES								
SMALL TOOLS & MISC EQUIPT	#DIV/0!			0%	0	0%	0	0%
SUPPLIES-OTHER	#DIV/0!		131	255%	0	0%	131	11%
CASH OVER/SHORT	#DIV/0!			0%	9	0%	(21)	(2%)
MISC. EXPENSE	#DIV/0!			0%	0	0%	21	2%
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSE	0	#DIV/0!	131	255%	9	0%	132	11%
TOTAL PRO SHOP EXPENSE	0	#DIV/0!	131	255%	9	0%	132	11%
NET INCOME (LOSS)	0	#DIV/0!	(80)	(155%)	1,919	100%	1,020	89%

INVER GROVE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER
COMMON
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
July 2009

	July 2008 ACTUAL	%	July 2009 ACTUAL	%	YTD 2008 ACTUAL	%	YTD 2009 ACTUAL	%
COMMON REVENUE								
ADVERTISING		0%		0%	5,000	8%	5,050	4%
CONTRIBUTIONS/DONATIONS	50,017	100%	50,000	100%	60,149	90%	105,049	90%
INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT		0%		0%	0	0%	0	0%
ATM COMMISSIONS	66	0%	55	0%	689	1%	623	1%
VENDING COMMISSIONS		0%	440	1%	0	0%	4,747	4%
MISC REVENUE		0%	-525	(1%)	754	1%	1,082	1%
TOTAL COMMON REVENUE	50,083	100%	49,970	100%	66,592	100%	116,551	100%
COMMON EXPENSES								
PAYROLL & RELATED EXPENSES								
SALARIES	13,513	27%	7,216	14%	93,792	141%	70,329	60%
WAGES PART TIME		0%	8,681	17%	0	0%	58,596	50%
WAGES TEMPORARY	10,451	21%	6,145	12%	78,618	118%	36,529	31%
PAYROLL TAXES-BENEFITS	7,017	14%	14,011	28%	64,419	97%	69,976	60%
TOTAL PAYROLL EXPENSES	30,981	62%	36,052	72%	236,830	356%	235,430	202%
OTHER EXPENSES								
BANK CHARGES		0%	18	0%	129	0%	80	0%
CREDIT CARD EXPENSE	1,638	3%	1,694	3%	11,489	17%	10,918	9%
CENTRAL STORES	233	0%	242	0%	1,633	2%	1,692	1%
CONFERENCES & SEMINARS	65	0%		0%	65	0%	400	0%
DUES, LICENSES, SUBSCRIPTIONS	254	1%	254	1%	3,300	5%	3,305	3%
INSURANCE ALLOCATION		0%	2,683	5%	0	0%	18,783	16%
LEASE PAYMENTS		0%		0%	3,618	5%	0	0%
MEALS & LODGING		0%		0%	0	0%	0	0%
MIS ALLOCATION	3,158	6%	3,275	7%	22,108	33%	22,925	20%
OTHER RENTALS		0%	439	1%	3,699	6%	3,199	3%
ADVERTISING	715	1%	1,159	2%	9,602	14%	6,979	6%
POSTAGE	1,063	2%	1,087	2%	6,490	10%	5,396	5%
PRINTING	567	1%	172	0%	12,237	18%	10,021	9%
PROF/TECH SERVICES	77	0%	14	0%	227	0%	106	0%
REPAIRS & MAINT-EQUIPT		0%		0%	0	0%	110	0%
REPAIRS & MAINT-OFFICE EQUIPT		0%	172	0%	3,389	5%	2,507	2%
REFUSE REMOVAL		0%	211	0%	521	1%	634	1%
SMALL TOOLS		0%	91	0%	1,244	2%	6,132	5%
SUPPLIES-OTHER	33	0%	413	1%	868	1%	1,099	1%
TELEPHONE	176	0%	265	1%	1,040	2%	1,310	1%
TRAVEL	8	0%		0%	210	0%	36	0%
CASH OVER/SHORT	(48)	(0%)	11	0%	-182	(0%)	-49	(0%)
MISC. EXPENSE	1,081	2%	202	0%	7,905	12%	417	0%
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSE	9,020	18%	12,403	25%	89,592	135%	95,999	82%
TOTAL COMMON EXPENSE	40,001	80%	48,455	97%	326,422	490%	331,429	284%
NET INCOME (LOSS)	10,082	20%	1,515	3%	(259,829)	(390%)	(214,878)	(184%)

INVER GROVE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER
STATEMENT OF NET OPERATIONS - DEPARTMENTAL
July 2009

	July 2008	July 2009	YTD 2008	YTD 2009
			ACTUAL	ACTUAL
DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES				
NET ICE OPERATIONS	(31,593)	(28,653)	(91,467)	(37,614)
NET GROVE OPERATIONS	9,812	9,940	126,373	202,649
NET PROGRAMS	1,622	(42,758)	(126,657)	(116,382)
NET FOOD AND BEVERAGE	(2,273)	(1,903)	27,904	14,313
NET PRO SHOP	0	(80)	1,919	1,020
NET COMMON	10,082	1,515	(259,829)	(214,878)
DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES	(12,351)	(61,938)	(321,758)	(150,893)
NET OPERATING INCOME				

INVER WOOD GOLF COURSE
CITY OF INVER GROVE HEIGHTS

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND
COMPILATION REPORTS**

FOR THE PERIOD ENDING

JULY 31, 2009

**INVER WOOD GOLF COURSE
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR PERIOD ENDING JULY 31, 2009**

	CURRENT PERIOD		CURRENT PERIOD		YEAR TO DATE		YEAR TO DATE	
	THIS YEAR	%	LAST YEAR	%	THIS YEAR	%	LAST YEAR	%
DEPARTMENTAL REVENUES								
GOLF OPERATIONS	172,545.87	62%	184,929.59	62%	548,822.90	62%	558,871.56	61%
GOLF CARS	42,839.90	16%	48,373.77	16%	129,533.91	15%	134,998.38	15%
GOLF SHOP	5,973.45	2%	7,047.48	2%	23,733.45	3%	26,284.55	3%
PRACTICE CENTER	26,770.41	10%	27,634.08	9%	98,045.74	11%	99,978.14	11%
FOOD & BEVERAGE	27,962.94	10%	32,418.42	11%	86,874.87	10%	93,173.13	10%
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	276,092.57	100%	300,403.34	100%	887,010.87	100%	913,305.76	100%
PERSONNEL EXPENSES								
GOLF OPERATIONS	38,524.80	26%	25,270.78	26%	124,265.45	23%	108,290.01	22%
GOLF CARS	3,933.60	3%	2,274.49	2%	9,057.99	2%	6,097.52	1%
PRACTICE CENTER	9,644.55	7%	6,019.01	6%	24,945.35	5%	19,039.74	4%
FOOD & BEVERAGE	13,644.61	9%	9,629.84	10%	34,844.70	6%	31,216.99	6%
MAINTENANCE	60,396.64	41%	39,286.68	41%	252,185.41	46%	224,865.01	47%
COMMON	20,619.50	14%	13,084.31	14%	101,393.03	19%	91,832.21	19%
TOTAL PERSONNEL EXPENSES	146,763.70	100%	95,565.11	100%	546,691.93	100%	481,341.48	100%
OTHER EXPENSES								
GOLF OPERATIONS	642.33	1%	632.99	1%	14,734.38	5%	9,997.81	3%
GOLF CARS	2,096.94	3%	4,099.19	6%	10,546.45	4%	38,306.09	12%
GOLF SHOP	3,155.69	5%	5,340.26	8%	16,086.36	6%	17,144.10	5%
PRACTICE CENTER	306.17	0%	16.90	0%	9,273.72	3%	8,770.88	3%
FOOD & BEVERAGE	16,142.96	26%	17,189.74	26%	46,938.49	17%	46,878.65	15%
MAINTENANCE	24,018.80	39%	24,136.09	37%	94,411.96	35%	119,062.00	37%
COMMON	14,973.20	24%	14,602.56	22%	79,294.43	29%	79,647.43	25%
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	61,336.09	100%	66,017.73	100%	271,285.79	100%	319,806.96	100%
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	208,099.79	75%	161,582.84	54%	817,977.72	92%	801,148.44	88%
NET OPERATING INCOME	67,992.78	25%	138,820.50	46%	69,033.15	8%	112,157.32	12%
NON-OPERATING REVENUES								
INVESTMENT EARNINGS	0.00		0.00		6,325.15		0.00	
OTHER REVENUES	0.00		30.00		0.00		1,510.56	
TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUES	0.00		30.00		6,325.15		1,510.56	
NON-OPERATING EXPENSES								
EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
DEPRECIATION	21,666.67		21,666.67		151,666.69		173,333.36	
OTHER EXPENSES	0.00		0.00		6,175.00		6,732.26	
TOTAL NON-OPERATING EXPENSES	21,666.67		21,666.67		157,841.69		180,065.62	
DEBT SERVICE	13,680.45		13,680.45		64,972.95		70,835.45	
TOTAL NON-OP EXPENSES & DEBT	35,347.12		35,347.12		222,814.64		250,901.07	
NET INCOME	32,645.66		103,503.38		(147,456.34)		(137,233.19)	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

