1. Call to Order

2. Additions to and Approval of Agenda

3. Approval of RPAC Minutes from September 7, 2021

4. Presentation(s)/Public Comment
   A. Oath of Thomas Mercier

5. Reports:
   A. Parks
   B. Community Center & Recreation

6. New Business:
   A. November meeting moved to Community Center

7. Old Business:
   A. Motion to approve tree planting list
   B. Continue discussion on prioritizing parks

8. Next Meeting: November 9, 2021 at 5:00 P.M.

9. Future Agenda Items

10. Adjourn
The Regular Meeting of RPAC was held on Tuesday, September 7 2021, at 6:00PM. 

**RPAC Members present:** J Jones, R Wilke, L Mahoney, R Goggins; **RPAC Members absent:** None; **Advisory Members present:** Scott Schroeder, Allison Watkins; **Advisory Members absent:** M Sullivan,

**Meeting called to order by Vice Chairperson L Mahoney at 6:00 PM.**

**Approval of Agenda:**
- Motion by R Wilke to approve the agenda as presented and seconded by J Jones.
- Voting in favor: J Jones, R Wilke, R Goggins, L Mahoney; Members voting no: None.
- Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:**
- Motion by J Jones to approve the August 3, 2021 minutes and seconded by R Wilke.
- Voting in favor: J Jones, R Wilke, R Goggins L Mahoney; Members voting no: None.
- Motion carried.

**Presentation/Public Comment:**
- Oath of new RPAC member R Goggins

**Reports:**
- **A. Parks:**
  - S Schroeder gave an update on the Parks.

- **B. Community Center and Recreation:**
  - A Watson gave an update on recreation programs and the Community Center, discussed future potential offerings of programs, and gave a quarterly update on memberships.
  - Discussed the grant application for 62 rental skates.

**New Business:**
- **A. Mayo Park Master plan**
  - The group discussed future capital improvements within the City parks. J Jones talked about the creation of the Parks Master Plan and what its intent was when it was implemented. S Schroeder discussed the trouble without no real funding source. The main source for future projects will be grant money or donations. S Schroeder discussed the challenges of applying for such large financial grants and the likelihood of landing such large grants. Suggestions were made by L Mahoney and S Schroeder to prioritize capital improvements for parks. This topic will be brought back in October’s meeting.
B. City Bench colors
- The group discussed a gray earth tone color would look nice throughout the city.

Old Business:
A. Motion to approve tree planting list
- Schroeder discussed the benefits for the City to have an approved tree list. J Jones asked that some detail be added for bird and pollinator friendly trees. The tree planting list will be brought back in October for a motion of approval to bring to City Council.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 5, 2021 @ 6:00PM
Items for upcoming meetings: Voting for Chair and Vice Chair,
Adjournment:
- Motion by J Jones and seconded by L Mahoney to adjourn.
- Voting in favor: J Jones, R Wilke, R Goggins L Mahoney; Members voting no: None
- Meeting adjourned.
Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee

Oath of Office

I, Thomas Mercier, a Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee appointee of the City of Le Sueur, do affirm that I will faithfully perform the duties of my appointed office, and will support and honor to the best of my ability all applicable laws of the City of Le Sueur, Le Sueur County, and the Constitution of the United States and Minnesota, as well as any appropriate policies or procedures adopted by the Le Sueur City Council or the Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee. I hereby through this oath of office affirm that I will perform the duties of this public trust in a fair, equitable, and ethical manner befitting the dignity and responsibilities of the office to the best of my judgment and ability.

Commissioner:

Mayor:

Date:
TO: RPAC Chair and Board
FROM: Scott Schroeder, Public Works Manager
SUBJECT: Park Staff Report
DATE: RPAC Meeting of Tuesday, October 5, 2021

PURPOSE
Park status updates.

Park Status:

- **American Legion:**
  - Nothing to report

- **Cedar Ridge Trails:**
  - Nothing to report

- **Jo Eagle Anderson:**
  - Nothing to report

- **Le Sueur Dog Park:**
  - Wash station and dog dish winterized 9/30

- **Mayo:**
  - Nothing to report

- **Mothers Louise:**
  - Nothing to report

- **Pierre Le Sueur:**
  - Nothing to report

- **River:**
  - Nothing to report
**Park Reservations:** Staff is taking reservations for American Legion, Jo Eagle Anderson, and Mayo park shelters.

