

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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	Agenda Item:	36	Roll Call:	20-0537
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AGENDA HEADING:

Ratification of the National Park Service (NPS) Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant application by the Parks and Recreation Department seeking \$200,000 towards the Chesterfield Park Improvement Project.

SYNOPSIS:

Staff recommend ratification of the NPS LWCF grant application by the Parks and Recreation Department seeking \$200,000 toward the Chesterfield Park Improvement Project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$200,000 LWCF grant revenue, if awarded, toward an overall pre-design/concept estimate of \$1,210,000.

Funding Source: Anticipated \$200,000 in LWCF funding from Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and remaining funding from 2020-2022 CIP, Park Improvements, Page 7 – Chesterfield Park.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The NPS LWCF is managed through the IDNR and supports cities with populations of 50,000 plus, in seeking up to \$200,000 for the development and/or acquisition of land for natural resources and outdoor recreation.
- The Parks and Recreation Department is applying for the full potential funding amount for the Chesterfield Park Improvements Project. This application requires that the City Council provide certain authorizations and certifications when making the application that are standard to many grant programs.
- Located within the Chesterfield neighborhood, the 5.8-acre Chesterfield Park was originally acquired in 1929 and opened in 1930.
- The park features beautiful mature trees and an open lawn used for active recreation, but during the last decade of minimal investment other improvements are now in need of repair or replacements.

- The proposed improvements at Chesterfield Park will renovate the existing restroom, replace the old wading pool with a new sprayground, and implement a new playground, parking lot, walking loop around the park, open air shelter, regulation basketball court and permeant table tennis.
- Public input in 2019 played a large role in finalizing selection and design of these features.
- A fall 2020 bid period is anticipated with a start to construction in spring 2021.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Anticipated actions include ordering construction, public hearing, receive and file bids, designate lowest bidder, approval of contract and bond, partial payments to the contractor, and final acceptance of work.

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