



Agenda
Parks Commission Meeting
Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 6:00 PM
City Council Chambers | 2780 Kelley Parkway, Orono, MN 55356
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Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

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Public Comment (limit 3 minutes per person)

For items not on the agenda. To add a comment, approach the podium, state your name and address. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes. No action will be taken.

Presentations

Staff Report

[Parks, Golf, and Facilities Update](#)

Chair Report

Commissioner Reports

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Adjournment

AGENDA ITEM



Date: February 4, 2025

Item:

Title: Approval of Minutes

Presenter: Joe Ruthenberg, Superintendent - Parks, Facilities

Section: Approval of Minutes

1. **Purpose:**
Review the proposed meeting minutes.
2. **Staff Recommendation:**
Staff recommends approval of the August 6th, 2024 Park meeting minutes.
3. **Park Commission Action Requested:**
Motion to approved August 6th, 2024 minutes.

Exhibits

[08.06.2024 Park Commission Minutes.docx](#)

Minutes
Orono Park Commission
Regular Meeting
Orono City Council Chambers
August 6, 2024

Deputy Chair Porter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The Orono Park Commission members present: Deputy Chair Cameron Porter, Commissioners Janice Berg, Michael Huddy Gordy Stofer and alternate Sandy Rasmussen.

Members not present: Kjersti Duval Rick Carter, and Chair Brian Roath.

Staff present: City Administrator Adam Edwards

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. February 6, 2024 Park Commission meeting minutes

Huddy moved, Stofer seconded, to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2024 Park Commission meeting as submitted. VOTE: Ayes 5, Nays 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comments

PRESENTATION

STAFF REPORT

2. Golf Course Update

100th anniversary Celebration took place at the golf course, which included the dedication of the new pavilion and the planting of some apple trees on the course.

Parks will start to transition to Fall and Winter preparation and start preparation for the Holiday Tree Lightning.

3. Park Updates

Parks, in and in particular the beaches have been prepped for the summer season. Hackberry Park demolition site was graded and hydroseeded, Big Island vault toilet pumping has been completed. A new mower has been purchased for Big Island and all playground equipment was pressed wash in preparation for the summer and new mulch was put down in the playground area.

4. Project Updates

Lurton Dog Park expansion project is near completion, restoration and establishment is still needed. Pickleball and the Hackberry Park revitalization are still in need of funding, both will be included in upcoming grant applications.

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The next meeting will be a work session on October 8th . It is a public meeting.

CHAIR REPORT

None

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioners Carter, Rasmussen, Huddy and Porter had reports.

ADJOURNMENT

**Carter moved, Berg seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. to October 8, 2024. VOTE:
Ayes 5, Nays 0.**

ATTEST:

Brian Roath, Chair

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Section: Commissioner Reports

1. **Park Commission Action Requested:**

Consider a motion for a recommendation to move to design.

Exhibits

[Mountain Bike Trail.pptx](#)