**ACTION REQUESTED**
Recognize & accept this month’s report from staff.
CITY OF LE SUEUR
REQUEST FOR RPAC ACTION

TO: RPAC Chair and Board
FROM: Allison Watkins, Recreation Manager
SUBJECT: Recreation & Programming Report
DATE: For the RPAC Meeting of Tuesday, September 5, 2021

PURPOSE
To provide the RPAC Committee information to have a continued discussion regarding Le Sueur Community Center services.

SUMMARY
Membership numbers have been slowly improving. June was our best month so far with 542 memberships. We hope to see this number rise in the fall and winter months.

Staff painted the ice Friday, September 24. We are currently building ice for the 2021-2022 arena season which starts October 2. The Association will have their open house and try hockey free day on Saturday, October 9. We are still very short on Zamboni drivers for the season, currently with only 3. Bob Liebhard and I will take up the hours when staff is unavailable.

Staff has moved all the cardio equipment from the Loft room back to the fitness center. The Loft will be utilized for social events for the SilverSneakers group and for rentals like in the past.

Programming

Current Programs
Contact Football

27
Flag Football 39
Youth Volleyball 26
Bitty Basketball (starting in Dec)

Our flag football teams will be the half time event during the varsity football game Oct. 1.

Projects

Andy Cemenski has started cutting the concrete at the outdoor pool for the installation of the driving board.

ACTION REQUESTED
Recognize & accept this month’s report from Le Sueur Recreation staff.
2021 City of Le Sueur Approved Boulevard Trees

A comprehensive list of all species currently approved by the City of Le Sueur for boulevard and Right of Way (ROW) tree planting. All trees desired by owner from the approved planting list may not be allowed due to tree diversity in the area, site conditions, or planting space restrictions.

* Denotes Native to Minnesota

- **Alder**
  - *Alnus spp.*
  - Height: 30-50’
  - Width: 20-40’
  - Hardiness Zone: 3 to 7
  - Description: Oval narrow crown, yellow fall color, ornamentally attractive ‘cones’ in winter, nitrogen fixer.

- **Buckeye, Ohio**
  - *Aesculus glabra*
  - Height: 20-40’
  - Width: 20-35’
  - Hardiness Zone: 3 to 7
  - Description: Rounded crown, yellow to orange fall color, attractive bark texture and large distinct buds provide winter interest. Ohio buckeye’s have a prickly husk enclosing a buckeye nut.

- **Cherry, Amur Choke**
  - *Prunus maackii*
  - Height: 20-30’
  - Width: 18-25’
  - Hardiness Zone: 2 to 6
  - Description: Dense and broadly rounded crown, yellow fall color, attractive, exfoliating golden to russet brown bark. Produces fragrant white flowers in 6-10 flower clusters in April and May followed by 1/4” diameter black cherry fruit attracts birds

- **Corktree, Amur - Seedless Selection Only**
  - *Phellodendron amurense*
  - Height: 30-45’
  - Width: 30-60’
  - Hardiness Zone: 3 to 7
  - Description: Rounded, broad spreading crown, yellow fall color, lovely corky bark. No serious insect or disease problems
  - Cultivars include: Macho, Shademaster or Superfection
• *Crabapple
  o Ma/us spp.
  o Height: 15-30', varies by species
  o Width: 15-25', varies by species
  o Hardiness Zone: 3 to 8
  o Description: Rounded, broad, spreading crown, fall color and intensity will vary by species. Flowering tree with small fruit that may persists into winter. Textured, scale-like bark. Due to the number of cultivars available select cultivar that meets these requirements: 15ft or larger at maturity, fruit size is 1/2" or less or has persistent fruit, and has good to excellent disease resistance against scab, fireblight, cedar apple rust, and mildew. Also attracts birds
  o Cultivars include Adams, Donald Wyman, Harvest Gold, Indian Magic, Prairie Fire, Profusion, Red Jewel, Royal Raindrops, Snowdrift, Sugar Tyme, Zumi Calocarpa, other cultivars upon approval.

• *Hackberry
  o Ce/tis occidentalis
  o Height: 40-60'
  o Width: 40-60'
  o Hardiness Zone: 2 to 9
  o Description: Vase shaped, rounded crown with fall yellow color, grey, ridged, warty bark. Produces small, berry like fruit that attract birds.

