



## **Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting**

Wednesday, August 14, 2024  
Lake Minnewashta Regional Park  
6900 Hazeltine Blvd  
Chanhassen MN 55331

**5:30 pm Tour of Lake Minnetonka Regional Trail**

**6:30 pm Regular Meeting – Lake Minnewashta Regional Park (Lakeview Shelter)**

### **AGENDA**

- 1)** Call to Order (6:30 p.m.)
- 2)** Roll Call (6:31 p.m.)
- 3)** Approval of Agenda (6:32 p.m.)
- 4)** Approval of the June 12, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes (6:33 p.m.)
- 5)** Commissioner Liaison Report (6:34 p.m.)
- 6)** Open to the Public (6:40 p.m.)
- 7)** Consent Agenda (6:45 p.m.)
  - a.** Special Use Permit – We Walk Marathon
- 8)** Staff Reports (6:50 p.m.)
  - a.** General Operations & Recreation Services
    - i.** Baylor Park Long-Range Plan
  - b.** Administrative Update
    - i.** County Road 10 Trailhead
    - ii.** MN River Bluffs: Circle the Brick Project
    - iii.** Dakota Rail Regional Trail Crane Creek Bridge Repair
    - iv.** Lake Minnetonka Regional Trail Acquisition
- 9)** Commission Member Reports (7:30 p.m.)
- 10)** Next Meeting Date (7:35 p.m.)
  - a.** September 11, 2024: Lake Minnewashta RP: Playground & EAB Management Area
- 11)** Adjourn (7:40 p.m.)

### **Upcoming Events and Activities**

- 8/22/24: Paradise Commons Grand Opening & Community Celebration (Paradise Beach Bash)  
9/25/24: Health & Safety Fair at Gov't Center  
10/22/24: Lake Minnewashta Playground Groundbreaking (hold date)

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## **Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting**

Wednesday, June 12, 2024  
Lake Waconia Regional Park  
8170 Paradise Lane  
Waconia, MN 55387

**5:30 pm Tour of Coney Island & CR 10 Trailhead (if raining)**  
**7:00 pm Regular Meeting**

### **MINUTES**

- 1) Call to Order (7:00 p.m.)
  - a. M. Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
- 2) Roll Call (7:00 p.m.)
  - a. Present: Jenn Brewington, Christine Fenner, Makiza Johnson, Scott Knight, Mark Lagergren, Jon Thom, & Reid Welch
  - b. Absent: N/A
  - c. Staff: Tim Lynch, Marty Walsh, Sam Pertz, Jake Sandvig, and Hope Mack
- 3) Approval of Agenda (7:02 p.m.)
  - a. Motion to approve made by M. Johnson; Seconded by J. Brewington; Passed 7-0
- 4) Approval of the May 8, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes (7:05 p.m.)
  - a. Motion to approve made by J. Brewington; Seconded by R. Welch; Passed 7-0
- 5) Commissioner Liaison Report (7:05 p.m.)
  - a. Commissioner Lynch reported that the Coney Island Monument looks really nice and that Paradise Commons has been a great success so far.
- 6) Open to the Public (7:10 p.m.)
  - a. Nick Stillings, who has led the Girl Scout Twilight Camp at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park for many years, thanked the County for providing the wonderful space to have their annual event. He also requested lifeguards to be re-installed and asked about the timeline of the playground reconstruction.
- 7) Informational (7:30)
  - a. 2025 Preliminary O&M Budget
    - i. M. Walsh reviewed the proposed 2025 budget and compared it to prior years.
  - b. 2025 Proposed Fee Schedule
    - i. S. Pertz reviewed the proposed changes to the 2025 Parks Fee Schedule.
- 8) Staff Reports (7:45 p.m.)
  - a. General Operations & Recreation Services
    - i. S. Pertz reported that the Coney Island Monument Recognition is planned for 6/18/24, the Paradise Beach Bash event is planned on 6/21/24, the Lake Minnewashta Playground Groundbreaking will be on 7/16/24, and that Parks staff will address the County Board on 6/25/24 to discuss the County's COI requirements.
  - b. Maintenance and Natural Resources Operations

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- i. J. Sandvig stated that the boardwalk replacement should be done by early July, the trailheads are getting re-striped, roofs and stairs at Lake Minnewashta RP will be replaced, and the double barn doors at Baylor RP will be replaced.
  - c. Administrative Update
    - i. M. Walsh reported that the JPA with Scott County on the Merriam Junction Trail has been executed with construction to begin this fall and estimated completion in 2027. Work on the JPA with City of Chaska is nearing completion. We'll be apply for grant funding for the purchase of an easement from CCRRA. Work with RJM is wrapping up on the Paradise Commons building. The sale and transition of ownership of the section of the Lake Minnetonka Regional Trail is progressing.
- 9) Commission Member Reports (8:10 p.m.)
  - a. C. Fenner: Excited for the Minnewashta Adventure Camp and Paradise Beach Bash.
  - b. J. Brewington: Engaging with the public on the Highway 5 project.
  - c. R. Welch: The City of Carver is working on funding requests for the levee / Merriam Junction Trail project.
- 10) Next Meeting Dates (8:15 p.m.)
  - a. July 10, 2024
    - i. MNRBRT: Merriam Junction & Circle the Brick
    - ii. Meet at the Government Center in Chaska at 5:30.
  - b. August 14, 2024
    - i. Lake Minnewashta RP
      - 1. Playground & EAB Management Area
- 11) Adjourn (8:20 p.m.)
  - a. Motion to adjourn at 8:33pm made by R. Welch, Seconded by C. Fenner Passed 7-0

