



**DUNDAS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024  
7:00 PM CITY HALL**

1. CALL TO ORDER
  - a. Roll Call/Notification of Quorum
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
4. OLD BUSINESS
  - a. Winter Scavenger Hunt Event
5. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Disc Golf Group Update
6. ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - a. City Council Meetings – Monday, January 22 and February 12 at 7:00 PM
  - b. Next Park Board Meeting – Tuesday, February 13 at 7:00 PM
7. AGENDA ITEMS for February 13, 2024
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
8. ADJOURN

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023  
7:00 PM CITY HALL**

Present: Ashely Gallagher, Carrie Rice  
Absent: Doug Johnson  
Staff: Administrator Jenelle Teppen

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Gallagher called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

**Motion by Gallagher second by Rice, to approve Agenda. Carried Unanimously (MCU)**

Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting, September 12, 2023

**Motion by Gallagher, second by Rice to approve minutes of October 10, 2023. MCU**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Trunk or Treat 2023. The PRAB members reviewed yet another successful Trunk or Treat event.

Possible Winter Event – The PRAB members finalized a winter scavenger hunt with 25 participant goodie bags

Carrie Rice will thank Carol VanSickle for the donated pumpkins for the Trunk or Treat event.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. City Council Meetings- Monday, November 27 and December 11 at 7 p.m.
2. Next Park Board Meetings – Tuesday January 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

**AGENDA ITEMS for January 9, 2024**

1. Request from Disc Golf group to update the PRAB

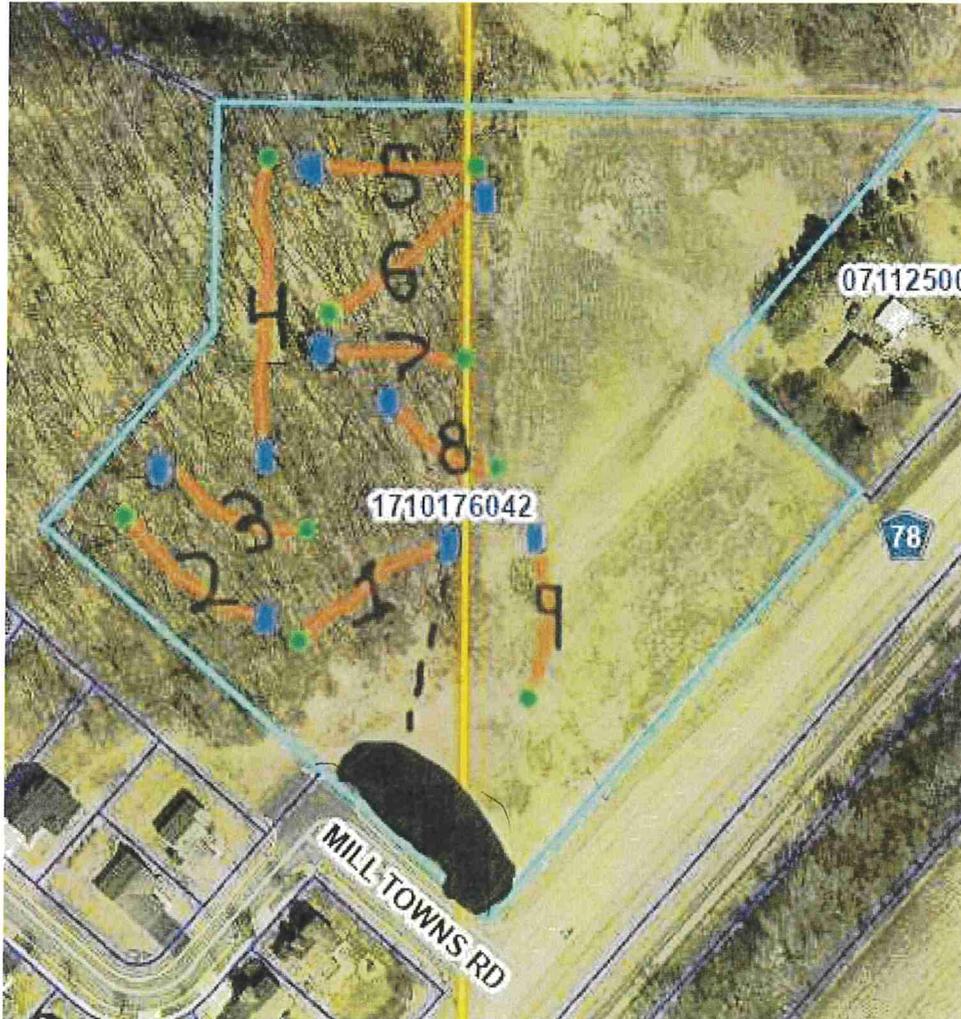
**ADJOURN**

**The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:21 p.m.**

Minutes prepared by City Administrator Jenelle Teppen

## Disc Golf Course Proposal for Dundas Stoneridge Park:

The Cannon River Valley Disc Golf Club (CRVDGC) is proposing the installation of a 9-hole disc golf course in Dundas. Proposed land is city owned and zoned park/open space (parcel id#1710176042). Below are a few ideas of how a course layout would fit into the landscape.



