

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**CITY OF LAKELAND  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Lakeland, Washington County, Minnesota will conduct a Special City Council meeting on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. at Lakeland City Hall, 690 Quinnell Avenue North.

The purpose of the meeting is consideration and discussion about:

1. S.F. 2272-Certification of Local Zoning Decisions
2. Purchase of Structure at Humphries Park

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014

/s/Chris Wallberg  
City Clerk/Zoning Administrator

**SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION**

**S.F. No. 2272**

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
03/04/2014	5957	Introduction and first reading Referred to Environment and Energy

- 1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to natural resources; establishing review and certification process for  
1.3 ordinances and variances adopted under Lower St. Croix Wild and Scenic River  
1.4 Act; establishing variance criteria; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section  
1.5 103F.351, by adding subdivisions.
- 1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 103F.351, is amended by adding a  
1.8 subdivision to read:
- 1.9 Subd. 6. Review and certification of certain actions. (a) To ensure that the  
1.10 standards and criteria for the lower St. Croix River are not nullified by unjustified  
1.11 exceptions in particular cases and to promote uniformity in the treatment of applications  
1.12 for exceptions, a review and certification procedure is established for the following land  
1.13 use decisions by local authorities that directly affect the use of the land on the lower  
1.14 St. Croix River:
- 1.15 (1) adopting or amending a lower St. Croix River ordinance regulating the use of  
1.16 land, including rezoning of particular tracts of land; and
- 1.17 (2) granting a variance from a lower St. Croix River ordinance that relates to the  
1.18 dimensional standards and criteria in rules adopted under subdivision 4.
- 1.19 (b) Within 90 days of a law or rule change, each local authority with jurisdiction on  
1.20 the lower St. Croix River shall adopt or amend its ordinances and land use district maps  
1.21 to the extent necessary to comply with amended standards and criteria adopted by rule  
1.22 under subdivision 4 or to reflect amendments to this section. If a local authority fails to  
1.23 adopt or amend adequate ordinances or maps within 90 days, the commissioner of natural  
1.24 resources shall adopt the ordinances, maps, or amendments in the manner and with the  
1.25 effect specified in section 103F.215.

2.1 (c) No action under paragraph (a), clause (1) or (2), becomes effective unless and  
2.2 until the commissioner of natural resources has certified that the action complies with the  
2.3 intent of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, the federal Lower St. Croix River Act  
2.4 of 1972, this section, the master plan adopted under subdivision 2, and the standards  
2.5 and criteria adopted by rule under subdivision 4. In determining the acceptability of the  
2.6 proposed action, the items in the hearing and record of decision of the local authority  
2.7 shall also be considered.

2.8 (d) For the purposes of this subdivision, "local authority" means that person or body  
2.9 of persons affiliated with a county or municipal government that has authority to take an  
2.10 action described in paragraph (a), clause (1) or (2).

2.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment  
2.12 and applies to actions by a local authority after that date.

2.13 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 103F.351, is amended by adding a subdivision  
2.14 to read:

2.15 Subd. 7. **Variance review criteria.** (a) A variance from a lower St. Croix River  
2.16 ordinance shall be granted only when the applicant has demonstrated that, in addition to  
2.17 all of the variance criteria in section 394.27 or 462.357, all of the following criteria are  
2.18 satisfied:

2.19 (1) granting the variance is consistent with the intent of the National Wild and  
2.20 Scenic Rivers Act, the federal Lower St. Croix River Act of 1972, and the master plan  
2.21 adopted under subdivision 2;

2.22 (2) the practical difficulty cannot be alleviated by any alternative feasible method  
2.23 other than a variance; and

2.24 (3) granting the variance will provide minimal relief and minor deviation from the  
2.25 required provision.

2.26 (b) In approving a variance, the zoning authority shall require the applicant to  
2.27 address, as appropriate, storm water runoff management, reducing impervious surfaces,  
2.28 increasing setbacks, protection and restoration of wetlands, protection and restoration of  
2.29 native vegetation and habitat, sewage treatment and water supply capabilities, and other  
2.30 conservation-designed actions.

