



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2025-0142

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Ken Elwert, CPRE, Director Parks and Natural Resources

DATE: April 7, 2025

SUBJECT: Bloomer Park Velodrome Surface Renovations – Grant Repayment/Recreation Passport Grant RP12-479

REQUEST:

City Council is requested to authorize repayment in the amount of \$22,500 to Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Lansing, Michigan to reimburse 50% of the Recreation Passport Grant RP12-479 received for Bloomer Park Velodrome Surface Renovations.

REASON FOR PURCHASE:

In 2012, the City of Rochester Hills was awarded a Recreation Passport Grant RP12-479 from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) in the amount of \$45,000 for the resurfacing of the Bloomer Park Velodrome. The grant agreement stipulated that the Velodrome would remain open and available to the public for a period of 20 years. However, the Velodrome has been closed to the public since 2023. This Velodrome performed well for many years, providing a unique outdoor amenity across the region. Attendance has been dropping since 2018, with the opening of the Lexus Velodrome in Detroit.

The Velodrome has been closed due to a decreasing volume of use and the need to rebuild the Velodrome to make it operational. The cost to rebuild would be substantially more than the amount paid back to the MDNR. Once the Velodrome is removed, we will make plans to repurpose the area with a much higher use pump track that does not require specialized equipment and will be open to a larger audience.

As the Velodrome was only in operation for 10 of the required 20 years, the City is required to reimburse the MDNR for the remaining value of the grant. The MDNR has invoiced the City for \$22,500, which represents the unfulfilled portion of the grant term. In the event the City decides not to repay this, we would have a severe scoring penalty in any future grants we apply for through the MDNR.

PROCESS:

Vendor Name and Address:

Michigan Department of Natural Resources
PO Box 30451
Lansing, MI 48909-7951

Reason for Selection:

Contractual Requirement

Method of Purchase:

Purchase Order

BUDGET:

Funding is not included in the FY 2025 Adopted Budget. If approved by City Council, a 2nd quarter budget amendment will be presented to increase the expense (where it was originally paid from) from Retained Earnings.

Fund Name	Department Account No	Account No. Description	Budget Amount	Cost	Remaining Budget
Facilities	631.781000	Material	\$0	\$22,500	(\$22,500)

RECOMMENDATION:

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APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Budget Content: Chief Financial Officer		
Purchasing Process: Procurement Manager		
Mayor		
City Clerk		

Contract Reviewed by City Attorney ☐ Yes ☒ N/A