INVER WOOD GOLF COURSE
GOLF OPERATIONS
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
JULY 2009

	CURRENT PERIOD		CURRENT PERIOD		YEAR TO DATE		YEAR TO DATE	
	THIS YEAR	%	LAST YEAR	%	THIS YEAR	%	LAST YEAR	%
GOLF COURSE REVENUE								
PATRON CARDS	126.02	0%	126.46	0%	12,759.60	2%	13,962.13	2%
GREEN FEES	169,281.68	98%	181,393.94	98%	526,322.70	96%	534,439.94	96%
HANDICAP SERVICES	1,758.00	1%	1,849.00	1%	5,945.00	1%	6,360.00	1%
CLUB RENTALS	1,380.17	1%	1,560.19	1%	3,795.60	1%	4,109.49	1%
OTHER REVENUES	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
TOTAL GOLF COURSE REVENUE	172,545.87	100%	184,929.59	100%	548,822.90	100%	558,871.56	100%
GOLF OPERATIONS DEPT. EXPENSES								
PAYROLL & RELATED EXPENSES								
SALARIES-DEPT HEAD	6,634.62	4%	4,246.16	2%	35,384.64	6%	31,846.20	6%
WAGES TEMPORARY	25,753.53	15%	17,398.51	9%	62,084.01	11%	50,570.43	9%
PAYROLL TAXES-BENEFITS	6,136.65	4%	3,626.11	2%	26,796.80	5%	25,873.38	5%
TOTAL PAYROLL EXPENSES	38,524.80	22%	25,270.78	14%	124,265.45	23%	108,290.01	19%
OTHER EXPENSES								
HANDICAP	0.00	0%	468.00	0%	4,275.00	1%	4,932.00	1%
PRINTING	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	4,718.48	1%	2,255.50	0%
RENTAL CLUBS	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	1,253.10	0%	216.29	0%
SUPPLIES-OFFICE	177.53	0%	0.00	0%	177.53	0%	0.00	0%
SUPPLIES-OTHER	461.67	0%	144.73	0%	2,771.28	1%	1,201.92	0%
UNIFORMS	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	1,581.00	0%	1,417.37	0%
CASH OVER/SHORT	3.13	0%	20.26	0%	(42.01)	(0)%	(25.27)	(0)%
MISC. EXPENSE	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSE	642.33	0%	632.99	0%	14,734.38	3%	9,997.81	2%
TOTAL GOLF OPERATIONS EXPENSE	39,167.13	23%	25,903.77	14%	138,999.83	25%	118,287.82	21%
NET INCOME (LOSS)	133,378.74	77%	159,025.82	86%	409,823.07	75%	440,583.74	79%

INVER WOOD GOLF COURSE
GOLF CARS
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
JULY 2009

	CURRENT PERIOD		CURRENT PERIOD		YEAR TO DATE		YEAR TO DATE	
	THIS YEAR	%	LAST YEAR	%	THIS YEAR	%	LAST YEAR	%
GOLF CARS								
CAR RENTALS	42,839.90	100%	48,373.77	100%	129,533.91	100%	134,998.38	100%
TOTAL GOLF CAR REVENUE	42,839.90	100%	48,373.77	100%	129,533.91	100%	134,998.38	100%
GOLF CAR DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES								
PAYROLL & RELATED EXPENSES								
WAGES TEMPORARY	3,654.08	9%	2,112.86	4%	8,321.40	6%	5,478.45	4%
PAYROLL TAXES-BENEFITS	279.52	1%	161.63	0%	736.59	1%	619.07	0%
TOTAL PAYROLL EXPENSES	3,933.60	9%	2,274.49	5%	9,057.99	7%	6,097.52	5%
OTHER EXPENSES								
FUELS/LUBRICANTS	2,030.92	5%	2,878.95	6%	8,737.17	7%	6,494.90	5%
LEASE PAYMENTS	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	29,567.88	22%
OTHER RENTALS	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	66.02	0%	1,220.24	3%	1,809.28	1%	2,243.31	2%
MISC.EXPENSE	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSE	2,096.94	5%	4,099.19	8%	10,546.45	8%	38,306.09	28%
TOTAL GOLF CAR EXPENSES	6,030.54	14%	6,373.68	13%	19,604.44	15%	44,403.61	33%
NET INCOME (LOSS)	36,809.36	86%	42,000.09	87%	109,929.47	85%	90,594.77	67%

INVER WOOD GOLF COURSE
GOLF SHOP
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
JULY 2009

	CURRENT PERIOD		CURRENT PERIOD		YEAR TO DATE		YEAR TO DATE	
	THIS YEAR	%	LAST YEAR	%	THIS YEAR	%	LAST YEAR	%
GOLF SHOP SALES								
APPAREL	2,315.70	39%	2,022.06	29%	9,725.02	41%	10,050.67	38%
CLUBS	251.50	4%	168.50	2%	2,467.94	10%	1,806.79	7%
BALLS	1,738.75	29%	2,534.00	36%	6,103.96	26%	7,083.16	27%
GLOVES	874.40	15%	1,126.80	16%	3,199.95	13%	3,573.10	14%
BAGS	322.65	5%	548.00	8%	511.35	2%	1,358.25	5%
ACCESSORIES	470.45	8%	648.12	9%	1,725.23	7%	2,412.58	9%
TOTAL GOLF SHOP SALES	5,973.45	100%	7,047.48	100%	23,733.45	100%	26,284.55	100%
COST OF SALES								
APPAREL	2,269.00	38%	3,306.94	47%	8,710.15	37%	7,409.19	28%
CLUBS	131.00	2%	237.00	3%	2,129.22	9%	1,391.18	5%
BALLS	492.59	8%	53.38	1%	4,491.78	19%	5,114.79	19%
GLOVES	534.00	9%	417.00	6%	(398.34)	(2)%	1,371.98	5%
BAGS	181.00	3%	233.00	3%	406.64	2%	438.43	2%
ACCESSORIES	(451.90)	(8)%	1,092.94	16%	746.91	3%	1,418.53	5%
TOTAL COST OF SALES	3,155.69	53%	5,340.26	76%	16,086.36	68%	17,144.10	65%
GROSS MARGIN	2,817.76	47%	1,707.22	24%	7,647.09	32%	9,140.45	35%
GOLF SHOP DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES								
OTHER EXPENSES								
GOLF SHOP FIXTURES	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
SUPPLIES-PRICING	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
MISC.	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSE	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
TOTAL GOLF SHOP EXPENSE	3,155.69	53%	5,340.26	76%	16,086.36	68%	17,144.10	65%
NET INCOME (LOSS)	2,817.76	47%	1,707.22	24%	7,647.09	32%	9,140.45	35%

INVER WOOD GOLF COURSE
PRACTICE CENTER
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
JULY 2009

	CURRENT PERIOD		CURRENT PERIOD		YEAR TO DATE		YEAR TO DATE	
	THIS YEAR	%	LAST YEAR	%	THIS YEAR	%	LAST YEAR	%
PRACTICE CENTER REVENUE								
RANGE BALLS	24,649.91	92%	24,228.33	88%	86,958.37	89%	86,791.47	87%
INSTRUCTIONAL INCOME	1,875.00	7%	3,180.00	12%	10,395.00	11%	12,675.00	13%
MISC SALES	245.50	1%	225.75	1%	692.37	1%	511.67	1%
TOTAL PRACTICE CENTER REVENUE	26,770.41	100%	27,634.08	100%	98,045.74	100%	99,978.14	100%
PRACTICE CENTER DEPT. EXPENSES								
PAYROLL & RELATED EXPENSES								
SALARIES-GOLF PROFESSIONAL	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
WAGES-PART TIME	8,785.83	33%	5,492.33	20%	22,236.86	23%	16,630.98	17%
PAYROLL TAXES-BENEFITS	858.72	3%	526.68	2%	2,708.49	3%	2,408.76	2%
TOTAL PAYROLL EXPENSES	9,644.55	36%	6,019.01	22%	24,945.35	25%	19,039.74	19%
OTHER EXPENSES								
GOLF BALLS-RANGE	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	5,367.60	5%	5,266.80	5%
REPAIRS & MAINT-EQUIPMENT	306.67	1%	0.00	0%	706.49	1%	964.59	1%
REPAIRS & MAINT-FENCE	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	596.38	1%	631.84	1%
RENTAL CLUBS	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
SIGNAGE	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	144.31	0%
SMALL TOOLS	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
SUPPLIES-CLEANING	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
SUPPLIES-GOLF COURSE	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	2,110.68	2%	1,520.24	2%
UNIFORMS	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	500.00	1%	230.55	0%
CASH OVER/SHORT	(0.50)	(0)%	16.90	0%	(7.43)	(0)%	12.55	0%
MISC. EXPENSE	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSE	306.17	1%	16.90	0%	9,273.72	9%	8,770.88	9%
TOTAL GOLF OPERATIONS EXPENSE	9,950.72	37%	6,035.91	22%	34,219.07	35%	27,810.62	28%
NET INCOME (LOSS)	16,819.69	63%	21,598.17	78%	63,826.67	65%	72,167.52	72%

