



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

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE 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 has engaged the general public, including property owners adjacent to Holbrook Park, to provide the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed project during a

public meeting noticed in the XXXX newspaper and on the City's website, email newsletter, and social media pages.

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 ____th day of March 2024.

BY:

Charlie Miner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeanette Moeller, City Clerk