



**DUNDAS PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 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
 - b. Easter Egg Hunt
5. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Cannon Valley Disc Golf Group
 - b. Bike Safety Event
6. ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. City Council Meetings – Monday, March 25 and April 8 at 7:00 PM
 - b. Next Park Board Meeting – Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 PM
7. AGENDA ITEMS for April 9, 2024
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
8. ADJOURN

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024
7:00 PM CITY HALL**

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gallagher called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Rice second by Ringel, to approve Agenda.

MCU

Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting, January 9, 2024

Motion by Rice, second by Ringel to approve minutes of January 9, 2024. MCU

OLD BUSINESS

Winter Scavenger Hunt

Just a few people have picked up a goodie bag and the scavenger hunt form. Chair Gallagher will post it on the Dundas Happenings Facebook page again.

NEW BUSINESS

The 2024 Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 30 at 10 am at Memorial Park. Egg stuffing will take place on Saturday, March 16 at 9 am at City Hall.

Tower Park Planning

There was general discussion regarding planning for Tower Park. Board member Ringel summarized for the Board the specific responses regarding Tower Park in the Park survey that was conducted in early 2022. Based on that summary, it was determined that another postcard mailing could be sent to the Bridgewater Heights Second Addition and Tower Heights area seeking interested people to participate in a 'Friends of Tower Park' group that would be used to determine specific amenities for the park.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR MARCH 12, 2024

1. Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 30, 2024
2. Cannon Valley Disc Golf Group
3. Bike Safety Event

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:55 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jenelle Teppen, City Administrator

DUNDAS DISC GOLF COURSE

Prepared for the city of Dundas
by Cannon Valley Disc Golf Club

THE OBJECTIVE

With only 1 public course, there is a need in Rice County when it comes to one of the fastest growing sports nationwide: Disc Golf. The city of Dundas has an opportunity to create a showcase-level course along the Cannon River — one that will attract patrons throughout the county as well as give local residents a place to play.

THE PROBLEM

Based on meetings held with the Dundas Parks & Recreation Advisory Board in 2023, it was determined that the majority of funding required to build a disc golf course in Dundas would be spent on parking and bathroom facilities. The proposed “Stone Ridge” course would also require significant landscaping costs, and work could not begin until 2029.

THE SOLUTION

Build a 9 hole disc golf course between the newly constructed dog park and the East River Pavillion by securing grants through the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation and the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership.

THE BENEFITS

- Make the area between the dog park and the East River Pavilion a multi-use destination.
- Reduce the City’s overall costs by utilizing a site that already has parking and bathroom facilities.
- Begin course construction immediately using the Adopt-A-Park program, volunteer hours, and equipment donations.
- Show course usage and quality before funding the final course (concrete tee pads, signs, new baskets, etc...).
- Expand low-cost recreational opportunities for Dundas residents of all ages.
- Increase local tourism.



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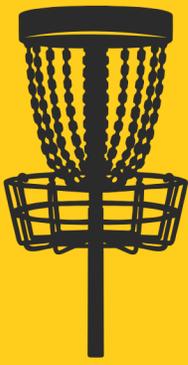
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WHY DISC GOLF IN DUNDAS?

Disc golf is a lifetime sport enjoyed by players of vastly different ages, skill levels, and fitness levels — all playing together at the same time!

It is a healthy and low-cost activity that makes it easy to get outside and get moving, even if someone is a brand new player.

In addition to exercise, disc golf helps people build their concentration, focus, and mental strength.



Courses can be built within multi-use areas, allowing the maximum number of people to use local parks.



Disc golf fosters friendly competition, including charity events, local leagues, and club championships.



Players can begin and enjoy this sport at any age.



Youth leagues and school programs are very popular, and with a local course to play, the next generation of disc golf superstars can begin practicing.

