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From: Alan Buckenmeyer, Acting Director of Parks & Forestry
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To: Planning Commission
Date: February 16, 2016
Re: 2016-2020 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

City staff has spent the past few months working on an update to the current Parks and Recreation Plan which expired at the end of 2015. The updated and City Council approved plan is due to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) by March 1, 2016 in order to be eligible for grant funding.

The 2016-2020 Master Plan provides updated recommendations from the current plan, and expands upon more recently identified priorities, many of which resulted from the recent Riverbend Park Plan that was recently adopted by City Council, in addition to other initiatives underway with the Clinton River Watershed Council as part of the Watertowns program.

Per state regulations, the plan was available for review on the City's website, City Hall, the Rochester Hills Library, the Rochester Avon Recreation Authority, and the Older Persons' Commission for 30 days. The public was also given the opportunity to voice their opinions through an online survey (which we received nearly 550 responses!).

The Public Review draft was provided to the commission, however there have been some updates to the plan as a result of the public involvement effort and to ensure the plan meets all state requirements. A summary of key changes is provided below, and pages that were substantially modified have been provided.

1. Update public involvement section and include summary of survey results
2. Include parkland and facility analysis
3. Include reference to and information on the Paint Creek Center for the Arts
4. Add an objective to better integrate art in parks
5. Update action program with updated Riverbend and Watertowns information and cost estimates
6. Add appropriate appendices
7. Minor grammatical and formatting improvements

A presentation on the draft 2016-2020 Parks and Recreation Master Plan will be provided at the February 16, 2016 meeting, to be followed by a public hearing. Following the hearing, staff asks the Commission to adopt the plan, which will also be forwarded to the City Council for their review and consideration as well.

Please feel free to contact staff if you have any questions or comments on the plan in advance of the meeting, otherwise we look forward to the presentation and public hearing on Tuesday.