

October 6, 2025

Mr. Darwin McClary
Village Manager
Village of Lake Orion

Subject: 2026-27 Village Budget and CIP Planning

Good Morning Darwin,

On behalf of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, I wish to submit the following projects for inclusion in the upcoming 2026-27 Village Budget and CIP Planning.

They are in priority order:

1. Atwater Basketball Court

We recognize that this project was previously funded in the current 2025-26 Budget Cycle at \$40,000.00, however based on more recent discussions in two recent Council meetings, the \$40,000.00 seems to fall short based on our Village engineering estimates. We are requesting additional funding required to provide the necessary engineering work to complete this project in a way that will enable longevity. We want to make sure we are not cutting any corners that will cause early failure of the court system. Our request is for a court size of 68X50'.

2. Greens Park Pavilion

Greens Park is one of our highest traffic parks and lacks a gathering place for get-togethers. As far back as 2020 (may be earlier) we measured it out, and came up with the dimensions of 20X40'; along with picnic tables, which would be a great addition to this facility. The cost @ that time was between \$40-60,000.00, but could use some assistance in obtaining a better estimate.

The Pavilion selected at that time consisted of: a fabricated powder coating steel and a 24-gauge metal roofing. A powder coated steel and metal was chosen for its durability for the lakeside location as opposed to a wooden pavilion; flooring to be concrete. I 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.

3. Greens Park Sprinkler System

We would like to get a functional sprinkler system at Greens Park. A non-functional system currently exists, however we don't know if it can be repaired to a working status

or needs to be replaced. We could use some help with this one also in determining what is required to get a functional system. Roughly estimated cost \$15,000.00.

In addition, we want to make you aware that we are planning the following three (3) projects in the coming year utilizing the funds that are currently in the Parks & Rec Budget Capital Outlay line (\$12,757.00). They are:

1. Children's Park -

Two (2) additional shade sails to be purchased and installed @ Children's Park. These will match the existing shade sails in the Park, and be installed over two (2) existing benches.

2. Greens Park Public Docks -

We are planning to complete improvements to the public docks at Greens to include: dock bumpers, dock structure to improve stability, adequate cleats with proper spacing, and extending the docks by one sections each to enable safe dockage of a typical pontoon boat.

3. Atwater Park -

We plan to purchase and install an additional Swing Set (consisting of 2 standard swings).

We will work with our DPW Director, Wes Sanchez on specifications, pricing, purchase, and installation on each of these projects.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully,

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Chairperson, Village of Lake Orion Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

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