INVER WOOD GOLF COURSE
FOOD AND BEVERAGE
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
JULY 2009

	CURRENT PERIOD		CURRENT PERIOD		YEAR TO DATE		YEAR TO DATE	
	THIS YEAR	%	LAST YEAR	%	THIS YEAR	%	LAST YEAR	%
FOOD & BEVERAGE SALES								
FOOD SALES-CLUBHOUSE	5,931.84	21%	6,006.26	19%	19,922.71	23%	20,243.78	22%
FOOD SALES-HW HOUSE	3,178.05	11%	3,671.18	11%	9,168.20	11%	10,749.90	12%
BEV. SALES-CLUBHOUSE	5,179.30	19%	6,847.58	21%	16,329.13	19%	17,608.51	19%
BEV. SALES-HW HOUSE	1,742.84	6%	2,270.27	7%	4,671.91	5%	5,586.07	6%
BEER	11,366.62	41%	12,646.98	39%	34,917.46	40%	37,087.66	40%
VENDING MACHINES	564.29	2%	976.15	3%	1,865.46	2%	1,897.21	2%
TOTAL FOOD & BEVERAGE SALES	27,962.94	100%	32,418.42	100%	86,874.87	100%	93,173.13	100%
COST OF SALES								
FOOD	5,557.52	20%	7,703.58	24%	19,017.68	22%	18,928.31	20%
BEVERAGE	2,881.54	10%	3,108.78	10%	9,549.05	11%	7,066.44	8%
BEER	5,407.28	19%	2,148.96	7%	8,270.01	10%	7,347.50	8%
TOTAL COST OF SALES	13,846.34	50%	12,961.32	40%	36,836.74	42%	33,342.25	36%
GROSS MARGIN	14,116.60	50%	19,457.10	60%	50,038.13	58%	59,830.88	64%
FOOD & BEVERAGE DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES								
PAYROLL & RELATED EXPENSES								
SALARIES AND WAGES	11,931.10	43%	8,371.38	26%	26,546.23	31%	22,125.55	24%
PAYROLL TAXES-BENEFITS	1,713.51	6%	1,258.46	4%	8,298.47	10%	9,091.44	10%
TOTAL PAYROLL EXPENSES	13,644.61	49%	9,629.84	30%	34,844.70	40%	31,216.99	34%
OTHER EXPENSES								
SMALLWARE	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
LAUNDRY	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
LICENSES	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	275.00	0%	1,252.00	1%
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	329.76	1%	172.97	1%	2,157.23	2%	3,376.36	4%
SUPPLIES	1,924.26	7%	4,028.41	12%	7,097.54	8%	8,545.74	9%
UNIFORMS	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	549.23	3%	257.53	1%
CASH OVER/SHORT	42.60	1%	27.04	1%	22.75	0%	104.77	1%
MISC.	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.00	0%
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSE	2,296.62	8%	4,228.42	13%	10,101.75	12%	13,536.40	15%
TOTAL FOOD & BEV EXPENSE	29,787.57	107%	26,819.58	83%	81,783.19	94%	78,095.64	84%
NET INCOME (LOSS)	(1,824.63)	(7)%	5,598.84	17%	5,091.68	6%	15,077.49	16%

INVER WOOD GOLF COURSE
GOLF MAINTENANCE
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
JULY 2009

	CURRENT PERIOD THIS YEAR	CURRENT PERIOD LAST YEAR	YEAR TO DATE THIS YEAR	YEAR TO DATE LAST YEAR
PAYROLL & RELATED EXPENSES				
SALARIES-FULL TIME	26,487.36	16,654.67	140,768.87	124,678.22
WAGES-PART TIME	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
WAGES-TEMPORARY	21,423.47	15,152.11	46,822.12	41,163.85
WAGES-OVERTIME	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PAYROLL TAXES-BENEFITS	12,485.81	7,479.90	64,594.42	59,022.94
TOTAL PAYROLL EXPENSES	60,396.64	39,286.68	252,185.41	224,865.01
OTHER EXPENSES				
CONFERENCES & SEMINARS	0.00	0.00	55.75	462.00
DUES, LICENSES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	0.00	0.00	1,820.00	1,723.50
FERTILIZER	2,768.63	11,119.56	23,353.49	20,754.57
FUELS	0.00	1,857.95	493.45	8,988.85
GOLF COURSE ACCESSORIES	1,012.33	907.91	3,253.18	3,361.85
LUBRICANTS	0.00	76.17	1,224.84	1,620.27
OTHER RENTALS	102.75	0.00	389.25	0.00
OUTSIDE LABOR	0.00	0.00	412.20	288.50
PESTICIDES	3,911.00	2,509.66	12,652.78	16,303.19
REFUSE DISPOSAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	220.65
RENTAL EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	1,067.50	0.00
REPAIRS & MAINT-BUILDING	0.00	0.00	232.53	5,756.19
REPAIRS & MAINT-EQUIPMENT	1,919.89	3,105.44	16,744.03	19,796.44
REPAIRS & MAINT-FENCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	78.79
SMALL TOOLS	90.76	(4,425.08)	247.02	5,261.45
SUPPLIES-CLEANING	0.00	0.00	0.00	70.23
SUPPLIES-GOLF COURSE	1,954.41	2,596.56	9,788.43	7,669.70
SUPPLIES-IRRIGATION	3,540.59	4,189.13	5,195.69	8,706.70
SUPPLIES-OFFICE	0.00	39.94	58.58	210.62
SUPPLIES-EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	214.75	335.90
SUPPLIES-SAFETY/OTHER	137.07	0.00	589.51	1,134.12
SUPPLIES-SHOP	108.59	0.00	523.71	991.47
SUPPLIES-TIRES	242.89	11.12	242.89	501.07
SUPPLIES-TRAINING	0.00	0.00	857.33	965.58
TRAVEL/MEALS & LODGING	0.00	0.00	32.45	124.98
UNIFORMS & CLOTHING	401.80	261.91	2,880.20	3,222.69
UTILITIES-ELECTRIC	7,828.09	1,862.63	10,931.69	9,618.87
UTILITIES-GAS	0.00	23.19	1,150.71	713.82
UTILITIES-SEWER	0.00	0.00	0.00	180.00
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSE	24,018.80	24,136.09	94,411.96	119,062.00
TOTAL GOLF MAINT. EXPENSE	84,415.44	63,422.77	346,597.37	343,927.01
NET INCOME (LOSS)	(84,415.44)	(63,422.77)	(346,597.37)	(343,927.01)

INVER WOOD GOLF COURSE
COMMON
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
JULY 2009

	CURRENT PERIOD THIS YEAR	CURRENT PERIOD LAST YEAR	YEAR TO DATE THIS YEAR	YEAR TO DATE LAST YEAR
COMMON DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES				
PAYROLL & RELATED EXPENSES				
SALARIES-FULL TIME	10,026.93	6,592.30	53,476.96	49,442.25
WAGES-PART TIME	5,659.93	3,489.62	19,270.70	16,665.63
PAYROLL TAXES-BENEFITS	4,932.64	3,002.39	28,645.37	25,724.33
TOTAL PAYROLL EXPENSES	20,619.50	13,084.31	101,393.03	91,832.21
OTHER EXPENSES				
ADVERTISING/PUBLISHED NOTICES	255.50	659.00	2,939.98	2,149.23
ALARM SERVICES	278.87	0.00	488.87	600.00
BANK CHARGES & VISA	3,501.96	3,270.70	5,360.47	4,282.34
CONFERENCES AND SCHOOLS	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS	0.00	0.00	1,427.00	1,417.00
INSURANCE-GENERAL LIABILITY	5,775.00	5,775.00	40,425.00	40,425.00
INSURANCE-LIQUOR LIABILITY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MIS ALLOCATION	833.33	816.67	5,833.31	5,716.69
POSTAGE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PRINTING	0.00	0.00	1,072.36	834.69
PROF/TECHNICAL SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
REFUSE DISPOSAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
REPAIRS & MAINT-BUILDING	1,938.77	1,658.92	6,677.13	5,887.48
SMALL TOOLS/MISC. EQUIPMT	0.00	0.00	960.76	3,189.11
SUPPLIES-OFFICE	179.72	83.33	1,445.16	1,692.27
SUPPLIES-OTHER	269.23	278.50	1,747.45	2,205.87
TELEPHONE	292.93	287.70	2,481.71	2,038.58
TRAVEL	0.00	0.00	0.00	33.58
UTILITIES-WATER	17.33	16.84	73.78	74.11
UTILITIES-GAS	54.56	70.04	1,980.77	3,118.50
UTILITIES-SEWER	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
UTILITIES-ELECTRIC	1,576.00	1,685.86	6,380.68	5,922.98
MISC. EXPENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSE	14,973.20	14,602.56	79,294.43	79,647.43
TOTAL COMMON EXPENSE	35,592.70	27,686.87	180,687.46	171,479.64
NET INCOME (LOSS)	(35,592.70)	(27,686.87)	(180,687.46)	(171,479.64)

