

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION  
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CHAMPLIN IN THE COUNTY OF HENNEPIN AND IN  
THE STATE OF MINNESOTA THEREOF:

WORK SESSION MEETING  
MAY 6, 2025  
COUNCIL CONFERENCE  
ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

The Champlin Parks and Recreation Commission met in a Work Session Meeting and was called to order by Chair Gary Flandrick at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Gary Flandrick, Commissioners Mary Broughton, Ken Hirsch Jr., Maggie Minge, Tim Mueller, and Rob Musto.

Absent: Commissioner Mike Maher

Also present: Park & Rec Director Dan Glynn.

NEW BUSINESS

PROVIDE  
RECOMMENDATION  
TO THE CITY COUNCIL  
FOR LAWFUL  
GAMBLING OPERATOR  
AT CHAR BLU  
RIVERSIDE

Park & Rec Director Dan Glynn reviewed, due to the public-private nature of the Mississippi Crossings, the City holds the right to select the lawful gambling operator at Char Blu Riverside. Lawful gambling is defined by the state as the operation, conduct or sale of bingo, raffles, paddlewheels, tip boards, and pull-tabs. The restaurant is anticipated to open in the fall of 2025.

A request for proposal document was developed over the past month with feedback received from the City's three current lawful gambling license holders: Champlin Park Youth Hockey Association, Champlin Park Baseball Association, and Champlin Dayton Athletic Association. A series of questions were developed to provide information about each proposer, how they have used their gambling profits over the past five years, and how they would use future gambling profits. The goals of the RFP were to offer all eligible organizations a fair opportunity to submit a proposal and to select a lawful gambling operator that would use the profits most beneficially to City residents. The City can take 10% of the gambling profit. The restaurant will not receive any proceeds from the gambling revenue.

To be eligible for consideration, organizations must be eligible to provide lawful gambling based on state and local laws and regulations.

The City received interest from four organizations. However, the Diamond Club (Champlin Park High School Softball Booster Club) did not submit a proposal, as they are not eligible due to the lack of a licensed gambling manager, which is required by law. Proposals were received from the Dayton Lions Club, CDAA, and CPYHA. The Dayton Lions Club is not eligible because they do not have 15 members who are Champlin residents and are not located in Champlin, as both are required by local regulations.

An evaluation matrix was developed to score the proposals submitted by CDAA and CPYHA. The matrix consisted of three categories: organizational impact, historical use of gambling revenue, and proposed future use of gambling revenue. The following is a summary of the points received for each category. Mr. Glynn reviewed the matrix in detail.

**Organizational Impact**

CDAA – 23 points

CPYHA – 16 points

**Historical Gambling Revenue Use**

CDAA – 16 points

CPYHA – 23 points

**Future Gambling Revenue Use**

CDAA – 35 points

CPYHA – 20 points

The total score for CDAA is 74 points, and CPYHA is 60 points.

Also provided for the Commission's consideration were:

- Request for Proposals – Lawful Gambling – Final
- Gambling RFP Addendum 1
- CDAA Proposal
- Champlin Dayton Athletic Association Evaluation Sheet
- CPYHA Proposal
- Champlin Park Youth Hockey Evaluation Sheet
- Dayton Lions Club Proposal
- Dayton Lions Evaluation Sheet

Staff recommends selecting CDAA to operate the lawful gambling operation at Char Blu Riverside, based on their strong organizational impact in the Champlin community and their proposed future use of gambling funds, which is expected to benefit Champlin residents the most.

Commissioner Minge asked what an indoor sports facility would cost, and Mr. Glynn reviewed some costs with different options.

The consensus of the Commission was to go with the staff recommendation.

## OLD BUSINESS

### 2025 COMMISSION WORK PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Glynn reviewed the 2025 Commission Work Plan, which was updated in February. Since then, some changes have occurred, and the Plan needs to be updated. The changes include:

- LHB will be attending the June work session meeting to discuss their existing conditions analysis and planned public engagement activities. The Commission will be requested to assist in gathering resident input.
- The tour of JRAC and Andrews Park for third-party advertising was scheduled for April and was rained out. It has been rescheduled for June.
- There was a scheduled park tour of Woodlawn Park and area trails for the May meeting. However, there was insufficient time to have a park tour in May due to the addition of the lawful gambling item. This has been pushed back to June. The date/time will be scheduled (May 19).
- The CIP was scheduled to be presented at the June meeting. This has been pushed back to July to better align with the City's budgeting schedule. The June 3rd meeting will be a work session only.
- The consultants working on the Park System Master Plan will attend a joint meeting with the City Council to present their findings on existing conditions in the park system and public feedback they have gathered to date.

Mr. Glynn stated due to time constraints, we may not be able to do the park tour scheduled for June 3 if we have a regular meeting. The Partnership Policy could go to the Parks Commission for approval at the July meeting to allow for the park tour.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Broughton stated she is concerned about the traffic at 117<sup>th</sup> and 169. She suggested a stop sign may be needed. Mr. Glynn stated the church parking lot only allows for a right turn out. They also provide shuttles.

Commissioner Broughton also mentioned when activities are going on in Andrews Park the parking lot fills. There is no location for additional parking.

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Mueller, seconded by Commissioner Broughton, to adjourn the meeting to the Park Tour. Voting in favor: Chair Gary Flandrick, Commissioners Mary Broughton, Ken Hirsch Jr., Maggie Minge, Tim Mueller, and Rob Musto. Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Dan Glynn, Parks and Recreation Director

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