



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2011-0394

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Patrick McKay, Supervisor of Interpretative Services
DATE: September 2, 2011
SUBJECT: Request for approval to serve alcohol for October 22, 2011 wedding at the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm

REQUEST:

The Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm has been requested to approve the serving of alcohol for a wedding and reception scheduled for October 22, 2011 at the Dairy Barn site. Alcohol to be served from 7:30 p.m. October 22 through midnight.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City of Rochester Hills Parks Ordinance **Sec. 74-101.- Alcoholic liquors** states that “It shall be unlawful for any person to bring in, have in possession, or use alcoholic liquors within a park, except that the use of alcoholic liquors may be permitted with the permission of the city council and if the park facility and/or its operator have been issued a liquor license by the state liquor control commission. The city council reserves the right to limit areas and/or times of consumption of such alcoholic liquors in parks where alcoholic liquors are permitted.”

City Attorney John Staran has advised that a liquor license is not required from the State of Michigan because it will be a private event and alcohol is not being sold. Only City Council approval under the Parks Ordinance is required.

This is the first request by the Rochester Hills Parks and Forestry Department to allow alcoholic beverages at a City Park. The Museum will be paid \$ 5,000 in fees for the use of our site for this wedding which is planned to include tenting, stage, and approximately 200 guests. Museum staff will coordinate insurance that meets our City’s risk management requirements and coordinate this event with the City of Rochester City Manager and Police Chief as well as with the County Sheriff Department and our neighbors regarding sound, parking, and traffic.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Rochester Hills City Council approve this request for serving alcohol at the subject wedding reception to be held at the Museum to Kori Saxe / Event Manager, Emerald City Designs. A resolution has been attached for consideration.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		

Department Director		
Budget Content: Finance Director/Risk Manager		
Purchasing Process: Supervisor of Procurement		
Mayor		
City Council Liaison		