INVER WOOD GOLF COURSE
 STATEMENT OF NET OPERATIONS
 DEPARTMENTAL
 JULY 2009

DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES	CURRENT PERIOD THIS YEAR	CURRENT PERIOD LAST YEAR	YEAR TO DATE THIS YEAR	YEAR TO DATE LAST YEAR
NET GOLF OPERATIONS	133,378.74	159,025.82	409,823.07	440,583.74
NET GOLF CARS	36,809.36	42,000.09	109,929.47	90,594.77
NET GOLF SHOP	2,817.76	1,707.22	7,647.09	9,140.45
NET PRACTICE CENTER	16,819.69	21,598.17	63,826.67	72,167.52
NET FOOD AND BEVERAGE	(1,824.63)	5,598.84	5,091.68	15,077.49
NET GOLF MAINTENANCE	(84,415.44)	(63,422.77)	(346,597.37)	(343,927.01)
NET COMMON	(35,592.70)	(27,686.87)	(180,687.46)	(171,479.64)
DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES	67,992.78	138,820.50	69,033.15	112,157.32
NET INCOME (LOSS)				



MEMORANDUM

Date: September 1, 2009

To: Eric Carlson, Parks & Recreation Director

From: Al McMurchie, Golf Course Manager

SUBJECT: MONTHLY STATISTICS - AUGUST

NUMBER OF REVENUE ROUNDS

	<i>AUG 2008</i>	<i>AUG 2009</i>	<i>YTD 2008</i>	<i>YTD 2009</i>
Championship 18-Hole	2,080	1,745	8,060	7,482
Championship 9-Hole	1,159	1,054	4,898	4,657
Executive	1,675	1,553	6,970	6,715
Patron 18-Hole	345	333	1,583	1,617
Patron 9-Hole	164	166	726	824
Patron Executive	98	72	403	375
Senior Executive	1,589	1,663	6,578	7,180
Sr. 18 Special (Mon & Thurs)	422	488	1,745	1,885
Junior 18	88	111	302	383
Junior 9	102	165	717	673
Junior Executive	841	912	3,965	3,538
Family Adult Executive	-	164	-	435
Family Senior Executive	-	7	-	13
High School Teams	-	-	1,034	1,275
TOTAL	8,563	8,433	36,981	37,052

PATRON CARD SALES

	<i>AUG 2008</i>	<i>AUG 2009</i>	<i>YTD 2008</i>	<i>YTD 2009</i>
Resident	0	1	154	122
Non-Resident	0	0	166	157
TOTAL	0	1	320	279

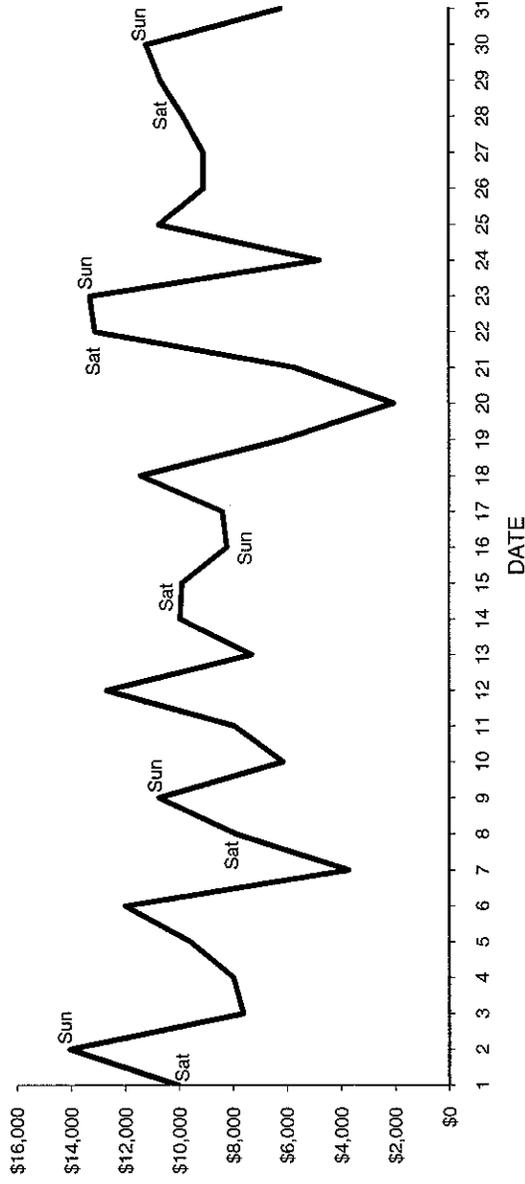
COMPLIMENTARY ROUNDS

	<i>AUG 2008</i>	<i>AUG 2009</i>	<i>YTD 2008</i>	<i>YTD 2009</i>
Promotional	0	1	0	8
Professional	4	2	13	5
TOTAL	4	3	13	13

INVER WOOD GOLF COURSE

AUG	2009	DAY	DATE	REVENUE	WEATHER
		Sat	1	\$ 10,066	Cool
		Sun	2	14,050	Clear
		Mon	3	7,620	Clear
		Tues	4	7,987	Clear
		Wed	5	9,580	Clear
		Thur	6	12,014	Clear
		Fri	7	3,733	Rain
		Sat	8	7,878	Rain
		Sun	9	10,750	Clear
		Mon	10	6,148	Clear
		Tues	11	7,942	Clear
		Wed	12	12,695	Clear
		Thur	13	7,308	Rain
		Fri	14	9,975	Clear
		Sat	15	9,893	Clear
		Sun	16	8,220	Slight Rain
		Mon	17	8,384	Clear
		Tues	18	11,429	Clear
		Wed	19	6,134	Rain
		Thur	20	2,061	Rain
		Fri	21	5,734	Clear
		Sat	22	13,117	Clear
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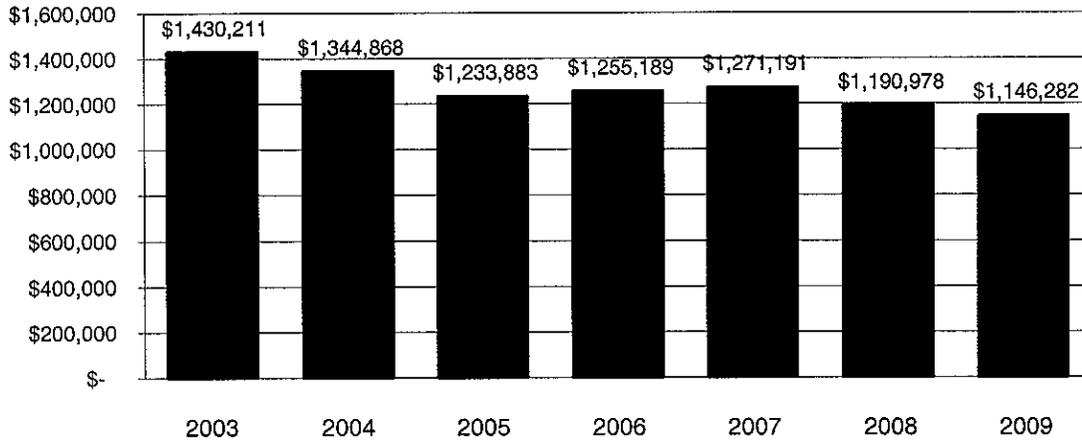
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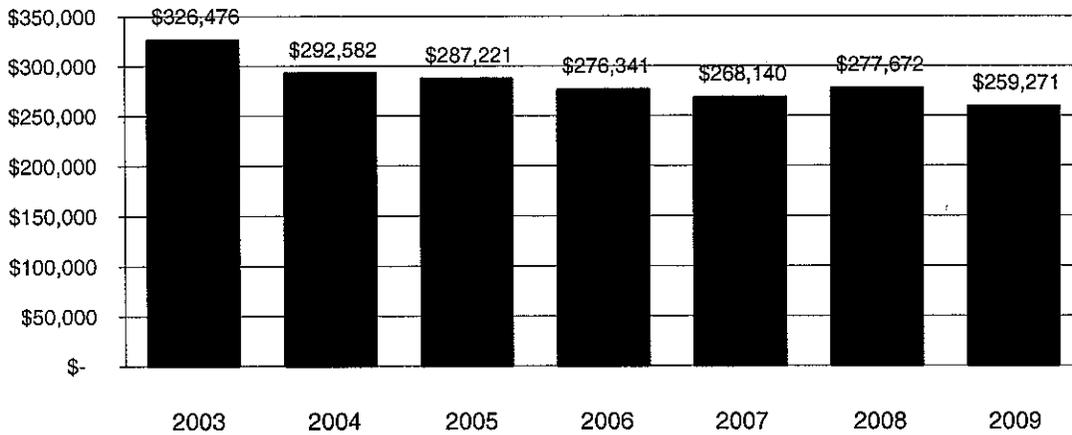
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Future of Inver Grove Heights swing bridge is tangled among 10 agencies

Inver Grove Heights wants to turn an old swing bridge into a public pier but has hit a snag that now threatens the project.

By JOY POWELL, Star Tribune

Last update: August 28, 2009 - 10:07 AM

A proposal to turn the old Rock Island Swing Bridge in Inver Grove Heights into a 670-foot public pier on the Mississippi River faces a potential washout because of a bureaucratic mess.

