



**Carver County Board of Commissioners
June 9, 2026
Board Meeting**

PROPOSED AGENDA AMENDMENT

9:00 a.m.

2.16 AMENDMENT to Consent Agenda adding item 2.16

Special Event Use Permit: Lake Minnewashta HOA 4th of July Fireworks



Carver County Board of Commissioners
Request for Board Action

Agenda Item Name: Special Event Use Permit: Lake Minnewashta HOA 4th of July Fireworks

RBA Number: 2026-556

Department: Public Works - Parks

Contact: Samuel Pertz, Parks & Trails Supervisor, 952-466-5253

Presenter:

Contract Name & Number:

Meeting Date: June 9, 2026

Item Type: Consent

Strategic Initiative:

Taxpayer Value and Customer Service: Providing the best value and optimal customer service.

Background/Justification:

This report outlines the pertinent details for review and recommends authorization of a special event use permit on/in the regional park & trail areas operated by Carver County. By Park Ordinance 91.04 – B special use within the County Park system requires the issuance of an authorized use permit. This request is defined as a Tier 2 event per County Policy and requires formal action of the Park Commission and authorization by the County Board.

Applicant: KABOOM Inc. (organized group of lake property owners)

Dates: Friday July 3, 2026. 9:30p.m. (primary date), Sunday, July 5, 2026 (alternative date)

Location: Lake Minnewashta Regional Park, 6900 Hazeltine Blvd. Chanhassen, MN. Site map documentation has been submitted & approved, indicating the show will be conducted at the personal watercraft launch area within the park - the area will be closed to general park use on the event day.

Event Scope: Professional grade pyrotechnic show for the public.

Anticipated Attendance: 1,000 - 1,500+ people attending to observe.

Impact(s) to the Park: Modest impacts mostly in the way of trash generation from

pyrotechnics. Vehicle congestion will occur at the end of the show with users leaving. The entrance gate will be programmed to remain open by park hours of 10:00pm.

Use Permitting Requirements: The required documents of liability insurance, event site plan and permit application have been furnished and approved. The City of Chanhassen Fire Department requires a permit for the event activity and is in the process of issuance.

Items of Attention: Launching commercial grade fireworks on County park property.

Use of fireworks of any kind/size is not authorized per park ordinance 91.05 and requires issuance of a use permit authorized by the County Board. Additionally, a level of risk in terms of potential damage to park property/grounds is assumed for this event.

Possible brush/debris fires can result from professional firework displays.

Permit Fees: Consistent with the 2026 Fee Schedule, pyrotechnic display permits are exempt.

Permitting/Event History: Year 15+

Staff Comments: No prior issues with the event group or their contractors. The permitting process runs very smoothly with this group as a result of timely action with respect to the County process. The display attracts & retains many daily visitors and is publicly appreciated.

Due to factors of reduced staffing in the Department and Board calendar changes, this permit request is being advanced off cadence from the typical process of Park Commission recommendation at their monthly meeting and then authorization of the County Board.

Action Requested:

Motion to authorize the issuance of a special event use permit to KABOOM Inc., a function of the Lake Minnewashta Homeowners Association(s), to conduct a professional pyrotechnic display on Friday July 3, 2026 with alternative date of July 5, 2026 contingent upon the successful completion of the County Parks & Recreation special use permitting policy and contingent upon the review and recommendation of the Park Commission at the June 10, 2026 regular meeting.

Fiscal Impact:

Funding:	Amount Budgeted:

Related Fiscal/FTE Comments:

None

Attachments:

None