2.31 (c) When seeking a variance from the ordinance, the burden is on the applicant  
2.32 to show why the ordinance cannot be accommodated. The applicant must submit, in  
2.33 a format prescribed by the commissioner of natural resources, information sufficient  
2.34 to demonstrate that all criteria in section 394.27 or 462.357 and under paragraph (a),  
2.35 clauses (1) to (3), are satisfied.

3.1 (d) The variance must be granted if without it there is no reasonable use for the  
3.2 property.

3.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment  
3.4 and applies to actions by a local authority after that date.

# Humphries Park

250 Quality Ave N  
Lakeland, MN 55043

To: Council Members and Staff  
From: Asia Bednar – Parks Commissioner

March 25, 2014

## Memo

On March 10, 2014, there was a meeting to discuss Humphries Park. Present were a couple of residents from the neighborhood as well as Chris Wallberg as Staff, Chris White as a resident, and Asia Bednar. During this meeting the residents had an opportunity to share their thoughts and opinions about what should be done or not be done with Humphries Park. Many options were discussed such as whether a structure should be installed, if it was to be installed, where is the best place for it, and additional accessories for the park.

- There was an overwhelming response that a structure is needed there for the younger age group. Through discussion, the residents stated that an appropriate age group to target for this structure is the 5 year old – 4<sup>th</sup> grade age group. There is a need for two slide options, a high and a low slide to be inclusive of all focus age groups.
- There is a need for a tunnel for the kids to crawl through.
- The merry-go-round will stay if possible, due to compliance.
- The swings must be lowered as they are hard to reach for the young kids.
- They shared the kids like the structure that allows them to hold the handle and slide back and forth, like at Crocker and Afton - Lakeland school.
- They shared that there are 2 day cares within a few blocks of the park and that those providers would use the park more often, but there is a need for an appropriate structure/activities for the age group.
- There is a need for additional picnic tables/benches, one specifically near a new structure if it were to be built to allow parents somewhere to sit while the kids are playing.

The location of a new structure was also discussed. The location was unanimously agreed on that it would be in the southeastern corner of the park. This would be to the east of the existing structure. The residents stated that they know there are youth who use the western part of the park and they did not want to disrupt that use. They also stated that they do not feel that grill is needed there. The idea of a bike rack did not come up, but that is a point to consider as well as an additional trash receptacle.

With the knowledge that has been learned from this meeting with residents, I would like the council to make a motion to allow for the purchase of playground equipment for Humphries Park with a not to exceed \$45,000 price.

## Humphries Park – Park Structure and Accessory Ideas

Residents,

I would like to thank you for your time and input related to Humphries Park in Lakeland.

During the last council workshop related to the topic, an additional workshop was suggested to invite residents in to share their thoughts and opinions on what should be done, if anything with Humphries Park.

Within this packet are drawings/sketches of sample park structures that could be installed at Humphries if that is the final decision by residents and Council.

I am asking you, to please take some time looking at each drawing and offer your thoughts and opinions using the comment sheets within the packet. You only need to fill out one and if you would like to leave it in the folder you may, or if you would rather give it directly to me call me or email me and I will come and pick it up from you. We will also be having a public meeting, date TBD, regarding the parks where you can come and share there as well. The opinion sheet is for those who may not be able to attend a meeting in the evening but would still like to be heard, if others can attend the meeting, please do so and share your thoughts on this subject manner.

