



CITY OF
LONG LAKE

City Council Agenda Report

City of Long Lake

450 Virginia Avenue, PO Box 606

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MEETING DATE / March 19, 2024

SUBJECT: Resolution in Support of an Application to the MnDNR for an Outdoor Recreation Grant for the Holbrook Park Skate & Splash Plaza Project

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Report Date: 3/12/2024

Recommended City Council Action

Staff recommends the following:

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-13 in support of an application to the MnDNR for an Outdoor Recreation Grant for the Holbrook Park Skate & Splash Plaza project.

Overview / Background

In recent months, the City's Park Board has been actively working to identify opportunities to apply for grants that may enable the development/redevelopment of park facilities to enhance the City's recreational offerings and achieve certain established City goals with regard to parks and trails. As part of this review, the Board began to focus on improvements to Holbrook Park that would address significant issues the City has continually experienced from a skating facilities maintenance perspective, and that would potentially result in a stronger all-season recreation presence.

Park Board member and Secretary officer Erika Leachman, along with Park Board Chair Suzanne Caswell, have spearheaded an initiative on the Park Board's behalf (and largely drawing upon the expertise of Board member Leachman) to pursue applying for a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MnDNR) Outdoor Recreation Grant for a 'Holbrook Park Skate & Splash Plaza' project. This concept was presented to the City Council in detail at the Council's March 7, 2024 work session meeting. Please refer to the attached memorandum and images prepared by Board member Leachman for a detailed description of the Park Board's intent and request at this time.

In order to meet the grant submission deadline of April 1, 2024, at this time, the Park Board is asking the Council consider adoption of a Resolution in support of an application to the MnDNR for an Outdoor Recreation Grant to continue to pursue design and development of the Holbrook Park Skate & Splash Plaza project. The proposed Resolution is a requirement of the grant application process.

Park Board members will be in attendance at the March 19 City Council meeting to provide updated information on discussions with the Orono Youth Hockey Association and to share additional work completed towards development of facts, figures, and more conceptual designs.

Supporting Information

- Resolution No. 2024-13
- Memorandum from Park Board Secretary Erika Leachman dated February 29, 2024
- Project concept imagery