With at least 10 local, state and federal agencies involved, there are disagreements over who owns the bridge and who should pay for removal of unusable parts.

If those issues aren't resolved in coming weeks, the city could lose \$1.4 million in grant money that would pay for most of the pier, said Eric Carlson, Inver Grove Heights parks and recreation director.

"We're running out of time," he said.

The City Council's vision is to reuse three existing

piers and restore the bridge to a recreational pier reaching to the middle of the Mississippi River. The pier would connect to Dakota County's Regional Trail.

The bridge was built in 1895 as a double-decker that served trains and cars. It later became a toll bridge. It was closed in 1999 after being deemed unsafe for traffic.

The city is now in a tricky situation, with the U.S. Coast Guard demanding cleanup of unusable bridge parts and the state refusing to take on that responsibility.

The city wrote to Gov. Tim Pawlenty recently, asking that he appoint a lead agency to direct removal of the unusable parts and pay the costs, estimated at \$250,000 to \$350,000.

But Pawlenty, in a letter to Inver Grove Heights Mayor George Tourville on Aug. 18, pointed to new DFL legislation that placed a moratorium on work on the bridge.

Pawlenty noted the moratorium prohibits all public bodies "from demolishing or otherwise removing all or any portion" of the old Rock Island Swing Bridge, or "causing its demolition or removal."

Some, including Pawlenty, interpret that language as saying no work can be done.

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City officials see it differently.

"The city believes that when the Legislature convenes in January, the moratorium can be lifted and then construction can commence," Carlson said.

Tourville said he's inviting all governmental entities and agencies involved with the bridge to a meeting next month to resolve the issues so that the grant money isn't lost.

"These agencies are all sitting there pointing fingers at each other, and what we needed is for the governor to tell them, "Hey, you should all work together," Tourville said.

Tourville said nobody can agree on who owns the tax-forfeited bridge, who should turn over the deed to the city, or who should pay for removal of the unusable parts.

"We feel it's necessary for the state of Minnesota to step forward and to fund the removal of the pieces of the bridge that aren't going to be used for the project," Carlson said. "We believe that currently the entire structure is owned by the state of Minnesota."

The bridge sits on the riverbed, to which the state holds ownership, he said. The city wants the state to give it the deed to the bridge.

Officials at the state Revenue Department contend

that Dakota County is the lead agency to give ownership of the bridge. Dakota County officials disagree.

Should the city walk away from the entire project, Tourville said, the state would face higher costs yet, because all parts of the structure would need to be removed -- even the three sound piers that Inver Grove Heights wants to reuse.

Dakota and Washington counties had begun demolishing the bridge last year after part of it crumbled on the Washington County bank. Then, Inver Grove Heights stepped forward with its proposal.

The parts that are to be removed include a pier in the navigable channel on the Dakota County side. On the Washington County side are a pier for a missing swing span and other parts to be removed.

The city has a \$1.3 million federal grant and a \$100,000 grant from the Minnesota Historical Society for the project.

Inver Grove Heights would need another \$870,000 to complete the work.

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Idea for Inver Grove's old Swing Bridge progressing

The city wants to turn a historic railroad bridge, previously thought to be unsalvageable, into a pedestrian-access pier.

By JOY POWELL, Star Tribune

Last update: July 23, 2009 - 11:21 PM

Once, it was commonly reported that the old Swing Bridge was falling down, and nothing could put it back together again. That's not the case anymore.

The city of Inver Grove Heights has learned it could reuse two historic truss spans and four existing piers if it chooses to turn the old Rock Island Swing Bridge into a pedestrian-access pier on the Mississippi River.

Last year, Washington and Dakota County commissioners had concluded that the entire structure must be torn down at a cost of millions.

But Inver Grove Heights Mayor George Tourville noted that another look has found that a good part of the structure can be saved and be used again in the Mississippi River Corridor.

The unique double-decker bridge was built in

1894 to serve the South St. Paul Belt Line Railroad and later the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway. The train rails were on the top deck, with autos and trucks on the lower deck. In 1982, the railroad sold the bridge, and it operated as a traffic toll bridge until 1999.

The City Council recently opted for a plan that would build two new spans, one 250 feet long and the other 140 feet long. The pier would stretch 670 feet to the middle of the river.

The cost of the project is estimated to be \$1.68 million.

Of that, \$1.3 million has been approved in a federal grant, and another \$100,000 has been granted from the Minnesota Historical Society, said Eric Carlson, the city's parks and recreation director. Those grants do not have to be matched with local funds, he said, and are available as long as the city meets deadlines.

"So far, we're doing fine," Carlson said. "There are some pieces we are working on so that we can make deadlines, but we seem to be making progress."

This spring the swing span of the bridge was removed, along with most of the truss spans that had serious corrosion and piers with foundation problems. The city wanted consultants to assess the condition of the remaining two spans and four piers for potential reuse as a pedestrian

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observation pier.

"Our inspection determined that we can reuse what's out there, and that these were the better elements of the bridge," said Jeff Johnson, structural project manager for Short Elliott Hendrickson of Vadnais Heights.

"It saves historical elements of the bridge, those two spans," Johnson said Thursday. "And it's also less costly to do that. The only negative thing is that it's going to be more maintenance in the long-term because obviously an older structure is going to take more TLC than a newer one would."

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Inver Grove Heights officials see possibilities in old bridge

The city hopes to get stimulus aid to turn the Rock Island Swing Bridge into a public attraction.

By **JOY POWELL**, Star Tribune

Last update: May 20, 2009 - 11:21 PM

Using \$1.3 million in federal stimulus money, the city of Inver Grove Heights intends to take ownership of the old Rock Island Swing Bridge over the Mississippi River and build a long recreational pier from the Dakota County side.

"The city envisions it as a recreational amenity that is going to bring people 609 feet into the middle of the Mississippi River, providing them with spectacular views of the river corridor and a one-of-a-kind vista in the Mississippi National River and Recreational Area," said Eric Carlson, parks and recreation director for Inver Grove Heights.

At one end of the national park that extends from Dayton to Hastings, the pier would be a crown jewel, supporters say.

The city has been chosen to receive the federal funds -- as long as a number of eligibility conditions are met, including developing a plan, hiring an engineering consultant and securing a

half-dozen state and federal permits by Nov. 13.

About 70 percent of the Swing Bridge has been demolished from the Washington County side into the river. River barge traffic can navigate unimpeded around what's left.

Over the weekend, south metro legislators won passage of a bill that places a two-year moratorium on any further demolition of the old bridge and its piers. Gov. Tim Pawlenty signed the bill.

The Inver Grove Heights plan includes pedestrian walkways, overlooks, interpretative displays, fishing access and a trailhead for the Mississippi River Regional Trail. The bridge is next to the city's new Heritage Park, being built over the next three to five years.

The Rock Island Swing Bridge, built in 1895, was the longest swing span bridge in the world at that time, according to the National Park Service.

In 1982, the railroad closed the bridge. Renamed the "JAR Bridge," it began operating as a toll bridge with a 75 cent fee.

In 1999, the Minnesota Department of Transportation closed the aging bridge because it could no longer support vehicles.

Dakota and Washington County officials explored opportunities to reuse the bridge but decided to

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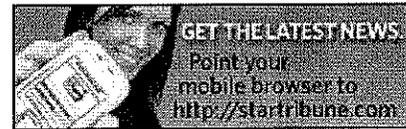


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remove it after part of it collapsed on the Washington County bank.

This year, the counties hired Veit Construction of Rogers, which removed several spans and the swing part.

Now, Inver Grove Heights wants ownership. The city may be eligible for other money, in addition to the \$1.3 million, City Administrator Joe Lynch said.

The Legislature on Saturday also designated \$100,000 to go to the Minnesota Historical Society, from which the city could acquire project funds.

Two bridge spans -- which are the portions people walk on -- remain above the river, beginning 329 feet from shore.

Piers 2, 3, 4 and 5 also are in place and the city hopes to reuse them. It would connect those to the Dakota County riverbank with an abutment and a 12-foot-wide span upon which people would walk.

Among the decisions to be made, Carlson said, are whether access can be provided for fishing closer to the water. The pier's deck is more than 30 feet above the surface.

The City Council has authorized spending \$150,000 to advance the project and is likely next

Tuesday to hire a consulting engineer who would help develop plans and get permits.

One permit alone, from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer, takes 120 days to secure. City officials continue to scramble to meet deadlines.

Lynch said Dakota County officials have been supportive. County officials recently gave the city an old sign from the bridge and a gear from the swing part, which will be displayed on the bridge or in the new park, Carlson said.

There is one other question, Lynch said: how to prove that the city is taking over ownership from the state Department of Revenue.

"When you buy a bridge, who has the title?" he asked.

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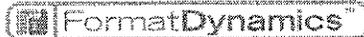


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Rogers company to demolish swing bridge

The Rock Island removal project will proceed, Washington County commissioners decided. They gave the \$1.4 million contract to Veit, which submitted the lowest quote

By **KEVIN GILES**, Star Tribune

Last update: February 10, 2009 - 11:13 PM

Demolition of spans of the Rock Island Swing Bridge on the Washington County side of the Mississippi River will begin as early as next week after commissioners voted Tuesday to award the job to a Rogers company.

