



CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Presenter:	Sharon Hanson
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, April 23, 2024
Category:	NEW BUSINESS
Type:	ACTION
Subject:	Adopt Neighborhood Park Maintenance Statements for Elaine Park and Michael Park
Background Information:	<p>See attached historical background on Elaine and Michael Park.</p> <p>In February a Public Infrastructure and Transportation (PIT) meeting was held with residents of Elaine Park following the city being approached to look at options for future maintenance of this Park.</p> <p>See letter dated February 9, 2024 and April 9, 2024 detailing correspondence to Elaine Park residents.</p> <p>Although the public meeting held in February was only with Elaine Park residents due to the initial request of the city, staff are recommending the following statement also apply to Michael Park since the development, history of maintenance and similar attributes of the Park lend well to ensure future maintenance direction is clear on this nearly identical Park.</p> <p>Staff are recommending the following action with regard to both Elaine and Michael Park:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Elaine Park and Michael Park are neighborhood parks. This means that these parks are City parks and are open to the public. They are maintained by the City on an infrequent basis because they typically serves the surrounding neighborhood, have a lower usage, and do not have a regional draw as a destination. The City will perform any extraordinary maintenance it deems is necessary for these parks such as filling a low spot that poses a hazard, removing invasive species or diseased trees, or removing fallen trees. The City will not be performing any routine maintenance such as mowing, weed spraying, tree trimming, litter removal, or leaf removal. Neighborhood parks often abut private property. The City reminds neighboring property owners that city park property is not an extension of adjoining private property.</p> <p>PIT Committee and city staff have receive counsel on this matter from City Attorney Pam Whitmore and Kennedy and Graven Attorney Sarah Sonsalla, both of whom will be present for the April 23rd Council meeting to answer any questions.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	N/A
Alternative/ Variations:	Consider other options as presented to residents (see February 2024 letter)
Recommendations:	Adopt the following statement: Elaine Park and Michael Park are neighborhood parks. This means that these parks are City parks and are open to the public. They are maintained by the City on an infrequent basis because they typically serves the surrounding neighborhood, have a

	<p>lower usage, and do not have a regional draw as a destination. The City will perform any extraordinary maintenance it deems is necessary for these parks such as filling a low spot that poses a hazard, removing invasive species or diseased trees, or removing fallen trees. The City will not be performing any routine maintenance such as mowing, weed spraying, tree trimming, litter removal, or leaf removal. Neighborhood parks often abut private property. The City reminds neighboring property owners that city park property is not an extension of adjoining private property.</p>
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