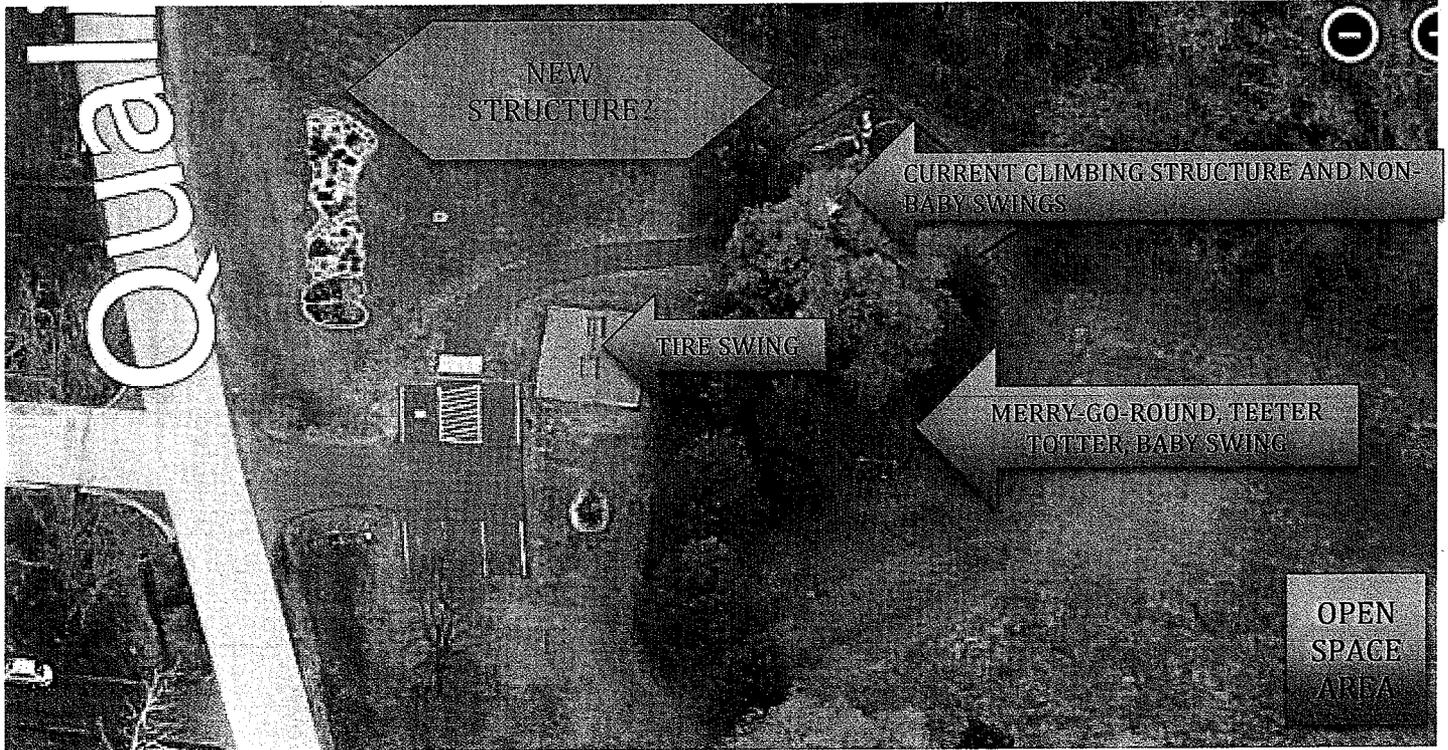
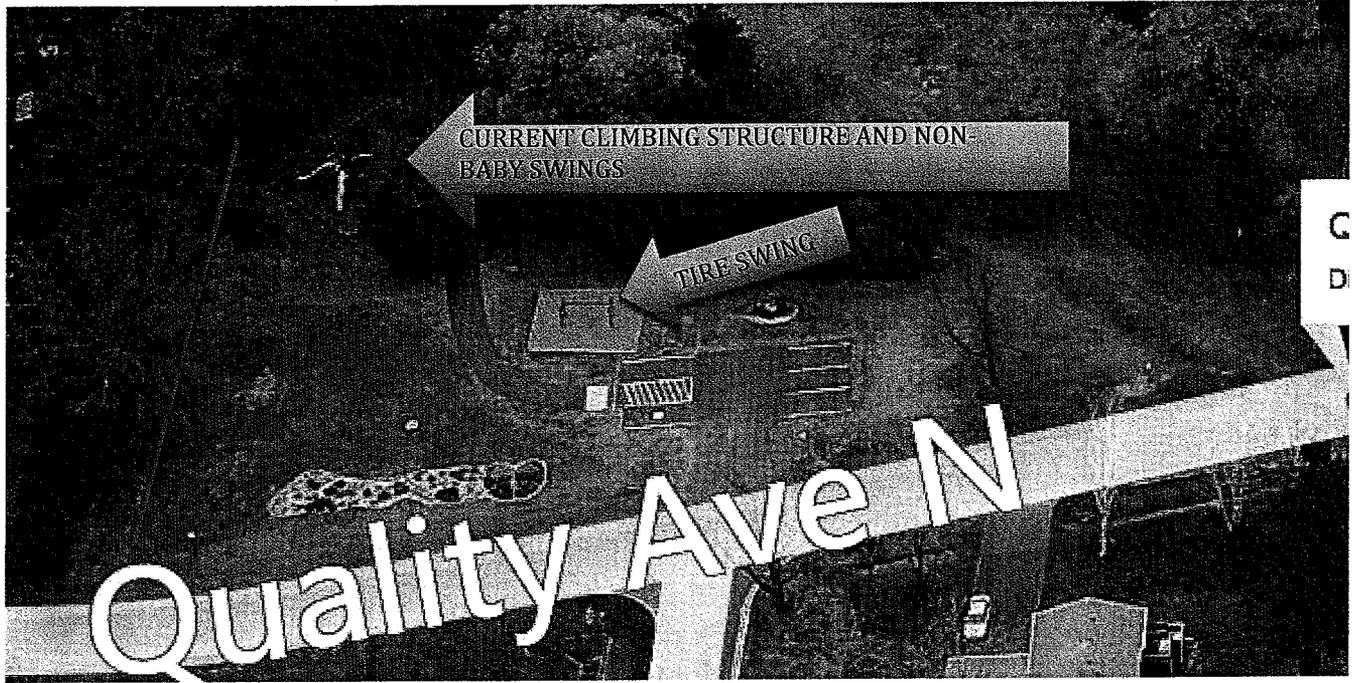
Please note: I am NOT asking you to choose option 1, 2, or 3, however I would like to know what you like and dislike about each. For instance, you may not like the ATV spring rider or you really would like to see the 88" slide, please fill that out on the opinions page.