• *Hickory, shagbark
  o Carya ovata
  o Height: 70-90'
  o Width: 50-70'
  o Hardiness Zone: 4-8
  o Description: Irregular, oval-rounded crown, yellow to golden brown fall color, textured 'shaggy' bark peels off in long, vertical strips. Produces edible, oval rounded nuts. No serious insect or disease problems.

• *Honeylocust, Thornless - Seedless Selection Only
  o Gledistia triacanthos var. inermis
  o Height: 60-80'
  o Width: 60-80'
  o Hardiness Zone: 3 to 8
  o Description: Broad spreading crown, yellow fall color. On mature trees, bark breaks into thin, flat longitudinal ridges. Produces a twisted dark purple-brown seed pods. Dappled shade is produced by leaflets in summer.
  o Cultivars include: Northern Acclaim, Skyline, Shademaster, Sunburst
• *Hop hornbeam/Ironwood
  - Ostrya virginiana
  - Height: 25-40'
  - Width: 20-30'
  - Hardiness Zone: 3 to 9
  - Description: Rounded crown, yellow fall color, reddish-brown bark peels in longitudinal strips, produces hop-like seed bearing pods that birds are attracted to

• Horse Chestnut, red
  - Aesculus glabra
  - Height: 30-40'
  - Width: 25-35'
  - Hardiness Zone: 5 to 8
  - Description: Upright, oval crown with yellow fall color. Large distinctive buds. Produces very showy red flowers in May followed by prickly husks enclosing 2 to 3 inedible horsechestnuts.

• Lilac, Japanese Tree
  - Syringa reticulata
  - Height: 20-25'
  - Width: 30-50'
  - Hardiness Zone: 3 to 7
  - Description: Rounded crown, yellow fall color, glossy red-brown bark with elongated white lenticels. Produces creamy white, densely clustered, fragrant flowers in May and June. Attracts hummingbirds and butterflies. No serious insect or disease problems.

• Linden, American
  - Tilia americana
  - Height: 50-80'
  - Width: 15-20'
  - Hardiness Zone: 2 to 8
  - Description: Oval, rounded crown with yellow fall color. Produces fragrant, pale yellow flowers in June. Attracts butterflies.
• **Maackia, Amur**  
  o Maackia amurensis  
  o Height: 20-30'  
  o Width: 20-30'  
  o Hardiness Zone: 3 to 7  
  o Description: Broad, rounded crown, yellow fall color. Copper bronze, exfoliating bark and flat seed pods 2-3". No serious insect or disease problems.

• **Magnolia, cucumber**  
  o Magnolia acuminata  
  o Height: 40-60'  
  o Width: 20-20'  
  o Hardiness Zone: 3 to 8  
  o Description: Pyramidal when young, matures to rounded. Fall color is tan to yellow. Produces large distinctive buds and green tinted flowers in April and May followed by small and 'cucumber-like' fruit and turns pink red in late summer.

• **Maple, red**  
  o Acer rubrum  
  o Height: 40-70'  
  o Width: 30-50'  
  o Hardiness zone: 4 to 8  
  o Description: Rounded to oval crown. New growth, leaves, leafstalks, twigs, winter buds, flowers, fruit and fall color are tinged with red.

• **Maple, sugar**  
  o Acer saccharum  
  o Height: 40-80'  
  o Width: 30-60'  
  o Hardiness zone: 3 to 8  
  o Description: Dense, rounded crown, bright yellow-orange fall color. Sap is used for maple syrup.

• **Mountain ash, European**  
  o Sorbus aucuparia  
  o Height: 20-40'  
  o Width: 8-20'  
  o Hardiness zone: 3 to 6  
  o Description: Narrow, upright, oval crown. Has yellow to reddish-purple fall color. Showy white flowers are produced in May. Clusters of red fruit in fall may persist into early winter. Attracts birds.
- **Mountain ash, Korean**
  - *Sorbus alnifolia*
  - Height: 40-50'
  - Width: 20-25'
  - Hardiness zone: 3 to 7
  - Description: Dense, pyramidal to round crown. Yellow fall color. Showy white flowers bloom in May followed by clusters of red fall fruit that may persist into winter that will attract birds

- **Oak, black**
  - *Quercus velutina*
  - Height: 50-60'
  - Width: 50-60'
  - Hardiness zone: 3 to 8
  - Description: Globular, spreading crown with yellow to yellow brown to dull red fall color. Produces acorns. Attracts wildlife.

