



STAFF REPORT
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Submitted By: Kelly Schmidt, Parks & Community Services Director

Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Date: November 1, 2021

Agenda Item Wording: Discuss and consider a recommendation to the City Council regarding proposed amendments to the FY2022 General – Parks and Parkland Development Funds.

Agenda Item Requestor: Kelly Schmidt, Parks & Community Services Director
Shawn Cox, Finance Director

Summary/Background: Rathgeber Natural Resource Park development is on pause. A comprehensive Park Master Plan and environmental impact study have yet to be completed for the property. Such a plan/study could cost the city approximately 75k – 120k and take several months to a year. The Master Plan has not been budgeted for as of yet because the city is awaiting notice as to the amount of funding, we will be awarded from the 2020 Hays County Parks and Open Space approved bond measure. Our goal is to fund the plan, study, and development with that award. In the meantime, several developments are being presented to the city that encompass all sides of the future public park. In these conceptual development plans, all are indicating desired access to Rathgeber and including exact points of entry.

Staff is requesting a budget amendment to enable the procurement of a baseline study that will determine whether the several proposed points of entry are acceptable for the park. Additionally, the study will determine and propose the best point of entry and recommend a feasible quantity based on future vision and mission of the park. Primarily the park entrances must provide access to the resource in locations that will have the least amount of impact on the ecosystem and natural resources both during their development and for perpetuity.

Parks Revenues:

- TXF from Parkland Development has been increased by **\$10,000.00** (From \$111,731.40 to \$121,731.40)
 - This additional revenue will be utilized to fund a contract to evaluate connectivity at Rathgeber Natural Resource Park

Parks Expenditures:

- Park Consultants expenditures have been added in the amount of **\$10,000.00**

- This expenditure will be utilized to fund a contract to evaluate connectivity at Rathgeber Natural Resource Park and is being funded through a transfer from the Parkland Development Fund.
- All Parks Public Improvements expenditures have been added in the amount of **\$32,942.50**
 - This funding is being included to complete the Park Wayfinding Signage project which was expected to be completed in FY 2021.

Staff Recommendation: Recommend approval.

Attachments:

Next Steps/Schedule: Shawn Cox, Finance Director to present to City Council on November 2, 2021.