

## CITY OF SHEBOYGAN

### REQUEST FOR PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

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**ITEM DESCRIPTION:** A resolution authorizing the donation of a snowmobile and G-2 groomer to the Northern Kettle Moraine Nordic Ski Club.

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**REPORT PREPARED BY:** Joe Kerlin, Superintendent of Parks and Forestry

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**REPORT DATE:** August 9, 2023

**MEETING DATE:** August 15, 2023

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#### FISCAL SUMMARY:

Budget Line Item: N/A  
Budget Summary: N/A  
Budget Expenditure: N/A  
Budgeted Revenue: N/A

#### STATUTORY REFERENCE:

Wisconsin Statutes: N/A  
Municipal Code: N/A

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**BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:** The grooming of ski trails in Evergreen and Maywood Park was started in 1985 by the Sheboygan Jaycees. Since then, volunteers have always groomed the trails known as the Sheboygan Jaycee trails. In 2015, the Friends of Sheboygan Jaycees and the Jaycee Foundation donated a snowmobile and groomer to the City to be used for the grooming of these trails. The Department of Public Works maintains the equipment and volunteers use the equipment to groom the trails.

The volunteer groomers met with park staff at the end of the 2022-2023 ski season and suggested the trails in Evergreen Park and in the southern portion of Maywood Park no longer be groomed for the purpose as ski trails. The main concern is the lack of snow accumulation, along with the fact more walkers use the trails and it ruins the groomed trails. Last season the trails were groomed three times.

The groomers also asked if the City would consider donating the snowmobile and groomer to the Northern Kettle Moraine Nordic Ski Club. The club maintain 15.5 miles of trails in Greenbush with 1.25 miles being lighted. The trails are used by Sheboygan skiers and the club was looking to purchase a new snowmobile and groomer.

Dustin Stielow represented the Jaycees at the August Marina, Parks and Forestry meeting. She stated the Jaycees approve of the donation.

At the August Marina, Parks and Forestry meeting, the commission approved to stop grooming ski trails in Evergreen Park and the southern area of Maywood Park. They also made a unanimous motion recommending the Public Works Committee

recommend to Common Council the donation of the snowmobile and groomer to the Northern Kettle Moraine Nordic Ski Club.

**STAFF COMMENTS:** Department of Public Works staff agree with the recommendation.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Motion to recommend the Common Council adopt Resolution No. 37-23-24 authorizing the donation of a snowmobile and G-2 groomer to the Northern Kettle Moraine Nordic Ski Club.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- I. Res. No. 37-23-24