



AGENDA ITEM MEMORANDUM

DATE: 06/18/2025

TO: Public Works Committee

FROM: Joe Kerlin, Parks Manager

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 44-25-26 – Evergreen Park Trail Improvement Proposal

ISSUE

Should the Public Works Committee recommend approval of the Evergreen Park Trail Improvement Proposal?

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the Trail Improvement Proposal.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Resolution 15-24-25 went before the Public Works Committee twice and was passed by the committee as a recommendation for approval to the Common Council. At the March 3, 2025 Council meeting, the resolution was held. It was apparent there were community concerns and allowing for more public input seemed appropriate.

The City has been working with Sheboygan County Cycling ("SCC") in support of the proposed Evergreen Park Trail Improvement Proposal. Since the Council meeting, SCC has put an extraordinary amount of time meeting and discussing with the public and City officials to document concerns and educate at the same time. SCC has held three meetings open to the public with the last one being held on June 17th. It is very apparent the SCC has listened to public concerns and has made adjustments to the proposal.

The attached document and concept plan include a more comprehensive map and information. It has also removed from the proposal, the paved pump track (Area B), the advanced/jump trails (Area F) and the verbiage "NICA" from (Area E).

A vote to recommend the approval of the Trail Improvement Proposal is a vote to improve the trails for all users. SCC is the only registered friends of Evergreen Park and they are the only group working to improve the trails in the park. The City parks division maintain the ten restrooms, the five rental areas, mowing and the 1.5 million-dollar Shaw Family Playground and Grace Pavilion. Volunteers are needed for trails and SCC is the only group stepping in to assist.

A vote for not recommending approval is a vote that the Council believes things are good the way they are. This is what some of the public would like everyone to believe, however, the same voices complaining the trails are in poor condition and in need of repair.

FUNDING IMPACT

At this time, there has been little funding provided by the City. The City has put in their five-year plan placeholders for grant money for the project for 2025 and 2026. Ongoing maintenance would be provided by SCC.

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IF APPROVED, NEXT STEPS:

SCC would meet with City staff to start discussing next steps of design-bid for portions of the concept.