- **Oak, bur**
  - *Quercus macrocarpa*
  - Height: 50-80'
  - Width: 60-80'
  - Hardiness zone: 3 to 8
  - Description: Broad spreading, rounded crown with yellow-brown fall color. Produces acorns. Attracts wildlife.

- **Oak, Northern Pin**
  - *Quercus ellipsoidalis*
  - Height: 50-70'
  - Width: 40-60'
  - Hardiness zone: 4 to 7
  - Description: Cylindrical shape and rounded crown with red fall color. Produces acorns. Attracts wildlife.

- **Oak, red**
  - *Quercus rubra*
  - Height: 50-75'
  - Width: 50-75'
  - Hardiness zone: 4 to 8
  - Description: Rounded, spreading, often irregular crown with red fall color. Produces acorns. Attracts wildlife.

- **Oak, swamp white**
  - *Quercus bicolor*
  - Height: 50-60'
  - Width: 50-60'
  - Hardiness zone: 3 to 8
  - Description: Broad, rounded crown with yellow, bronze fall color. Has attractive peeling bark when young. Leaves may persist throughout winter. Produces acorns. Attracts wildlife.
- **Plum 'Princess Kay'**
  - *Prunus nigra*
  - **Height:** 15-30'
  - **Width:** 8-10'
  - **Description:** Oval crown with bright red and yellow fall color. White showy early spring flowers. Hardiness zone: 2 to 6

- **Conifers listed below are currently recommended for the use in Le Sueur**
  - Conifers are not allowed to be planted on City boulevards or City ROW.
  - Maybe used for screen /buffer in the landscape.
  - All conifers, except Larch retain their needles in Fall/Winter.
  - All conifers listed demonstrate hardiness in Zone 4 and may be used as screening /Buffer in the landscape.

- **Cedar**
  - *Thuja (Also called Arborvitae)*
  - *Red*
  - *T. virginiana*
  - **Height:** 50 - 70'
  - **Width:** 25'
  - **Hardiness zone:** 4 to 5
  - **Description:** Has a natural conical shape. It grows between 50 and 70 feet tall with a 25-foot spread in cultivation, but wild trees can reach heights of 200 feet. Its foliage grows all the way to the ground. The trunk is covered in furrowed reddish-brown bark that turns gray as the tree matures. The scaly dark-green leaves have a resin gland that yields a fragrant odor when crushed

- **White**
  - **Height:** 40-50'
  - **Width:** 12 - 20'
  - **Hardiness zone:** 4 to 8
  - **Description:** Slow growing, long-lived. Tolerant of moist soil. Avoid sandy soils. Overlapping scaly needles; clusters of small ½" cones. Responds well to shearing.
  - *White*
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- **Fir (White)**
  - **Height:** 30 - 50'
  - **Width:** 20'
  - **Hardiness zone:** 4 to 6
  - **Description:** The white fir grows in acidic, loamy, moist, sandy and well-drained soils. It prefers normal moisture but has moderate drought tolerance. Features needles that are bluish or silvery-green and roughly 1½–3" in length. They extend from all sides of the twig and curve upward. Grows in a pyramidal shape.

- **Larch**
  - *American*
- Height 40 - 60’
- Width 20’
- Hardiness zone 4 to 6

- **Juniper**
  - *Red Juniper*
  - Rocky Mountain

- **Pines**
  - *Eastern White (Also called Northern White Pine)*
  - *Jack*
  - *Red*
  - Swiss Stone

- **Spruce**
  - Black Hills
  - Colorado or Blue Spruce
  - Norway
  - *White*

- The following trees may **not** be used in City Boulevards or City ROW
  - Ash
  - Black Walnut
  - Box Elder
  - Common or European Buckthorn
  - Cottonwood
  - Gingko Females (Males are permitted)
  - Glossy Buckthorn includes all cultivars
  - Mulberry
  - Pin Oak
  - Poplars
  - Russian Olive
  - Silver Maple
Alder  Ohio Buckeye  Amur Choke Cherry
Amur Cork tree (seedless)  Crabapple  Hackberry
Shagbark Hickory  Thornless Honeylocust  Hop hornbeam/Ironwood
Black Oak

Bur Oak

Northern Pin Oak

Red Oak

Swamp White Oak

Princess Kay Plum
Conifers

Red Cedar

White Cedar

White Fir

American Larch Fir

Red Juniper tree

Jack Pine

Norway Spruce

Blue Spruce

Black Hills Spruce