

# CITY OF RICHLAND CENTER - AGENDA ITEM DATA SHEET

**Agenda Item:** Deferred Maintenance Concerns – Pine River Raceway

**Presented by:** Jasen Glasbrenner

**Meeting Date:** Public Works Committee on 07-17-2025

**Background:** The Pine River Raceway, located at Lion's Park, was developed in 2017 as a radio-controlled car and truck track through a partnership with Main Street Hobby & Bike Shop. The track was intended to be constructed and maintained by business, with no ongoing obligation for City crews:

#### 4. Discussion of possible RC track for potential location in the park.

Frank Brown, Owner of Main Street Hobby and Bike Shop LLC, along with Alex Walters, is seeking a 100ft x 75ft race track in the park. The track would be built on donation funds and there would be no cost to the city. One location suggested by Stibbe is the location at Lions Park behind the shelter. After much discussion, Diane made a motion to approve the location and build the track at Lion Park as noted but to check for approval by the DNR on the flood plain status of the 100ft x 75ft area. Seconded by Schwinefus; motion carried.

Since its construction, the RC track has deteriorated significantly and is no longer maintained at a high level. There is currently no formal maintenance agreement in place.



#### Maintenance Strategy Options:

- 1) Maintaining the track and deck as part of the regular Buildings & Grounds work schedule.
  - This is not a viable option when considering priority and current staffing levels
- 2) Consider decommissioning the track completely and removing it.
- 3) Exploring partnerships with community groups (e.g., clubs, service organizations) to assist with upkeep or enhancement. We would need to develop a mutual agreement outlining the expectations.
  - This is not a viable option with current staff levels of Public Works, however, this could be an initiative of another group.

**Department Recommendation:** Staff is requesting Committee review and input on how to proceed with the Pine River Raceway. Due to the track's current disrepair and lack of sponsor involvement, guidance is needed to move forward.

#### Action Requested:

**Public Works:** Motion to adopt Maintenance Strategy Option #\_\_\_\_\_ for the Pine River Raceway at Lion's Park.