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CF  
Kenyon  
Owatonna  
Elko/NM  
Lakewood

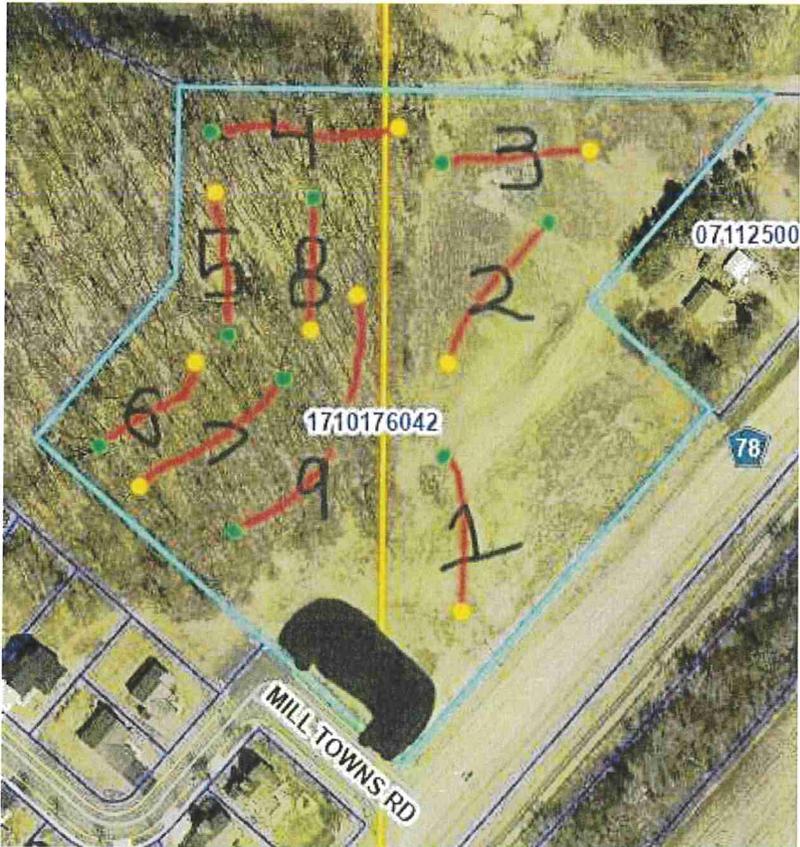
Blue indicates tee pad, green indicates basket. Orange line is fairway.

CRVDGC would  
install & maintain

\$7-10,000 baskets, target, signs, tee surface  
would cover <sup>hole</sup> ↑

regular  
no mowing needed

Small parking lot - 12 space



Yellow indicates tee pad, green indicates basket. Red line is fairway.



Blue indicates tee pad, red indicates basket. Orange line is fairway.

### *Rationale:*

There are now more than 9000 Disc Golf courses in the United States, nearly all installed by city and county parks departments. They have found that there are few recreational activities that offer the high benefit-to-cost ratio of disc golf. Disc golf has relatively low capital and maintenance costs compared with other recreational installations, is environmentally sound, is played year-round in all climates and is enjoyed immediately even by beginners of all ages.

### *What Is Disc Golf?*

Disc Golf is played much like traditional golf. Instead of hitting a ball into a hole, you throw a more streamlined looking Frisbee® disc into a supported metal basket. The goal is the same: to complete the course in the fewest number of shots. A golf disc is thrown from a tee area to each basket, which is the "hole." As players progress down the fairway, they must make each consecutive shot from the spot where the previous throw has landed. The trees, shrubs and terrain changes in and around the fairways provide challenging obstacles for the golfer. Finally, the "putt" lands in the basket and the hole is completed.

### *Who Can Play?*

The simple answer is that everyone can. In studies measuring participation in recreational activities, "throwing a Frisbee" has consistently been a top-ten activity. A disc golf course serves a broader portion of the community than many narrower interest activities with higher cost, skill or fitness levels required to even begin to play. Men and women, young and old, families with small children -- all can play disc golf. Because disc golf is so easy to understand and enjoy, no one is excluded. Players merely match their pace to their capabilities and proceed from there.

### *How Much Does It Cost To Play?*

Many courses are located in a city or regional park where citizens play free. Most private and several public facilities will charge up to \$5 per day to play, or earn passive income from annual passes and/or fees to enter the park. The equipment itself is quite inexpensive – discs designed for golf sell for \$8-\$15 each and only one is needed to get started.

### *What Kind of Construction Would Be Planned for Dundas?*

The installation of a 9-hole disc golf course would include the construction of tees, fairways, and the installation of signs and baskets. No foliage would need to be planted. A parking lot would be needed at this site, along with a space for a portable restroom, a community board to display a course map and rules about disc golf, maybe even a picnic area with tables or benches. The proposed lot is a great mix of heavy woods and open grass land. In the woods "fairways" would need to be created. This would require cutting in small lanes from the tee boxes to the baskets. Ideally the least number of trees would be removed. No large mature trees would be removed. The CRVDGC would supply all labor to install the course via volunteers. There are many reputable course designers and installers if the city would like to explore that option as well. This would increase the cost significantly.