On average, it takes about 1 hour and 40 minutes to complete an 18 hole round of disc golf. With multiple tee pad and/or pin locations, the proposed 9 hole course would allow users to play 18 unique holes. In traditional groups of four, this means up to 36 people will be able to play at any one time. At this rate, 100+ players could easily and conveniently cycle through the course in a single day.

Compared to sports like tennis, pickleball, or basketball – which all require more expensive infrastructure – disc golf is accessible to a much higher percentage of the community, including underserved populations.

Some courses, like the proposed Dundas Disc Golf Course, don't require a typical park to thrive. DeLaveaga Park in Santa Cruz, CA, was originally overrun with poison oak and used as a dumping ground for broken-down vehicles. Now, it is one of the most played courses in California. Given the location, shape of the land, and the natural obstacles present, we believe the Dundas Disc Golf Course could become a similarly sought-after destination in Southern Minnesota.



Disc golf is an inclusive activity and even those with hearing impairments or other disabilities can play. It is open to everyone and fosters a community committed to health and the appreciation of nature.

DISC GOLF GROWTH

The number of disc golf players — and need for quality courses to accommodate them — continues to grow!

MAINSTREAM ADOPTION

The COVID-19 pandemic shut down most recreational facilities. As a safe, socially-distanced sport, disc golf saw a *meteoric* rise in popularity. There have been concerns that overall participation would shrink as growth eventually slowed. However, the 2024 UDisc Disc Golf Growth Report shows the exact opposite! As more courses are installed, more players are joining the sport, and more rounds are being played annually.

ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL

Disc golf, like pickleball, is a "lifestyle sport." Anyone that can walk and pick up a disc can join in the fun! Disc golf has long since shed traditional stereotypes, and has attracted a new crop of players of all ages and from all walks of life.

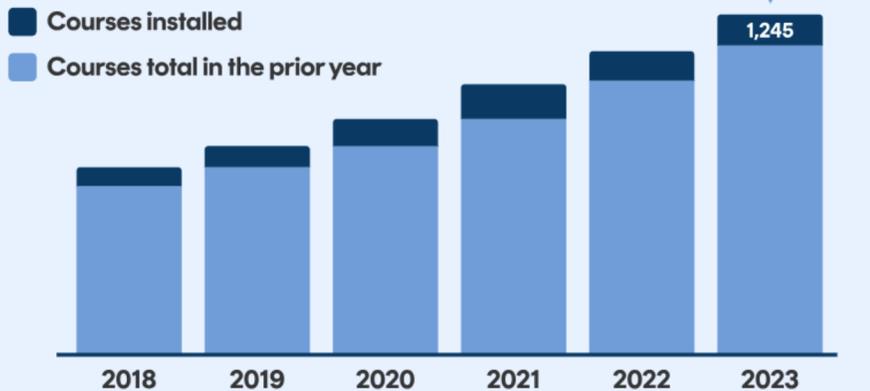
INCREASING MEDIA PRESENCE

Disc golf held the #1 spot on Sportscenter's Top 10 after the thrilling finish of the 2021 World Championships. Pro Tour events continue to see increased viewership on Disc Golf Network, and traditional streaming sites like YouTube have seen an explosion of disc golf related content.

DISC GOLF AS A PROFESSION

With each passing year, disc golf is becoming a legitimately viable career path for dedicated and talented athletes. Sponsorship deals have topped \$10,000,000 for elite players and tournament earnings can be as much as \$50,000.

