

RESOLUTION
City of Ballwin, Missouri

WHEREAS, the City of Ballwin deems it necessary to further improve a public park, more specifically known as Vlasik Park, to serve its citizens and to address the priorities reflected in the 2019 Parks Master Plan and 2022 Vlasik Park Master Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BALLWIN, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

1. An application is hereby submitted under the Municipal Parks Grant program in the county of St. Louis for a grant-in-aid to cover some of the costs of the project, reimbursable by the Commission upon successful completion by the City.
2. The project proposal is hereby submitted to the Municipal Parks Grant Commission.
3. The Governing body hereby authorizes City Administrator Eric Sterman to sign and execute the necessary documents for forwarding the project proposal application and later execute an agreement for a grant-in-aid from the Municipal Parks Grant Commission.
4. If a grant is awarded, the City of Ballwin will enter into an agreement or contract with the Commission regarding this grant.

PASSED AND RESOVLED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2022

City of Ballwin

Tim Pogue
Mayor

ATTEST:

Polly Moore,
City Clerk



Staff Report

Subject: Vlasis Park Playground Municipal Park Grant

Department/Program: Parks and Recreation

Recommendation: Approve a resolution of support for a Municipal Park Grant application for a new inclusive playground at Vlasis Park.

Explanation: Ballwin has committed significant resources to the enhancement of city parks in recent years. In 2019 the city completed a master plan for the entire parks and recreation system. In 2022 the city completed a comprehensive master plan for Vlasis Park. With the completion of the Vlasis Park Master Plan, there have been several needs identified in Vlasis Park. I am recommending that the city initiate the playground improvement phase.

Specific Improvements as outlined in the Vlasis Park Master Plan include the construction of a new inclusive playground, a pavilion for shade, splash pad and stormwater BMP. The inclusive playground will allow children of all abilities to play and also allow adults of varying ages and abilities to actively engage with the children in their care. Inclusive playgrounds ensure a sensory-rich environment that enables children to develop physically, socially, and emotionally. Inclusive playgrounds go beyond the minimum accessibility requirements required by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Action by resolution from the board would show the City's support for the project to the Municipal Park Grant Commission. If awarded, Ballwin could receive \$575,000 for the approximately \$1,000,000 project.

Submitted By: Chris Conway, CPRP, Director of Parks and Recreation

Date: June 27, 2022