Subject: City Park Naming Policy

Meeting Date: February 14, 2022
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Action Type
☐ Consent Item  ☒ Discussion/Direction
☐ Public Hearing  ☐ Informational Only
☐ Action/Motion  ☐ Report
☐ Resolution  ☐ Other: Click or tap here to enter text.

Action
Discuss and comment on a new policy for the naming of City Parks.

Background
Staff has had recent requests to look at the naming of a few unnamed park areas, i.e. the “Art Park” at Oakdale and Butler, and the “Pool Park” south of the City Leisure Pool. A search of City ordinances and historic documents led to discovery that West St Paul has no formal policy or process for naming new parks. In the past parks have been named at the direction of the City Council using various methods, including Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) recommendations, resident surveys and voting, and direct naming by City Council members.

With the recent requests, staff felt it was important to have a formal policy in place prior to doing any park naming. The policy would act as a guiding document with final decisions ultimately resting with the City Council. The attached draft policy was created after researching policies of other Cities in Minnesota and around the country.

While this policy does allow for the renaming of parks as well, it is the recommendation of staff that park renaming be discouraged and only considered after crucial examination.

Attachments
DRAFT Park Naming Policy

Previous Relevant Actions

Alternatives

Financial
Budgeted: ☐ Yes  ☒ No Financial Impact
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