



CITY OF
LONG LAKE

City Council Agenda Report

City of Long Lake

450 Virginia Avenue, PO Box 606
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MEETING DATE / June 2, 2026

SUBJECT: Consider Approval to Establish an Off-Leash Dog Park at Dexter Park

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Recommended City Council Action

Staff recommends the City Council consider the following:

Motion to establish an off-leash dog park at Dexter Park.

Motion to approve the pricing proposal submitted by Northland Fence in the amount of \$14,023.52 for the installation of 476 linear feet of five-foot black chain link fencing and three access gates to enclose the new dog park area.

Overview / Background

During the summer months, residents have consistently used the Holbrook Park ice rink area as an informal off-leash dog area. Over the years, usage of this space has continued to grow; however, one of the City's priorities is to begin repairing the foundation and boards of the Holbrook Park rink facilities. These planned improvements would require closing the area to residents for the remainder of the year. Additionally, depending on the scope of future renovations, the site may no longer be a suitable long-term option for use as a dog park.

After discussions with City staff, it was suggested that the unutilized vacant lot in Dexter Park be considered as the location for an official City off-leash dog park. Staff believes this project can be completed in a cost-effective manner while providing residents with a dedicated and enjoyable space to bring their dogs.

The proposed project would include installation of a perimeter fence, connection to an existing water line, incorporation of natural features such as logs and boulders, and the addition of benches and waste stations. The total project cost is expected to be around \$30,000. The expenses associated with the development of this proposed dog park are uniquely eligible to be paid for using the City's accumulated Park Dedication funds, which are restricted for the purpose of funding new park capital projects.

Fence Installation Cost

A majority of the costs associated with the implementation of a dog park are attributed to the installation of a five-foot tall black coated chain link fence, including a double-gated entrance system and an eight-foot mowing gate. Staff solicited quotes from four companies with a proven track record of quality work within the City, and received the following price quotes:

1. Northland Fence - **\$14,023.52**
2. The Shed & Fence Co. - \$14,312
3. Sterling Fence Inc. - \$17,715
4. Midwest Fence & Mfg. - \$19,380

After careful review of the proposals, staff recommends awarding the fence installation project to Northland Fence. In addition to submitting the lowest quote, Northland Fence provides a 10-year workmanship warranty and a 15-year material warranty, offering strong long-term value for the work to be provided.

Supporting Information

- Dexter Dog Park Site Drawing
- Northland Fence Quote and Warranty