"It's collapsing under its own weight right now," said Don Theisen, the county's chief engineer.

Submitting the lowest quote at \$1.4 million was Veit, a contracting firm with experience in large-scale demolitions. Veit also is working on the Wakota Bridge project on I-494. The contract specifies that Veit will stay on its construction schedule for Wakota while dismantling the Rock Island bridge, at St. Paul Park, said Wayne Sandberg, the county's deputy engineer.

Demolition of the Dakota County portion of the bridge at Inver Grove Heights is expected this

summer unless the National Park Service finds a way to incorporate some spans into a walking trail along the river. The Veit contract includes removal on the Dakota County side.

The original cost estimate for removal, Sandberg told commissioners, ranged from \$2 million to \$5.5 million.

Other companies submitting quotes were Lunda Construction Co. at \$4.7 million and Carl Bolander and Sons at \$1.8 million. The county had invited six companies to submit quotes.

"I'm amazed at the variance in these bids," said Myra Peterson, board chair.

Commissioner Dennis Hegberg said that some construction companies that weren't invited to bid for the demolition questioned the county's invitation-only approach. Sandberg replied that the county didn't want "to open the floodgates" to contractors in a long bidding process after commissioners had, in December, approved the emergency removal.

No contractors attended Tuesday's meeting. The vote to approve the contract with Veit passed with little discussion.

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Washington County bridge demolition award draws fire

Contractors protest Washington County's limited bidding process for the Rock Island bridge project.

By KEVIN GILES, Star Tribune

Last update: February 9, 2009 - 9:46 PM

Some contractors are asking why they weren't allow to bid for the right to demolish the Rock Island Swing Bridge, a decaying structure that once linked Washington and Dakota counties.

Pending approval today by the Washington County board, the job will go to Veit Specialty Contracting of Rogers for about \$1.3 million, said Don Theisen, the county's chief engineer. Veit, he said, submitted the lowest "sealed quote" of six contractors that the Minnesota Department of Transportation invited to participate. Three of the six submitted quotes.

"We just didn't have the time to go out and do all the public bidding," Theisen said Monday. "We've got to take care of the public safety hazard." A portion of the Washington County side of the bridge, which has no longer has public access, collapsed last fall and led to the county board's emergency declaration in December.

But one of the contractors who was told he

couldn't bid, Matt Coz of Rachel Contracting in Osseo, said nearly every structure in the metro area headed for demolition could qualify as an emergency. He wonders what was different about the Rock Island bridge.

What bothered him most, he said, was that he wasn't allowed to submit a plan to show how his company was qualified to do the job.

Another contractor, Nick Linnemann of Landwehr Construction Inc. in St. Cloud, questioned how Washington County could spend public money on a project without open bidding. Money to demolish the Rock Island Bridge will come from state disaster funds.

But Theisen said that in the Rock Island demolition, no company was "handpicked" to receive the award. The county's plan is to remove the Washington County portion of the bridge, and the swing portion in the middle of the Mississippi River at St. Paul Park, by the time the barge shipping season starts in March.

George Kuprian, the assistant county attorney who advises the county board, said state law allows commissioners to declare a bridge emergency and bypass a bidding process when a delay in action would threaten public safety.

"The facts were that it was falling down," Kuprian said. He said it was the first time he remembers in his 20 years there that the county board voted to

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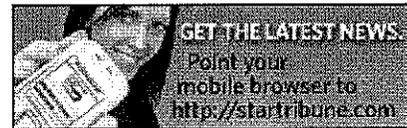
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bypass open bidding.

Theisen said the county asked MnDOT to select companies with experience in large-scale bridge removal. Quotes from the three firms that submitted prices, he said, were opened Friday. "We still got competition and got an excellent price," he said. Earlier estimates ranged up to \$4 million.

Removal of the deteriorating bridge that once ferried automobiles and trains across the river between St. Paul Park and Inver Grove Heights has been discussed for years. Most recently known as JAR Bridge, the double-decker structure was closed to trains in 1980 and vehicle traffic in 1999.

Veit Specialty Contracting's past demolitions include the St. Paul Civic Center and 165 missile launch sites in North Dakota.

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Bills might spare historic bridge over Mississippi from demolition

By KATIE HUMPHREY, Star Tribune

Last update: January 21, 2009 - 11:59 PM

The historic Rock Island Swing Bridge, or at least the western portion of it, may not be demolished just yet.

Legislators representing northern Dakota County have introduced bills in the Minnesota Senate and House asking for a two-year moratorium on the destruction of the crumbling bridge over the Mississippi River between Dakota and Washington counties.

"We're trying to figure out if there is some way to preserve a portion of that bridge for its history and its ability to be a unique lookout point on the river," said Rep. Joe Atkins, DFL-Inver Grove Heights, author of the House bill.

Such a moratorium, if enacted, could snarl plans already approved by both counties calling for the emergency removal of the bridge after the collapse of a section on the Washington County side in November. The counties inherited the bridge as tax-forfeited property after it was closed to vehicle traffic in 1999.

The filings frustrated Dakota County commissioners, who have raised concerns about

safety and liability if the 114-year-old bridge stays put as is. County engineers, referencing pictures of rusted-out girders, have recommended complete removal.

"It always comes down to crunch time, then somebody seems to want to throw an oar back in the water in the final minute," Commissioner Joseph Harris said.

Under the counties' plan, demolition of the bridge could begin by March, starting with the swing span in the river and the eastern approach in Washington County. Removal of the more desirable Dakota County spans would begin in June, unless someone stepped forward with money to refurbish them for recreational use at a price tag thought to exceed \$8 million.

That timetable, particularly for the Dakota County spans, is too fast for advocates of preserving the bridge.

"We're just saying slow down," said Sen. James Metzen, DFL-South St. Paul, chief author of the Senate bill.

A National Parks Service superintendent, Paul Labovitz, said all the preservation options for the Dakota County side of the bridge, which could be an attraction as a river lookout on the Mississippi River Regional Trail, have not yet been evaluated.

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little more time going to hurt?" he said. "Let's be very sure about what we do here."

In addition to the National Parks Service, the city of Inver Grove Heights has expressed interest in the bridge. But neither has offered money to refurbish it.

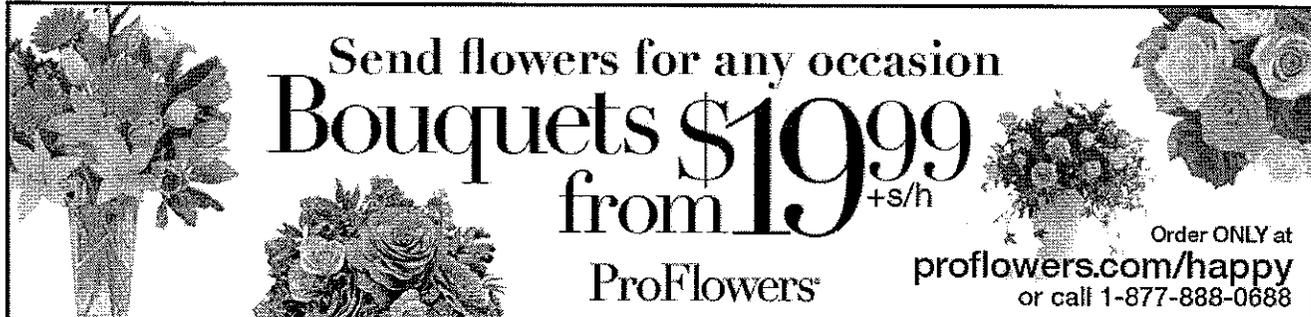
"They just keep looking at the county as if we have money," said Commissioner Nancy Schouweiler, whose district includes the bridge.

Preservation would be great, she said, but there's an order from the U.S. Coast Guard to remove the bridge from the river.

"It's going to go down," Schouweiler said.

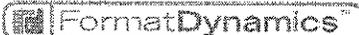
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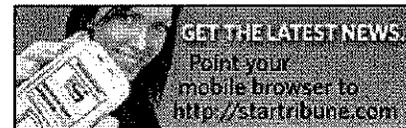


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Bridge's fate tilts toward demolition

Washington County votes to go ahead with removal of the Rock Island Swing Bridge.

By **KEVIN GILES**, Star Tribune

Last update: December 24, 2008 - 12:12 AM

Washington County commissioners Tuesday voted for the emergency removal of the historic but crumbling Rock Island Swing Bridge.

"This structure is very far gone and much of it is beyond repair," Wayne Sandberg, county assistant engineer, told commissioners.

Their 5-0 vote means that Washington County now will work with Dakota County for complete removal of the bridge from the Mississippi River unless someone comes forward with money to save a portion of it for pedestrian, fishing or other recreational uses.

The National Park Service wants to preserve the west portion of the bridge as a part of the Mississippi River Regional Trail or as a lookout, and has been working with the counties toward that end. The bridge is within the 72-mile Mississippi National River and Recreation Area.