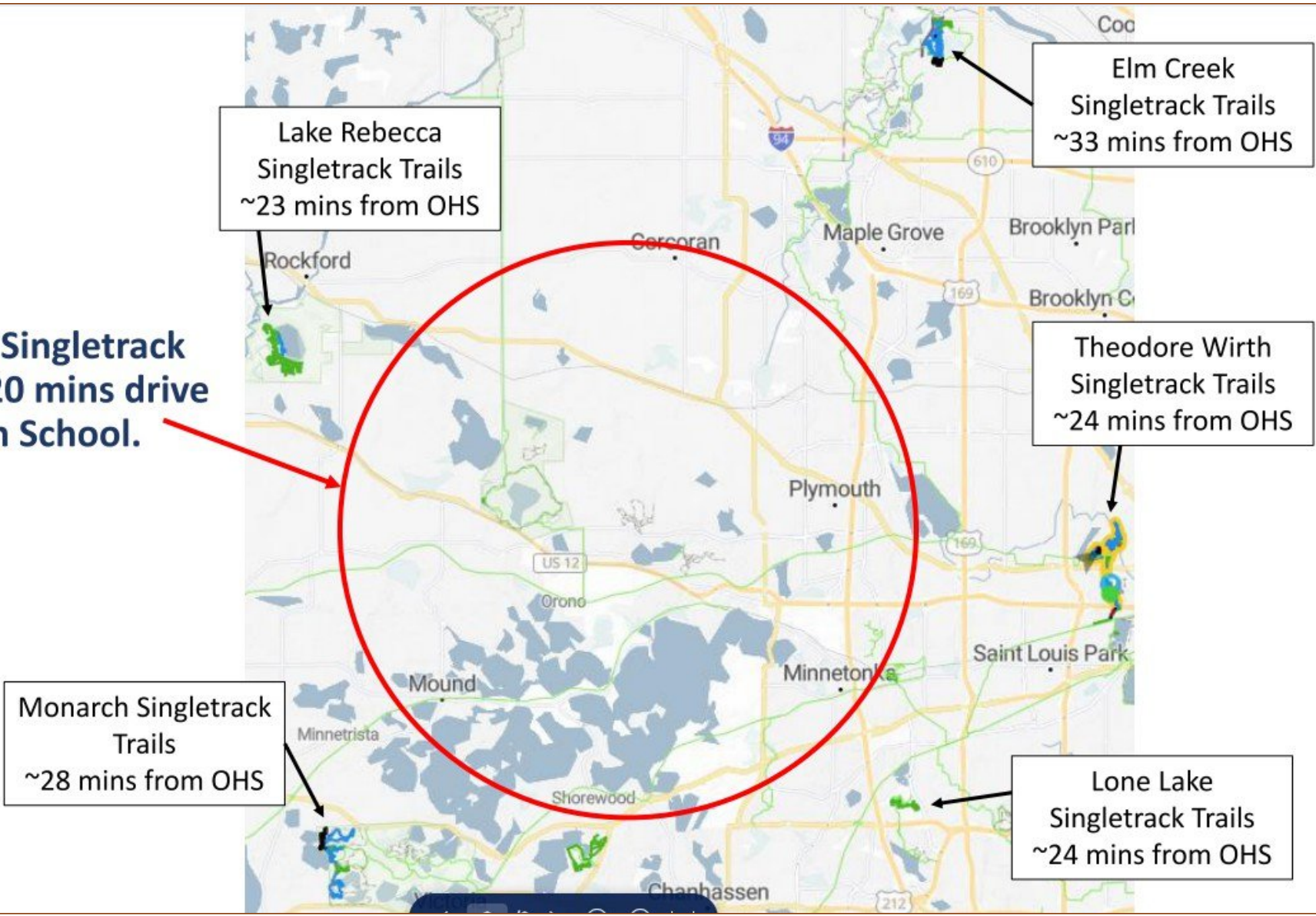
A vibrant rainbow arches over a golf course. In the foreground, a line of tall, slender evergreen trees stands on a grassy ridge. To the right, a red flag is visible on a distant green. The sky is filled with soft, grey clouds, and the overall scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of late afternoon or early morning.

Mountain Bike/ Multi-Use Trail

At Orono Orchards



There are No Singletrack trails within 20 mins drive of Orono High School.



