


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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	Agenda Item:	38	Roll Call:	19-0740
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving Donation Agreement with the Mary K. and Daniel M. Kelly Family Foundation.

SYNOPSIS:

The Mary K. and Daniel M. Kelly Family Foundation (Daniel M. Kelly, President, 3900 Ingersoll Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, 50312) has committed a charitable contribution in the amount of \$700,000 towards the construction of two (2) new spraygrounds to replace the existing wading pools at both Drake Park and at Bates Park.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Donation of \$700,000 will be applied to two (2) spraygrounds. The estimated cost of one (1) new sprayground is \$350,000.

Funding Source: \$700,000 – Donation. No G.O. Bond funding is anticipated. Donation will be received in installments per the Agreement as outlined below.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- In December 2018, Mary and Dan Kelly and their children spoke with Park and Recreation Department staff regarding their family's desire to make a significant financial gift toward a second capital improvement project following the success of the completed sprayground project in Greenwood Park.
- After considering several options presented by the Parks and Recreation Department, the Kelly Family selected funding new spraygrounds in both Drake Park and Bates Park to replace the outdated, existing wading pools. This generous donation is in line with the approach and priorities of the Parks and Recreation Department.
- In recent years the Park and Recreation Department has been replacing the traditional wading pools with spraygrounds. Spraygrounds provide a higher level of service than the traditional wading pools because they have no standing water, no attendant required for operation, can operate on seven (7) days per week and can be activated by users in the park. This highly

sought water feature amenity has been constructed with great community support in McHenry Park, Columbus Park, Good Park, Grandview Park, Greenwood Park (made possible by a donation from the Kelly Family Foundation), Fairmont Park, and the newest ones opening this summer in both Sheridan Park and Tower Park.

- The donation will be received per the Agreement: \$110,000 was deposited on April 16, 2019 followed by installments of \$118,000 each that shall be received annually on December 15th beginning in 2020 and ending not later than 2024. The Kelly Family Foundation may choose to complete the total donation in advance of December 15, 2024.
- The Kelly Family Foundation shall have the right to select the appropriate wording for one (1) sign at each sprayground acknowledging their gift, subject to approval of the Park and Recreation Director, which shall be located prominently within the proximity of the sprayground it serves.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Ordering construction, consideration of the lowest responsible bidder, partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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