

**TO:** Hamburg Township Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Deby Henneman, Township Coordinator

**DATE:** February 16, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM TOPIC:** Michigan Spark Grant – Parks & Recreation - Request for Approval Application

Number of Supporting Documents: **4**

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### **Requested Action**

At this time, I am looking for Township Board input and suggestions based on the submitted concept for the captioned. Requested action is ultimately, to direct the Township Coordinator, with support of staff, to finalize a conceptual plan and submit application for the Michigan Spark Grant Fund through the Department of Natural Resources grant process, for funds to support improvements for facilities negatively impacted by Covid, at the owned/managed trailheads along the Lakelands Trail including the following:

- Restroom Facilities
- Bike Repair Stations
- Picnic Pavilion (Village Trailhead)
- ADA Accessible Routes to Park/Trail facilities

Action includes using necessary repairs/renovations to all of the gravel lots, and possible installation of sewer line at Pettysville Trailhead, and Transition Plan ADA improvements in West Park, as a Hamburg Township “match” which is not required, but is encouraged as stated by the MDNR.

### **Supporting Documents**

Motion excerpt from Parks & Recreation meeting 12/20/22 & 1/24/23

Trailhead Restrooms and Amenities Project Spreadsheet – Estimated Budget Impact

Trailhead Restrooms and Amenities Project – Conceptual Amenities being considered

## **Background**

The deadline for the first round of applications was December 19, 2022, and has been awarded. The link for those selected can be found here: [https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/buy-and-apply/grants/rec/sparkgrants/round-1-awards?utm\\_campaign=spark+grant+awards+round1&utm\\_medium=pr&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/buy-and-apply/grants/rec/sparkgrants/round-1-awards?utm_campaign=spark+grant+awards+round1&utm_medium=pr&utm_source=govdelivery).

2 more rounds are to be announced shortly. The next round is anticipated award 25,000,000, as will round #3. Applicants who are not selected in round 2, may reapply for round 3 of funding. All funds must be committed to 3<sup>rd</sup> party contracts by the end of 2024, and projects must be complete by the end of 2026. With the help of staff, and possibly the Township Engineers/Planners, the Township Coordinator wishes to apply for the second round of funding. The intent is to “dovetail” these improvements with those already funded with the recently awarded 2022 Trust Fund Grant #TF22-0107, with a focus on ADA accessibility in and around Manly Bennett West as well as the trailheads.

For more information about the Spark Grant visit: <https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/buy-and-apply/grants/rec/sparkgrants>.