"It's not over yet," said Denise Niedzolkowski, an NPS spokeswoman in St. Paul.

Engineers from Washington and Dakota counties say that unless the NPS finds money for preservation, demolition could begin by March. The counties inherited the bridge as tax-forfeited property in 1999, when vehicle traffic ended, and see it as a liability.

The bridge spans the river between Inver Grove Heights to the west and St. Paul Park to the east.

On Tuesday some of the commissioners condemned attempts to save the bridge after Sandberg showed them photographs of decaying beams, piers and other structural elements. Although built well at the beginning, he said, the bridge suffered from years of patchwork maintenance.

"To me this is a public safety issue. It is nothing else," said Commissioner Myra Peterson, who criticized the NPS for conducting a public open house in October to promote the bridge's recreation potential. She said the NPS put people in danger by doing so.

But Niedzolkowski said that Dakota County gave the NPS "full permission and authority" to conduct the tour. "We had strict safety policies," she said.

In a Nov. 26 letter to Washington County, the state engineer, Daniel Dorgan, recommended "complete removal" of the bridge.

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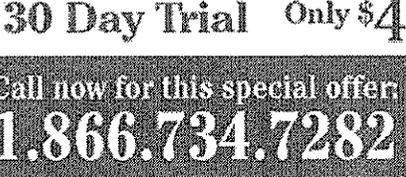
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span and the swing portion in the middle, which is locked open to allow barges to pass. Dakota County has the west span, which is the part the NPS wants to preserve.

Sandberg told Washington County commissioners Tuesday that complete removal of the bridge would cost between \$2.5 million and \$5.5 million. If commissioners approve a joint powers agreement Jan. 6, he said, the county would seek bids to demolish the bridge. Dakota County commissioners are expected to take action later in January.

Washington County wants to remove the east span and the swing section by March 15 before the barge shipping season begins. Dakota County tentatively would remove the west span by Aug. 1, Sandberg said.

Board chairman Dennis Hegberg, compared the debate over the bridge to the long-running dispute over the Stillwater Lift Bridge and said he hoped the fate of the swing bridge could be resolved soon.

"This is an example where the taxpayers get a little upset that we're chasing our tails," he said.

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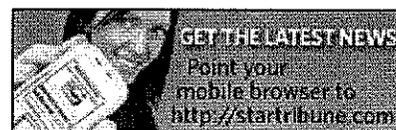
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Rock Island Swing Bridge demolition could start in January

workers removed planks.

KEVIN GILES

Last update: November 25, 2008 - 11:43 PM

Demolition of the 114-year-old Rock Island Swing Bridge that once linked Washington and Dakota counties could begin as early as January because of a portion that collapsed last week.

"Because the bridge is in such poor condition it really needs to be removed quickly," Wayne Sandberg, Washington County's assistant engineer, told the County Board on Tuesday. "Nature has taken its toll. It's time to remove it."

Sandberg said the state engineer would be ordering its removal soon. The cost, estimated at \$2 million to \$3 million, would be paid with state emergency funds, he said.

A buckled beam caused the collapse of about a 200-foot span, Sandberg said.

A National Park Service superintendent, Paul Labovitz, wanted to preserve part of the bridge for a greenway corridor on the river. But Sandberg and his supervisor, Don Theisen, now think the bridge, built in 1894, is too far gone to salvage.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office draped police tape Monday around the east portion, Sandberg said. On the Dakota County side,

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Access cut off to Rock Island Swing Bridge

Public access to the span between Washington and Dakota counties was closed after a 200-foot piece fell.

By **KEVIN GILES** and **JOY POWELL**, Star Tribune staff writers

Last update: November 25, 2008 - 5:03 AM

Public access to the old Rock Island Swing Bridge that once connected Washington and Dakota counties was closed Monday, just days after a portion of the bridge collapsed.

Dakota County installed signs Monday on the west approach, at Inver Grove Heights, to stop pedestrians from walking onto the bridge. Marathon Oil Corp. now owns the approaches on the Washington County side, which has no public access. The east and west spans aren't connected because the swing portion in the middle is locked open to allow barges to pass.

Both counties had intended to remove the bridge in 2010, but Don Theisen, Washington County's chief engineer, said Monday that he considered the bridge a hazard that needs urgent attention. It will be discussed at today's Washington County Board meeting.

A 200-foot piece between two columns on the

Washington County side of the Mississippi River was found fallen to the shore Friday, Theisen said.

"The rest of the structure isn't in any better shape," he said. "It's not like Dakota County's side is any better."

Removal of the deteriorating bridge that once ferried automobiles and trains across the river has been discussed for years. Most recently known as JAR Bridge, the double-decker structure was closed to trains in 1980 and vehicle traffic in 1999. The bridge was built in 1894.

Washington and Dakota counties inherited the bridge when it went into tax forfeiture after several years of private ownership.

"We've known that the bridge is in poor condition for nine years," said Mark Krebsbach, Dakota County's transportation director. "That's why it's been closed to traffic. Engineering studies on the bridge have indicated it's in very poor condition, but there was nothing that said there was any imminent failure pending."

John Weeks, a bridge historian from Burnsville, said that he has seen Minnesota Department of Transportation photographs that show metal on the bridge corroded to the point that people can push their fingers through it.

"It might be a bridge too far gone to save," he said.

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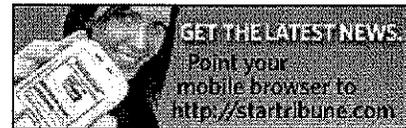
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But Paul Labovitz, superintendent of the 72-mile Mississippi National River and Recreation Area, thinks the collapse could provide the opportunity for "pause and think this through," including whether part of the bridge could salvaged as a lookout.

Last month, National Park Service rangers gave tours and a program about the bridge.

"The bridge is interesting from an engineering perspective," Labovitz said. "It is maybe the only one of a kind left in the country. ... And apparently, there's a lot of local stories. People have all kinds of experiences with this bridge."

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Rock Island Swing Bridge: Pedestrian possibilities



Richard Sennott, Star Tribune

History buffs will have a chance to tour the western portion of the Rock Island Swing Bridge today. National Park Service rangers will lead tours to talk about the bridge, thought to have been used by gangster John Dillinger to elude cops in the 1930s. Closed for years, the bridge might be saved as a pedestrian walkway or interpretive display.

The National Park Service hopes to save the old Dakota County swing bridge, currently slated for demolition.

By **KEVIN GILES**, Star Tribune

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The historic Rock Island Swing Bridge, once racing toward extinction as an unsafe structure that spans the Mississippi River in the east metro, is gaining support among park and trail advocates who want to save it.

A National Park Service superintendent has risen to the bridge's defense, saying that it would cost no more to preserve as a public amenity than to demolish as a public nuisance. Dakota County, meanwhile, is investigating possible recreational uses for the western span of the bridge at Inver Grove Heights.

"This is a pretty spectacular bridge," said Paul Labovitz, superintendent of the 72-mile Mississippi National River and Recreation Area. "Possibly the last bridge of its kind."

In an attempt to save the bridge, Labovitz and other National Park Service rangers will give tours on the bridge from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today. He said he hoped it wouldn't be the last time people get to see it.

Removal of the deteriorating bridge that once ferried automobiles and trains between Dakota and Washington counties has been discussed for years. Most recently known as JAR Bridge, the structure was closed to trains in 1980 and vehicle traffic in 1999. The bridge was built in 1894 -- when Grover Cleveland was president -- for the South St. Paul Beltline Railroad to connect stockyards in nearby South St. Paul, with main rail

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lines that ran through St. Paul Park on the Washington County side of the river. Trains chugged over the bridge's top deck while vehicles glided underneath.

Both counties had talked about demolition as early as this winter, citing safety concerns.

Washington County plans to remove the span on its side of the river because Marathon Oil now owns the land leading to it, which is adjacent to the refinery. Dakota County has a similar plan for the longer span on its side, but neither county is prepared to fund the \$5 million to \$8 million demolition in harsh economic times.

"Let's not be in that big of a rush," said Labovitz, who envisions the bridge as a vital component to the Mississippi River Regional Trail, a network of local, state and regional trails that someday will be in place.

Dakota County has a second plan for the western span of the bridge, and that's to find a use for it.

"We believe that it's feasible to restore the western pier for a recreational purpose," said Steve Sullivan, the county's parks director. "It would provide access to the river, bringing people out to the main channel. The western pier could be a premiere destination on this trail corridor."

The eastern span and the swing portion are a different matter. Washington County inherited

them when private owners of the structure defaulted on taxes. The county no longer owns roads leading to the span, said Wayne Sandberg, the county's assistant engineer. He said that "unless somebody is ready to get their checkbook out," those portions of the old bridge will be torn down in early 2010. The western span would be torn down at the same time, said Todd Howard, a transportation project manager in Dakota County.

The 1,661-foot bridge is deeply rooted in history. Labovitz said it might be the only one still standing where trains ran on the upper deck. It also was the metro's last toll bridge, costing 75 cents to cross. And there's some evidence that gangster John Dillinger fled across the bridge into Inver Grove Heights after a running gun battle with Dakota County deputies in Newport and St. Paul Park.