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## **MEMO**

**TO:** Members of the Park Commission  
**CC:** Martin Walsh, Parks & Recreation Director  
**FROM:** Sam Pertz, Parks & Trails Supervisor  
**SUBJECT:** Special Event Use Permit – “We Walk” Speed Walking Marathon Race  
**DATE:** August 8, 2024

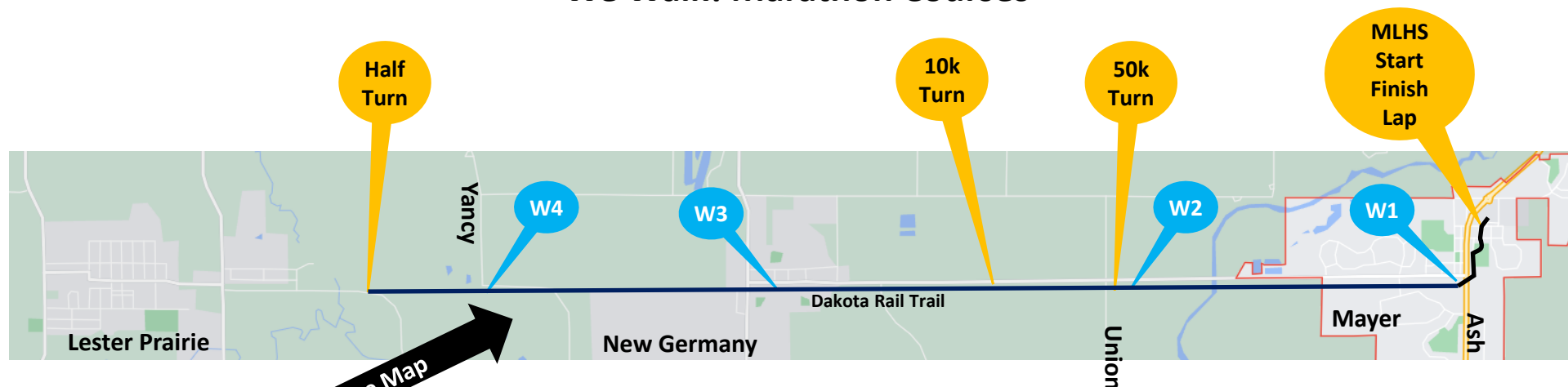
This memorandum outlines the pertinent details for review and recommendation for issuance of a Special Event Use Permit to an informal local group (Mayer Lutheran High School) coordinating a competitive speed walking marathon which is planned to occur on the Dakota Rail Regional Trail.

### **Local (Informal) Group: “We Walk” Speed Walking Marathon Race**

- **Date(s):** Saturday, September 28, 2024 (No alternative date listed)
- **Where:** Dakota Rail Regional Trail (Mayer to West County line)
- **What:** Speed walking marathon race for adult athletes.
- **Attendance:** It is anticipated that 150 people or less will be involved. (participants / spectators / volunteers)
- **Impact on Park System:** Minimal use to regional trail facility. The primary segment of trail identified is between Mayer and the western county line. Weekends generally receive increased use; however, the event fits the intended use of the facility. September often brings decreased use to the park and trail areas.
- **Required Permit Items Obtained & Reviewed:** Yes, all required permit items have been provided.
- **Significant Elements/Items of Attention:** Event duration will be ~9 hours long, not including set-up and take-down time. Permit does not authorize the use of motorized equipment (unless needed for emergency) on the trail corridor. Exclusive use of the trail is not provided in the permit.
- **Permit Fees:** Applicable fees per the 2024 County Fee Schedule include permit application fee.
- **Years with County Issued Use Permit:** 7 years, with no standing issues/conflict with the event operations.
- **Staff Notes:** Staff sees no significant issues with the event and/or the permitting process. The permittee is an informal local group coordinating this event. The event is insured by the US Track and Field (USTF) organization as the race is USTF sanctioned.

**Recommendation:** It is requested that the Park Commission recommend issuance of a Special Event Use Permit to the informal local group listed and move onto the County Board for final authorization.

