



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: August 12, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: Grant Application Request – Legion Park Master Plan

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BACKGROUND:

Legion Park was dedicated on March 12, 1966 by McVeigh Dunn Post No. 60 American Legion and spans approximately 160 acres.

Since the acquisition there have been many improvements to the park including the development of Yanmar Arena, Grand Rapids High School, the Reif Center, Streeter Field, Drazenovich Field, Nobel Hall Field, Cody Seim Memorial Skatepark, and an expansive recreational trail system on the western side of the park.

Improvements to Legion Park have been on a project-by-project basis related to the specific enhancements or organization needs and timing. To maximize the potential use and economic benefits of Legion Park, it is necessary to develop a master plan with community input. This plan will develop an understanding of the relationship between the community stakeholders and the future potential economic impact of the park.

The plan will need to identify the anticipated impacts of the neighborhood, city and greater surrounding community, the current level of community awareness regarding the levels of park uses and activities and the possible consequences of not developing a master plan or engaging the community for future planning purposes.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion to authorize staff to submit a grant application to the Blandin Foundation for the purpose of initiating a Legion Park Master Plan in an amount of \$165,000.