



CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Meeting Date:	Tuesday, March 12, 2024
Category:	CONSENT AGENDA
Type:	INFO/ACTION
Subject:	Liberty Park Bandshell Project - Approve Resolution of Support to Apply for Minnesota DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant
Background Information:	<p>At the January 9, 2024, City Council meeting, City Council approved a request to work with Widseth on a grant application for the Liberty Bandshell.</p> <p>Since that time staff and the Widseth team have been preparing the proper documentation to submit our application. One part of the grant application process is a resolution to be approved by City Council to support the project if the grant is awarded.</p> <p>The Outdoor Recreation Grant provides 50% matching funds up to a maximum amount of \$350,000 for awarded projects. Grants are due by March 31st and will be awarded by mid-summer with a deadline to use the funds of June 2026.</p> <p>Since bringing forward the request for services with Widseth, City staff have had two architectural and engineering firms look at the current state of the bandshell. Both firms recommended a full replacement of the structure vs. a refurbishment. The costs of a remodel will almost certainly exceed the costs of a new structure.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	No costs at this time – will come back to Council if grant is awarded for planning and design.
Alternative/ Variations:	N/A
Recommendations:	Approve resolution of support to apply for Minnesota DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant