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TO: Mayor & City Council
FROM: Mike Greene – City Administrator
DATE: August 3, 2026
RE: MNRTF Municipal Park Project Agreement

Background Brief: As the Council is aware, the City has been awarded a grant up to \$400,000 via the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund as part of the recently approved State budget. The purpose of this grant award is to redevelop the Municipal Park playscape area. This project also has received funding from Oakland County via their ARPA program (~\$130,000).

The City has a unique problem to have. We have competing timelines between the County ARPA funding needing to be spent and the Trust Fund grant. The Trust Fund will not consider items to be reimbursable until after the project agreement is executed with the DNR, which is typically 30-60 days after the City submits an approved project agreement. However, the City needs to spend the County ARPA funds before the end of August, or the City may be subject to return the funds due to ARPA regulations.

The purpose of this agenda item is for Council to formally consider accepting the Trust Fund grant and approving the proposed resolution. This will allow staff to submit all approvals to the DNR and start the formal approval process for that grant.

From there, the City will consider approving the purchase of a portion of the playscape project during the August 17 regular meeting to meet the needs of the ARPA grant. NOTE: For the ARPA grant, the project does not need to be completed; the money only needs to be spent (project deposit will qualify). Then, after DNR formally approves the project agreement, the Council will consider formally approving the rest of the project that will be considered reimbursable via the Trust Fund.

Previous Action: N/A

Economic Impact: Approval of the enclosed resolution commits the City to at least 33% of the project costs, covered by a potential GameTime grant, General Fund Balance and/or DDA Fund Balance.

Recommendation: It is my recommendation to approve the enclosed resolution.

Recommended Motion:

Moved by Councilmember, _____ seconded by Councilmember _____, to approve Resolution #2026-14 – Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Municipal Park Playscape Development Project Agreement.

Bruce Kantor
Mayor

Kelly Garrett
Mayor Pro-Tem

Jalen Jennings
Council Member

Jason Hammond
Council Member

John Sousanis
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