Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes

There was a meeting of the above-mentioned committee held on **Monday, January 5, 2026, at 5:00 pm.**

Committee members present: Louis Blumenfeld, Nazy Fayaz-Shoucair, Paula Jones, Shenda James, June O'Connor
Absent: none
Others: David Melesko, Director of Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services, Sharon Mann, and Peter Russell

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

Old Business

- Filley Park – There was brief discussion around the Bloomfield Village Improvement Association and the level of involvement each committee member would need to commit to resurrect this association. No decision and/or commitment was made continue with this prospect. Additionally, ice skating was briefly discussed; the current ice conditions do not support the Town opening the pond up for ice skating. We will continue to monitor the weather and ice conditions to hopefully open up the pond for ice skating at a later date, weather providing.
- Rockwell Park – A brief status update of the project was provided to the committee.
- LaSalette – The "Thinklasalette" plan continues to be discussed with no formal approval of the plan. There are concerns that the committee needs to think wholistically for all of the parks and not just focusing on one plan for one park but rather updating the current Master Parks Plan for all of the park system.
- Trails Committee – After robust conversation, the committee supports the idea of including a Trail Committee as part of the Parks and Recreation Committee providing some oversight and guidance on the trails in our park system.

New Business

- FY 2027 Capital Plan was presented to the committee with the committee supporting the presented plan.

December Report

- David provided a brief overview of the December 2025 report.

Committee Comments

- Paula Jones reintroduced the Maplewood Park tree and pollinator improvement plan as a focal point for calendar year 2026. A motion was made by Paula Jones, seconded by Nazy Fayaz-Shoucair with all in favor of this project.
- June O'Connor stated that she is resigning from the committee due to her residence relocation.

Public Comments –

- Sharon Mann introduced the idea of naming the greenway after Councilman Merritt since Councilman Merritt has been a strong supporter of this project. The committee recommended Sharon to propose this idea to the Town Council.

Approval of Minutes: Paula Jones moved to approve the December 1, 2025 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Shenda James with all in favor.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.