



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2018-0112

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Ken Elwert, Director of Parks & Natural Resources, Extension 2552

DATE: March 26, 2018

SUBJECT: Support for **Recreation Passport** Grant Application and Matching Funds – Borden Park Tennis/Pickle Ball Court Renovations

REQUEST:

We are requesting that the Rochester Hills City Council approve submission of a \$150,000 grant application to the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Recreation Passport with \$200,000 as a City-share match. Elements of the grant request include replacing three of the four tennis courts at Borden Park with the same activity and adding the new activity of four pickle ball courts to replace the fourth tennis court. Also included in the request is fencing around courts, between the pickle ball and tennis areas, wind screening, the development of rain gardens around the site to catch runoff, recycled plastic timber benches, and adding bottle recycling containers (none exist in the park currently). Submission of the grant requires a minimum 25% commitment of matching funds by the governing body prior to submission. Total estimated project cost is \$350,000 and is included the 2019 CIP. Total requested grant from the Recreation Passport Grant is \$150,000 (this is the maximum amount available). Application deadline is March 29, 2018.

REASON FOR PURCHASE:

The tennis courts at Borden Park were initially developed in 1990 and are significantly past their useful life. These are the most utilized tennis courts on City property, as well the demand for pickle ball is increasing dramatically. In addition, the Older Person's Commission (OPC) has expressed a need for outdoor pickle ball courts, with members of the public commenting in the Public Hearing portion of the 2018 Budget Process about the need for courts. The OPC has staff which teaches pickle ball and it is one of their larger programs.

This project is included as part of the 2019 Capital Improvement Plan.

PROCESS:

Less than half of the Recreation Passport grants submitted to the MDNR are funded based on a competitive scoring system. If our grant request is accepted, we will be notified by the MDNR in the winter of 2018/2019. A project agreement will then be prepared by the MDNR and will be presented to City Council for approval. Once the project agreement is signed by both parties' work can begin on the project. This is a reimbursable grant: any work done on the project prior to the signed project agreement is not reimbursable and may not count towards our match. If the grant is awarded, it is expected construction will begin in 2019.

BUDGET:

The Borden Park: Tennis & Pickle Ball Court Rehabilitation project (PK-05G) is included in the 2018 Adopted CIP and is anticipated to be proposed as part of the FY 2019 Budget process.

Funding for the \$350,000 project is anticipated to come from the MDNR Passport grant of \$150,000 matched by \$200,000 of City funds. If the MDNR Passport grant is not awarded, the City will reassess the project and other potential funding options.

Fund Name	Department Account No	Account No. Description	2019 Projected Budget Amount	2019 Projected Cost	2019 Projected Remaining Budget
Facilities Fund	631.974000	Land Improvement	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$0

RECOMMENDATION:

We are requesting that the Rochester Hills City Council approve submission of a grant application to the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Passport for replacing three of the four tennis courts, adding four pickle ball courts to replace the fourth tennis court, fencing around the courts, between pickle ball and tennis areas, wind screening, the development of rain gardens around the site to catch runoff, recycled plastic timber benches, and adding bottle recycling containers. Submission of the grant requires a minimum 25% commitment of matching funds by the governing body prior to submission. Total estimated project cost is \$350,000. Total requested grant is \$150,000. Match requested by City Council is \$200,000. Application deadline is March 29, 2018.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
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