Labovitz said the 600-foot western span would be a trail head for the river trail and could include pedestrian walkways, overlooks, interpretive displays and fishing access. The bridge is adjacent to Inver Grove Heights' future Heritage Park.

Railings and other barriers would be installed to lessen danger, he said.

"We could actually invite people out there to get them on the bridge rather than to keep them off," he said. "Wouldn't that be cool?"

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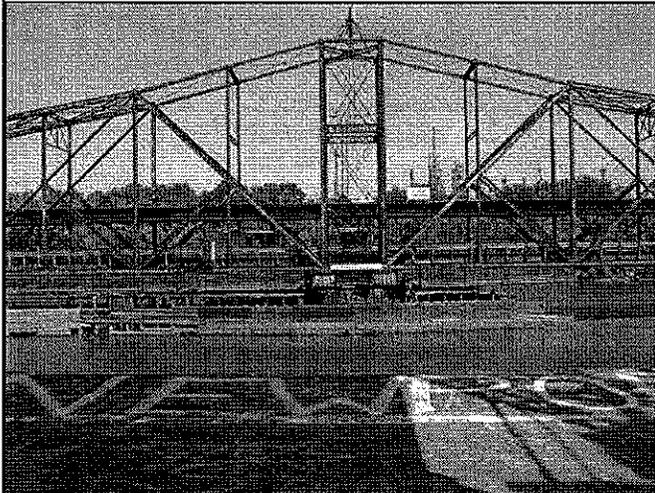
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Bridge too decrepit to use, too costly to tear down

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Kevin Giles, Star Tribune

The JAR Bridge between St. Paul Park and Inver Grove Heights is awaiting at least partial demolition because it's considered dangerous to barge traffic and to anyone who might trespass on it.

Washington and Dakota counties are still looking for money and resources to remove a rusting bridge, built in 1895, that connects Inver Grove Heights and St. Paul Park across the Mississippi River.

By KEVIN GILES, Star Tribune

Removal of a deteriorating Mississippi River swing bridge that once connected Washington and Dakota counties has hit another snag because a federal agency must evaluate the bridge's cultural and historical significance.

Closed to vehicle traffic since 1999 and trains since 1980, the JAR Bridge between St. Paul Park and Inver Grove Heights is awaiting at least partial demolition because it's considered dangerous to barge traffic and to anyone who might trespass on it.

"This bridge is not safe for kids, for pedestrians, for a trail," said Wayne Sandberg, assistant county engineer in Washington County. "It's very dangerous and people need to stay off it."

The bridge was built over the Mississippi River in 1895 -- when Grover Cleveland was president -- for the South St. Paul Beltline Railroad to connect the South St. Paul stockyards with main rail lines that ran through St. Paul Park. Trains traveled on the top deck, cars on the bottom. The JAR Bridge, also known as the Chicago Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Bridge or Newport Rail Bridge, was the metro area's last toll bridge for vehicle traffic. Crossing it once cost 75 cents.

The bridge was popular with commuters trying to avoid traffic jams at the Wakota freeway bridge on Interstate Hwy. 494 a few miles to the north.

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Washington and Dakota counties inherited the bridge when it went into tax forfeiture after several years of private ownership.

The east side of the bridge, in Washington County, no longer is connected to public roads, Sandberg said. That land is now owned by Marathon Oil Corp., which has a refinery there. On the west side, in Dakota County, a guardrail blocks the road to the bridge. But on a recent summer day, two young men were fishing from the automobile deck while others were walking atop the upper train deck. Many of the railings are broken or missing and the end of the Dakota County side -- where the swing span would connect if it wasn't locked open -- has no barriers. Graffiti covers the narrow paved road inside the bridge.

The U.S. Coast Guard no longer wants to lead the evaluation of the bridge's culture and history, a necessary step before removal, Sandberg said. He said the counties are working to find another agency to do that. The Coast Guard wants at least some of the bridge removed because the swing portion -- which is turned parallel to shore to allow barges to pass -- leaves a narrow navigation channel.

"Potential danger is high," Sandberg said. "When that bridge is dark at night it's pretty difficult for the barge operator to see anything."

Removal of the 1,661-foot bridge will cost at least \$5 million, he said.

"We just don't have the resources to turn this thing back into a functional bridge," Sandberg said. Parts of the bridge could be saved for their historical novelty, he said, such as installing the swing span in the park or reusing portions as pedestrian bridges. But nobody has indicated interest in doing so, he said.

"It always a matter of who wants this thing. It's pretty big," Sandberg said. "Anyone who takes it immediately assumes all the future liability for it."

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Subpar profits in Inver Grove Heights



Richard Sennott, Dml - Star Tribune

Al McMurchie Inver Wood Golf Course Manager

As golfers play fewer rounds in an industry that is no longer as lucrative as it was in the 1990s, Inver Grove Heights is auditing the operations of its municipal golf course as it tries to find ways to generate more revenue.

By JOY POWELL, Star Tribune

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On a rainy day last week, business lagged at Inver Wood Golf Course in Inver Grove Heights. But the

weather wasn't the only reason rounds were down.

City officials say they've seen a steady decline over the past decade in rounds played, with a resulting drop in revenues. Now they're trying to figure out what can be done to help the course stay up to par in a difficult economy.

"Everybody's having this same problem -- it's not just us," said Al McMurchie, manager of Inver Wood. "It's a very difficult business."

He points to new trends: Fewer young people are taking up golf. Companies have cut way back on entertaining clients on the greens. And too many new golf courses have been built since the 1990s, while the number of golfers is shrinking.

In response to a call from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the city is paying an Arizona firm \$55,000 to conduct an operational audit of the 275-acre course.

The goal is to improve financial efficiency and attract more players to golf more rounds to generate more revenue, said Eric Carlson, the city's parks and recreation director.

"We also are trying to educate ourselves and the golfers about what our course is capable of, what the market's doing, so that everyone understands that to be successful in this market it's going to be very difficult," he said.

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The problem isn't only a proliferation of courses since the 1990s.

"Golfers in general are playing fewer rounds annually, and there are fewer golfers on the market than there were in the 1990s," Carlson said. "It seems that the younger generation isn't playing as much golf as the older generation was when they were younger."

How to boost revenues

At issue in this south-metro suburb are differing philosophies of how the golf course should be run.

One faction, led by a member of the local parks and recreation board, wants the course to give discounts, as competitors do. But McMurchie and Carlson maintain discounts would simply eat into profits rather than draw more golfers and rounds.

The new audit isn't aimed at looking for missing money. None is missing, Carlson said. Rather, it's intended to scrutinize and analyze the operations, policies, practices, staffing, programming and other factors in order to improve the current business plan.

Statewide, municipal golf courses are losing millions of dollars each year while competing with owners of private courses in a declining industry, according to a recent study by the Freedom Foundation of Minnesota, a nonprofit think tank

aimed at preserving personal freedom.

The foundation's analysis of city-owned golf courses in the state concluded that municipal courses lost about \$2 million in 2007, the most recent year for which comprehensive figures were available.

As with many municipal golf courses, Inver Wood's 27-hole course has seen a drop of roughly 25 percent in revenues since the mid-1990s, McMurchie said.

Nationwide, courses have experienced declines generally ranging from 25 to 35 percent, he said.

In the mid-1990s, when golf was extremely popular, between 70,000 and 75,000 rounds were played each year at the Inver Wood course. Now, it's about 55,000 a year, McMurchie said.

The club has boosted fees, he said, to help revenues per round remain steady in the face of climbing expenses.

Inver Wood's rate schedule has increased every other year.

The full 18-hole course in 2008 and 2009 has a \$36 green fee, up from \$34 at the beginning of 2008.

On the senior side, Inver Woods' executive nine-hole golf course costs went from \$8 to \$8.50 in

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Analyzing the problem

The audit is just beginning. It will be overseen by a newly appointed 12-member volunteer advisory committee.

"It will give us some outside input in terms of how to generate more revenue and protect the revenue that we have," McMurchie said.

Inver Wood's expense structure is under control, he said, and has changed little in the past decade. The annual increase in expenses over the past 10 years has been 0.6 percent, well below the typical inflationary number of 3 percent, he said.

The recession, coupled with tight city budgets, has heightened concerns about funding of municipal golf courses in tough times, McMurchie said.

"We were incredibly successful through the 1990s and even the early 2000s," he said. "And then, of course, we've had market conditions present themselves: the overbuilding of golf courses, the softening demand by players. Business entertainment as an example has all but dried up."

Early this decade, amid a milder recession, came a double whammy for the industry: Tax laws were changed, which reduced the ways golfers could claim business entertainment expenses on the

courses, he said. And then came the terror strikes of Sept. 11, 2001, and the resulting hit on the economy.

"On top of it all, we've had a difficult weather pattern really the last several years," McMurchie said.

The audit is to be completed by December.

According to Ericson, pulling in some national benchmark data for the study, and having somebody not employed by the city take a fresh look and give an unbiased opinion, could show that the city must make changes in Inver Wood's operation.

Or, he said, it might show those concerned with the course's operations that it is being managed well.

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No action required. Commissioners are encouraged to make appropriate comments.

SUMMARY

None.