



**City Council  
Resolution No. 2024-13**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION TO THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR AN OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT FOR THE HOLBROOK PARK SKATE & SPLASH PLAZA PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Long Lake 2040 Comprehensive Plan identifies Holbrook Park as a public park serving diverse recreation needs; and

**WHEREAS**, Holbrook Park is owned and maintained by the City to provide approximately 8.7 acres of community parkland, including a public outdoor ice rink and a warming house open seasonally during the colder months; and

**WHEREAS**, the Holbrook Park seasonal ice rink is unpaved and the ice surface is directly exposed to the ground; as a result, soil temperature variation and moisture accumulation lead to inconsistent ice quality; and

**WHEREAS**, inconsistent ice quality at the Holbrook Park ice rink results in puddles, bumps, and rough patches which make skating difficult and potentially hazardous to the public, shortens the skating season, damages the park's natural environment, and results in cost-inefficient maintenance and materials requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the current flooding system for the rink is inefficient and requires significant manual labor efforts and hours by the City's Public Works Department during the skating season;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has established goals to guide ongoing efforts toward "making life better, together", including improvements to the Holbrook Park outdoor ice rink facilities to enhance the quality and accessibility of this important recreation facility, and desires to partner with community organizations such as the Orono Youth Hockey Association to revitalize and activate the facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Holbrook Park Skate & Splash Plaza Project would replace the existing ice rink with a combined outdoor refrigerated ice rink with a splash pad and gathering area to revitalize and activate Holbrook Park and maximize the use and value of existing onsite facilities, including an adjacent warming house and existing rink lights; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Long Lake does not have a Capital Improvement Program for local parks, open spaces, or trails at this time, however, maintenance and improvements are made on an as-needed basis and funded by the City's General Fund as supplemented by other funding sources; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has reviewed the concept Holbrook Park Skate & Splash Plaza project and the proposed grant application at both their March 7, 2024 Work Session and March 19, 2024

regular City Council meetings, with the project clearly listed as a topic for review on published and distributed meeting agendas; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is committed to directly engaging the general public, including residents in the neighborhoods adjacent to Holbrook Park, to provide the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed project during public meetings throughout the final design phase, with notice to be mailed to adjacent neighborhoods as well as published in the City's official newspaper, via the City Listserv email subscriber list, and on the City's social media page.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Long Lake hereby supports and sponsors the Holbrook Park Skate & Splash Plaza Project as identified in the Outdoor Recreation Grant application to be submitted on April 1, 2024, and authorizes Scott Weske, City Administrator, to apply to the Department of Natural Resources for funding of this project on behalf of the City; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City maintains an adequate Conflict of Interest Policy and, throughout the term of the contract, will monitor and report any actual or potential conflicts of interest to the State, upon discovery; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City has the legal authority to apply for financial assistance, and has the financial capability to meet the match requirement (if any) and ensure adequate construction, operation, maintenance, and replacement of the proposed project for its design life; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City has not incurred any development costs and has not entered into a written purchase agreement to acquire the property described in the Cost Breakdown section included with the City's application; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City has or will acquire fee title or permanent easement over all the land described in the boundary map or recreational site plan included in the application; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that upon approval of its application by the State, the City may enter into an agreement with the State for the above-referenced project; and certifies that it intends to comply with all applicable laws and regulations as stated in a grant agreement including dedicating the park property for uses consistent with the funding grant program into perpetuity; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Long Lake hereby authorizes the Mayor and City Administrator to execute such agreements as necessary to implement the Project on behalf of the City.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Lake this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

ATTEST:

BY:

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Jeanette Moeller, City Clerk

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Charlie Miner, Mayor