

October 9th, 2026

Village of Lake Orion
c/o Mr. Darwin McClary
Village Manager

Subject: 2027-28 Village Budget and CIP Planning

Good Morning Darwin:

On behalf of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, I wish to submit the following projects for inclusion in the upcoming 2027-28 Village Budget and CIP Planning.

GREENS PARK - (our main focus for upcoming year; listed in priority order)

SPRINKLER SYSTEM - This was on our 2026-27 list as our third priority. Three quotes were received in March of 2026 ranging from \$6,950.00 to \$10,950.00; however there was no follow-up beyond getting quotes. We are asking that this project be completed in early spring of 2027 as our first priority.

PAVILION - This was also on our 2026-27 list as our second priority; however there was no follow-up with that request. This project remains as our second priority for the coming year.

Greens Park is one of our highest traffic parks and lacks a gathering place for get togethers.

As far back as 2020 (maybe earlier) we measured it out, and came up with the dimensions of 20 X 40'; along with picnic tables, which would be a great addition to this facility. The cost at that time was between \$40-60,000.00 (we would need some assistance in obtaining a better estimate).

The Pavilion selected at that time consisted of: a fabricated powder coating steel and 24-gauge metal roofing (these materials were chosen for their durability for the lakeside location, as opposed to a wooden structure. Flooring is to be concrete. We will include attachments of our notes.

As you may recall, back around this period the Council asked us to come up with a good source of income. The Pavilion would help to recognize that goal in that it would be a good source of revenue with rentals such as: Family Reunions, Birthday Parties, Graduation parties, Weddings, etc.

RETAINING WALL - This wall is inside the U-shaped dock (the little kids swim area). It consists of of cement and wood, and we feel it is a safety hazard, as well as an eyesore.

In addition, we want to make sure you are aware that we are planning the following three (3) projects in the coming year utilizing the funds that are currently in the Parks & Recreation Budget Capital Outlay line (currently \$12,757.00), plus the additional \$5,000.00 Budget increase; making for a Grand Total of \$17,757.00.

They are as follows:

ATWATER PARK SWING SETS

Two (2) swing sets that would each include two (2) regular swings and two (2) infant swings. Note: when they pulled out the swing set that was there, the DPW discovered the legs of the set were all corroded

GREENS PARK PUBLIC DOCKS

Again, this is a carry over from our 2026-27 request to complete improvements to the Public Docks at Greens Park. This was to include: dock bumpers, dock structure to improve stability, adequate cleats with proper spacing, and extending the docks by one section each to enable safe dockage of a typical pontoon boat. Note: Wes had worked with Walk on Water which is a local company in Lake Orion; perhaps Sam might be able to find paperwork on this.

GENERAL PARK FOLIAGE (to be done in Spring of 2027).

Specifically we request the replacement of the arborvitaes at Children's Park which were destroyed by the grease trap at Valentino's Restaurant, and the Maple tree planted by the bridge, which was planted there two years ago, but never watered. Too, the Maple tree which was planted two years ago at Greens Park by the northside of the docks, but alas it also died as it was never watered.

We feel that the replacement of these foliage items should be of no cost to us, as the trees were not properly cared for, and the grease spill into the arborvitae's was out of our control.

We will work with our Interim DPW Director Sam Hicks on specifications, pricing, purchase, and installation for each of these.

Thank you for your continued support,

Respectfully,

Rosemary C. Ford

Chairperson, Lake Orion Village Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

CC:

Sam Hicks - Interim Director DPW

Lynsey Blough - Village Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Teresa Rutt - Council President

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