



CITY OF
LONG LAKE

City Council Agenda Report

City of Long Lake

450 Virginia Avenue, PO Box 606

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MEETING DATE / December 17, 2024

SUBJECT: Special Event Permit Request for Sled Dog Days at Birch's on the Lake

Prepared By: Jeanette Moeller, City Clerk

Report Date: 12/10/2024

Recommended City Council Action

Staff recommends the following:

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-59 approving issuance of Special Event Permit #S2024-10 for Sled Dog Days at Birch's on the Lake to be held January 11 and 18, and February 8, 15, 22, 2025; and to authorize the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Water Patrol Unit to permit the event.

Overview / Background

Birch's on the Lake has made an application for a Special Event Permit to utilize Long Lake to host their annual seasonal "Sled Dog Days at Birch's on the Lake" during the months of January (January 11 and 18) and February (February 8, 15, and 22) in 2025. The event narrative submitted with their application indicates that "Sled Dog Days" would offer dog sled rides managed by Paw Print Adventures LLC with a musher that stands at the back of the sled, with riders boarded and unboarded lakeside directly behind Birch's. Each sled can hold two adults or one adult and up to two children, and rides follow a quarter-mile circular route on Long Lake. Though it is anticipated that up to 180 participants could be expected to attend in total on each ride date, the actual number of individuals present at any one time will be minimal. Tickets are sold by date increments for specific time slots, and riders are given instructions to arrive at their scheduled time. Typically two sleds and dog teams are in operation for rides at any time on event days, with one sled and team resting. Birch's has also made application to HCSO Water Patrol for their required permit for use of the lake for the event.

Staff recommends approval of the Special Event Permit as requested, subject to the conditions included in the permit approval letter dated December 9, 2024.

Supporting Information

- Resolution No. 2024-59
- Special Event Application accompanied by permit approval letter dated December 9, 2024
- Event flyer, narrative, site map and insurance