*Tees:* Each hole would have one tee pad; the tee pads would be made of concrete. Concrete tees 4" thick measuring approximately 5' x12' would be built flush with the ground. Another option for tee pads is patio pavers, artificial turf, or even natural tee pads. Concrete is most commonly found at disc golf courses. The other options provide a way to cut down the cost of installation.

*Baskets:* Each playable hole would have a basket mounted on a pipe that slides inside an anchor pipe that gets cemented into a hole measuring approximately 8" in diameter and 18-24" deep. The basket pipe and anchor pipe each have collar tabs that line up and are securely locked with a padlock. Each hole would have 1-2 additional anchors installed so that the basket could be moved to different anchor locations periodically to reduce soil compacting and erosion, plus add some variety for players similar to moving holes around on a golf green. We estimate that approximately 18 anchors holes would be installed.

*Signs:* Tee signs are very important to help first time users find their way through the course. Each hole would have a sign indicating the hole number, length of the hole, recommended flight path and par. In addition, a rules sign and information board should be installed near the parking lot. The signs can be constructed with a variety of materials although we believe it would be preferable to construct signs with a natural appearance to fit in with the surrounding area. Commercial signs designed for disc golf are also available from several sources. To help offset the cost of the course the CRVDGC would contact local businesses and individuals to "sponsor" holes to help reduce the cost of the install.

#### *What Maintenance Is Required for a Disc Golf Course in Dundas?*

After installation, the maintenance needs for a disc golf course are primarily grass mowing. Unlike weekly mowing usually required for ball fields, mowing for disc golf can be stretched to every three weeks (depending on rainfall). And even then, only the fairways need attention. The targets are made of welded steel anchored in concrete and need no regular maintenance. In the unlikely event that one of the targets is damaged beyond repair or stolen, they can be replaced for around \$350. Much of the area of the proposed course is underutilized and not highly maintained. With the approval of the City of Dundas; CRVDGC volunteers would be eager to undertake an initial clean up of these areas and then maintain them as trash-free zones. With 2 anchor placements per hole, wear and tear on any one area is reduced.

#### *How Much Land Is Needed?*

A 9-hole course would cover approximately 8-9 acres, depending on design. The rough rule of thumb for total space needed is about one acre per hole. A significant advantage of disc golf is its ability to utilize areas that are not very desirable or usable for other activities such as woods choked with non-native foliage like buckthorn, rocky areas and slopes. In addition, a disc golf course need not be an exclusive use area -- it can co-exist amicably with other active and passive recreation uses such as hiking, dog-walking, etc. Finally, the relative portability of baskets and signs allows the park department to inexpensively relocate the course to another site if that is ever needed.

## **2. HOW DOES THE PROJECT BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY:**

*Recreational Needs:* A disc golf course would provide an inexpensive form of recreation for people of all age and skill levels and be a much-needed addition to the recreational opportunities in Dundas. Given the high density of middle and high school aged kids in the immediate vicinity of the park, the installation of a disc golf course would provide an important recreational resource for the neighborhood surrounding the park, as well as for the wider community. A disc golf course would give youth in the neighborhood a healthy and challenging outlet for their energies and would allow members of the CRVDGC to organize clinics and leagues on their behalf. For the growing number of disc golfers in area, the presence of a disc golf course in the city limits would eliminate the need to travel to play and would give them a base from which to further promote the sport.

*Conservation:* Disc golf is an environment-friendly sport. Unlike traditional golf, a disc golf course may not require trees to be removed, grass mowed and watered daily, plants uprooted or non-native species planted. Many courses can be designed to fit into the existing flora of the park like the land proposed. The impact of a disc golf course on the surrounding area is minimal. Each hole has multiple pin placements, ensuring that no one area gets constant foot traffic (this has the added benefit of providing new challenges to players). In addition, disc golfers overall tend to take great pride in where they play, helping reduce potential litter on the course. In the long-term, a disc golf course would also help in the preservation of the park by giving young people in the neighborhood a stake in its preservation and protection.

*About Cannon River Valley Disc Golf Club:* CRVDGC is currently made up of 3 board members; Kyle Schultz, Benjamin Playter, and Jim Ericksen. We formed this club to advocate the need for a disc golf course in our community. All three of us have experience in building and maintaining natural surface trails as volunteers. We all have experience organizing small volunteer groups to complete tasks in outdoor recreation settings. We all have basic construction and landscaping knowledge that would enable us to install the tee pads, basket anchors, course signage, and create the fairways necessary to install/maintain a 9-hole disc golf course. We are passionate and dedicated to seeing this wonderful form of recreation added to our great community.

*Community support:* CRVDGC has reached out to the residents of Dundas and Northfield and found that a large number of people support this project. At the next park board meeting, we will present to you all a list of local residents who support this project moving forward; and answer any questions you have from this initial proposal. We hope you take this into consideration when deciding if this park project can become a reality for the City of Dundas.