Disc golf courses worldwide



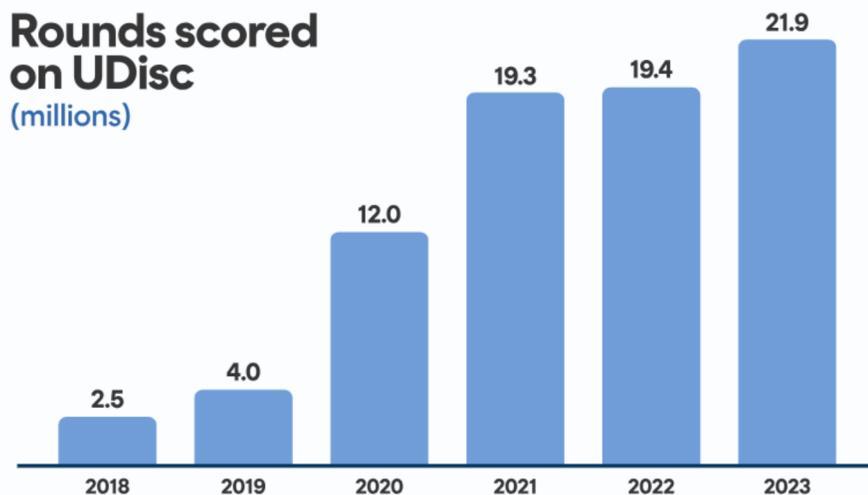
DISC GOLF GROWTH REPORT 2024

POWERED BY UDisc



UDisc is an app that allows players to locate courses and score disc golf rounds.

Rounds scored on UDisc (millions)



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NEW COURSE – DUNDAS DGC

Open space in Dundas is very limited; however, the land between the newly fenced dog park and the East River Pavillion is perfect for a 9 hole disc golf course!

REVENUE FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

A disc golf course can have a significant annual economic impact. In larger cities, estimates are between \$180,000 to \$550,000 annually. At the professional level, like in Clearwater, MN, it can be as high as \$1.5 million.

- Local restaurants and convenience stores in the area will benefit from a sustained flow of new recreational users.
- Local sporting goods stores will be able to offer disc golf products.

ATTRACT FUTURE RESIDENTS

Disc golf is growing at an incredible pace, and more players are looking to live close to their favorite hobby — just like people seek out homes near trailheads or lakes. A well designed disc golf course can draw positive attention from tourists and potential home buyers alike.

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Unique design aesthetics like elevated baskets, high-quality signage, and concrete tee pads attract players and can be used for advertising.



Disc golf tournaments can be scheduled to coincide with local events like Oktoberfest or Winter Walk, thus increasing participation and local revenues.



THE PROPOSED SPACE

Utilizing the natural elements of the landscape, a temporary 9 hole course was designed and tested by the CVDGC. It was imperative the course be both fun and challenging for players of all skill levels. Specific attention was also paid to ensure the safety of those walking or biking along the East River Trail.



A temporary course was constructed and tested using practice baskets. The CVDGC is willing to provide 9 Mach II permanent baskets for the initial installation of the course. Total retail costs for these is upwards of \$2,700.

Course design costs range from \$5,000-\$10,000. The CVDGC has already completed a comprehensive design at no cost to the city. The CVDGC is further prepared to self fund the installation of the first 9 baskets and to provide the initial landscaping needed to begin play.



A mowing schedule already exists for this property. While we do anticipate some additional upkeep costs, course maintenance will be minimized due to existing natural fairways and CVDGC volunteer hours.

SAMPLE COURSE BUDGET

Initially, the CVDGC will install a course at no cost to the City. Eventually, we will need new baskets, permanent tee pads, signage, and benches. These elements will ensure the course is well utilized and enjoyed by as many people as possible.



COST: \$500/EACH

BASKETS

Disc Golf Baskets are the target that players must have their disc come to rest within. There are a multitude to choose from. Innova DISCATCHER® PRO 28 or the MVP Black Hole® Portal are recommended.

9 regular baskets + 1 practice basket.



TEE PAD AREA

The PDGA recommends tee pads be 6'x12' brushed concrete. Two tee pads per hole are required to create 18 unique holes.

18 total tee pads (9 long and 9 short).

COST: \$1,500/EACH



SIGNAGE

Well-marked and nicely designed tee signs are important for the course to take shape and be played correctly. A course sign near the parking lot and practice area will encourage people to come and play the course.