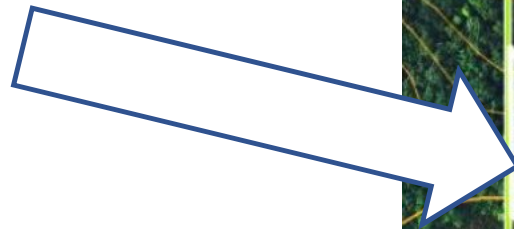
Orono Orchard Public Golf Course

- 45.2 Total Acres



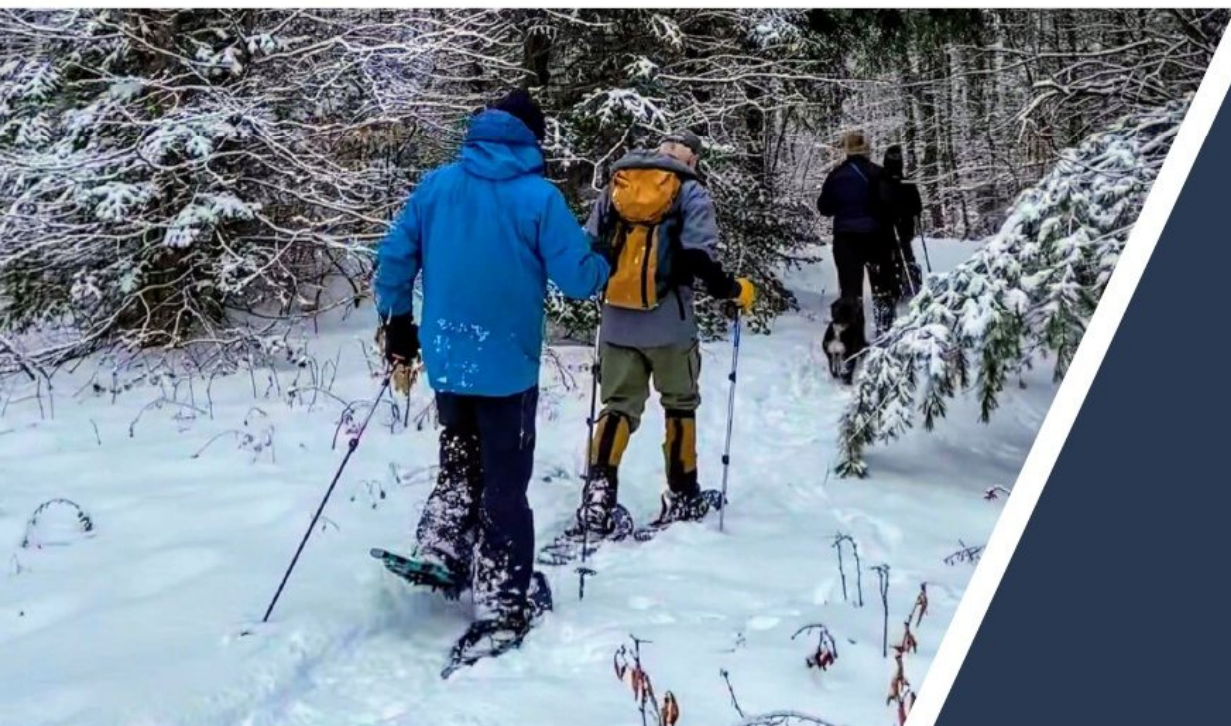
Area of Interest for possible trails

- 4.8 Acres



Bike Skills Areas

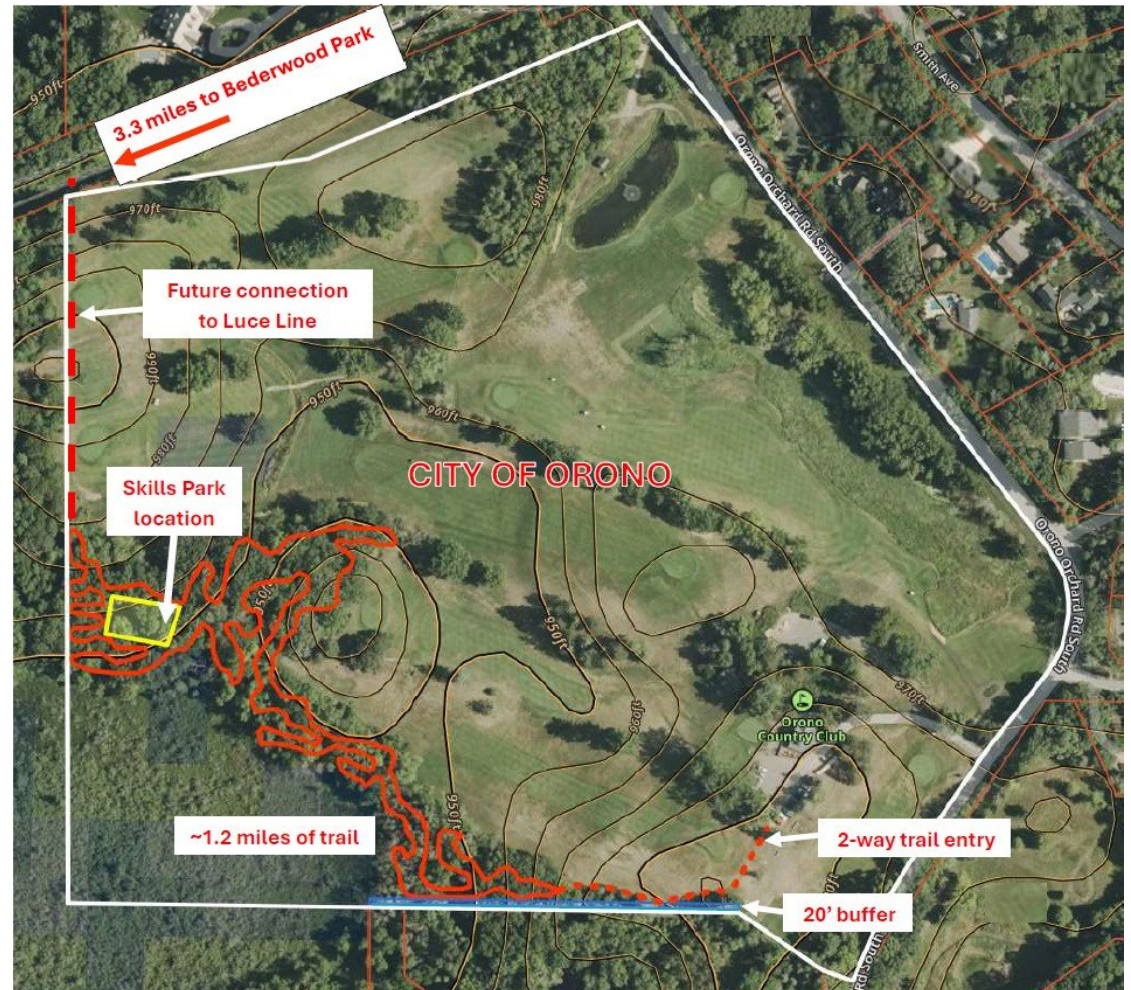






Year Round
Single Track
Trail Use

Timeline for Mountain Bike Trail at Orono Orchards

1. Prepare a concept drawing, based on input from neighbors, and stakeholders.



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2. Present updates (with concept drawing, and proposed plan) to Parks Commission at February meeting. Consider a motion for a recommendation to move to design.
 3. Initial Stakeholder Input begins. All (including the City Council) are encouraged to ask questions and provide input to Staff and/or Parks. This can happen via email, phone, or in person.
 4. Take to the council at a Work Session on April 14th. This will serve as a tollgate for the mountain bike project.
 5. Hold an open house in mid-April at the golf course. Invite City Council to attend, and provide input. Further revise concept drawings and plan, if necessary
 6. Bring Parks recommendation to City Council to move to design. Ask them to approve design fees (\$15,000 is in CIP).

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7. Engage design/builder to prepare the final design and cost estimate. As part of their work, hold an open house at the golf course. Designer will then incorporate feedback from open house.
 8. Begin fundraising – apply for grants and approach Orono Parks Legacy 501c3 and MORC - Minnesota Off Road Cycling, nonprofit for support.
 9. Present the final design and overall budget at Parks. If supported, make a recommendation to council at upcoming City Council meeting.
 10. Bring final Parks recommendation to City Council in June with timeline and fundraising plan.
 11. Select and proceed with builder to build the trail, once funds are in place.

A wide-angle photograph of a golf course under a dramatic sky. A large, vibrant rainbow arches across the upper half of the frame, its colors appearing somewhat muted by the overcast, grey clouds. Below the rainbow, a dense line of tall, slender evergreen trees stands prominently. In the foreground, a well-manicured green golf course is visible, with a small red flag on a pole in the distance. The overall mood is serene yet powerful, capturing a rare natural phenomenon over a peaceful landscape.

Comments and Questions?

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