# We Walk! Marathon Courses



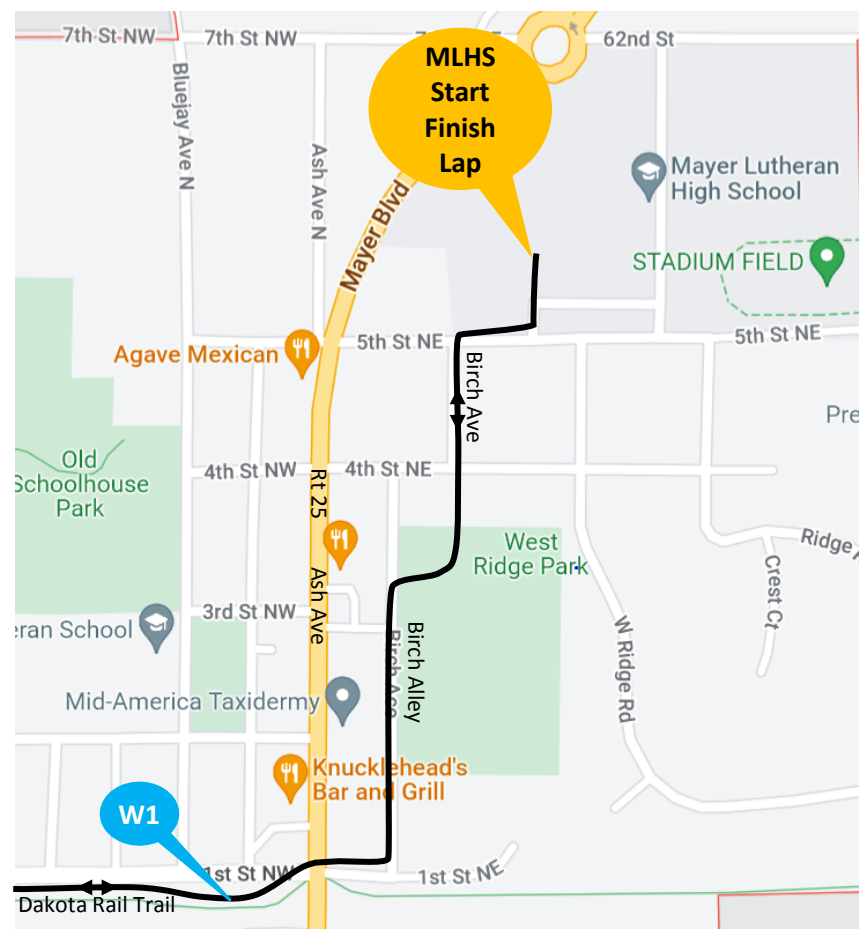
## The Courses

- 10k: Start → 10k Turn → Finish
- Half Marathon: Start → Half Turn → Finish
- Marathon: do entire Half Marathon course twice
- 50k: do entire Marathon course + Start → 50k Turn → Finish

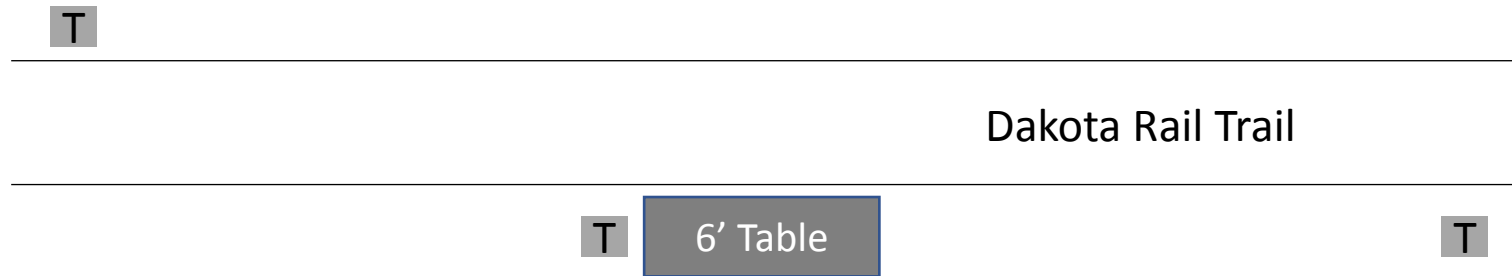
## Mayer Lutheran High School <-> Dakota Rail Trail

Follow the pink signs – they will get you there and get you back

Go south from the Start/Finish/Lap line  
 Turn west (right) onto **5<sup>th</sup> St**  
 Turn south (left) onto **Birch Ave**  
 At **4<sup>th</sup> St** continue south (straight) onto **asphalt path**  
 In park follow paths to the west (right)  
 Turn south (left) onto **Birch Alley**  
 Turn west (right) onto **1<sup>st</sup> St**  
 Cross **Ash Ave** and continue west on **Dakota Rail Trail**



## *Typical Water Stop Layout*



**T** -- Trash Bin