18 total hole signs (9 long and 9 short) + 1 course sign.

COST: \$300/EACH



BENCHES

Nice to have, benches allow players to a place to rest and set their bags down. They also provide spaces to wait during busy days or tournaments.

9 benches.

COST: \$1,000/EACH



COURSE FEATURES AND LANDSCAPING

The course will require minimal pruning, some mature tree planting, and potentially some tree removal or relocation.

Estimated 10-15 native fast-growing shade trees, mulch for greens, and mowing 1-3 times per month will be needed.

COST: \$2,500/EACH

Construction of a triple mandatory and an elevated basket for hole #7 will make this course stand out among others in the area.

THE TOTAL

	Price	QTY	Total
Baskets	\$500	10	\$5,000
Tee Pads	\$1,500	18	\$27,000
Signs	\$300	19	\$5,700
Benches	\$1,000	9	\$9,000
Trees	\$300	15	\$4,500
Features	\$2,500	2	\$5,000

\$56,200 + Landscaping

HOW DO WE FUND IT?

Minnesota has 2 grant programs directed toward supporting community engagement and outdoor recreation. Due to its size and location, the City of Dundas would qualify for both of these grants to fund a local disc golf course.

The Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) – Dundas would qualify for the Small Town Grant program. In 2023, Elkton received \$7,500 and New Prague received \$6,630 for disc golf courses. Dundas also received \$10,000 for Oktoberfest under the same program. When new applications open in summer of 2024, it would be reasonable for the City of Dundas to apply for a Small Town Grant to help fund The Dundas Disc Golf Course.

The Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) – Specifically aimed at improving the physical health of communities, SHIP grants are eligible to local health boards to fund projects that address the top 3 causes of illness and death: tobacco use and exposure, poor diet, and lack of regular physical activity. The Dundas Disc Golf Course would be an ideal candidate for a SHIP grant.



Additional funding sources include state grants, local businesses, and CVDGC events.

WHO ARE WE?

We are the Cannon Valley Disc Golf Club (CVDGC). We are an organization committed to promoting disc golf in the Northfield and Dundas areas. Our long-term goals include hosting regular league events, partnering with local schools to give kids the opportunity to learn disc golf, and creating a yearly charity fundraiser.

SINCE OUR JANUARY MEETING, WE HAVE:

- Formalized and renamed our club, elected officers, and ratified bylaws.
- Taken initial steps in forming a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization.
- Held our first meeting as the newly formed CVDGC.
- Met with Daniel Jones, president of Canine's at Play.
- Reviewed the plans for the proposed dog park expansion.
- Researched new potential funding sources.
- Created a comprehensive strategic plan for installing a disc golf course in Dundas.



From left to right:
Will Taylor
(Secretary), Kyle
Schultz (President),
and Mike Paulson
(Vice President).

Members of the CVDGC
include doctors, lawyers,
engineers, computer
programmers, and even
race car drivers.

Member:	Location:	Member	Location:	Member	Location:
Kyle Schultz	Dundas	Todd Olson	Minneapolis	Travis Davidson	Faribault
Grace Schultz	Dundas	Adam Jet	Rosemount	David Kirkpatrick	Medford
Soren Schultz	Dundas	Rob C. Knap	Hastings	James Johnson	Red Wing
Mike Paulson	Northfield	Jeremy Atkinson	Burnsville	Drew Wilson	Rochester
K. William Taylor	Northfield	Alyssa Garcia	Webster	Jacob Hoerger	Northfield
Elliot Taylor	Northfield	Chance Crooks	Webster	Marit Hoerger	Northfield
Ben Playter	Northfield	Brain Gustafson	Owatonna	Dave Berglund	Northfield
Jim Ericksen	Northfield	Zack Sirek	Webster	Aaron Allen	St. Paul
Grey Eriksen	Northfield	Josh Hanson	Faribault	Robin Johnson	Faribault
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