If you have any questions please call or email me and I will help clarify. Also, the city has a new web page that will be used to communicate new meetings. I will contact as many of you as possible, that I have contact information for, about when the meeting will occur, but know that it will be in about two weeks from 2/17/2014, and so I will need your thoughts and opinions by that point in time as well.

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HUMPHRIES PARK  
CURRENT  
STRUCTURES,  
PARKING, AND  
GARDENS

FEB 2014



Park #1

Features:

Two Slides: Different Heights  
36: Curved Slide  
48" Double Slide  
Curved Crawl Through Tunnel  
Imaginative Play Serving Counter  
Tic-Tac-Toe Play Panel  
Three Climbers:  
Loop Climber  
Rung Climber  
Arch Chain Climber

Existing Humphries Park features moved to a new area to complete park:

Digger Machine  
Teeter Totter

This park structure is very similar to the 2-5 year old structure at the park across from Selma's in Afton. The thought was that a structure for older children already exists and adding a structure for smaller children was all that was necessary.

Park #2

Features:

Almost the exact same as above, differences listed below  
No Tic-Tac-Toe Panel, Bongo Panel instead (drum station)  
No Arch Chain Climber - See through Bubble Panel instead  
Additional Spring Riders  
Lady Bug ( similar to the bee at Crocker)  
Whale  
ATV 4-wheel  
The crawl tunnel is not curved, but straight  
Piano Panel (Melody Maker)

This park structure is again very similar to the park in Afton. The main differences are additional features outside the main structure for kids to climb on and ride.

Park #3

Features:

Three Slides: Different Heights  
40": Curved Slide  
64" Triple Slide (Collosus)  
88" Wave Slide  
Imaginative Play Serving Counter  
Animal Crawl Through Tunnel  
Abacus Panel  
Two Climbers:  
Loop Climber  
Rung Climber  
Additional Accessories:  
Ladybug Spring Rider  
Calvin the Caterpillar - Climbing/Crawl Through Station

This park is different from the first two as it includes slides that are higher. It is designed for the 2-5 age range as well as the 5-12 age range.