



MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: 8/18/15

Consent

ITEM #8

AGENDA ITEM: Approve Resolution Concerning Tartan Park

SUBMITTED BY: Dave Snyder, City Attorney

THROUGH: Julie Johnson, City Clerk

REVIEWED BY: Dave Snyder, City Attorney

SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- Introduction of Item City Attorney
- Report/Presentation.....City Attorney
- Questions from Council to Staff Mayor Facilitates
- Call for Motion Mayor & City Council
- Discussion Mayor & City Council
- Action on Motion..... Mayor Facilitates

POLICY RECOMMENDER: City Attorney

FISCAL IMPACT: Unknown

SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED: At the August 4, 2015 City Council Meeting, the City Council directed the City Attorney to prepare a Resolution summarizing the City's position on the disposition of Tartan Park.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Resolution 2015-64 as a Consent Agenda item.

**CITY OF LAKE ELMO
WASHINGTON COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2015 - 64

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE ELMO
RELATING TO THE TARTAN PARK FACILITY**

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE ELMO, MINNESOTA DOES HEREBY
RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

WHEREAS, The Tartan Park Facility lies within the City of Lake Elmo. It is comprised of approximately 483 acres and as such is one of the largest privately owned contiguous parcels of land within the City; and,

WHEREAS, Tartan Park has been in 3M Corporation ownership for over 50 years; and,

WHEREAS, Tartan Park was first used as a corporate retreat center and more recently as a publicly accessible but still privately-owned and operated corporate, recreational and park facility; and,

WHEREAS, the Tartan Park facility is comprised of, among other things, an active private commercial golf course of 27 holes, a clubhouse, including a golf pro shop, banquet halls, and eight (8) conference rooms, open space, five (5) picnic pavilions, three (3) playgrounds, twelve (12) tennis courts, six (6) softball fields, an archery range, six (6) sand volleyball courts, six (6) horseshoe pits, and a heated and cooled maintenance facility; and,

WHEREAS, the Tartan Park operation has served as a resource to members of the community, including some City residents for decades and the City of Lake Elmo has worked to enhance its status as an ongoing and functioning resource to the City, which contributes to the tax base of the City; and,

WHEREAS, recently the City, as well as Washington County, have been notified that 3M, the Owner of The Tartan Park Facility, has begun consideration and pursuit of alternative uses and ownership for it and that 3M intends to close the facility. Uses which have been discussed include, but are not limited to, preservation of open space areas, continuation of business uses like the golf course, and possible continuation of recreational and other uses.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE ELMO, COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, MINNESOTA, that the City directs and orders as follows:

1. That the City Council of The City of Lake Elmo, united in its desire to cooperatively explore both continuation, expansion and preservation of existing uses as well as potentially new uses upon the Tartan Park Facility, states as follows:

- a. That the City values the many functions which Tartan Park has served historically, which it has evolved to offer today and those which it may offer in the future;
- b. That the City invites the active participation of Washington County, 3M and other interested parties and stakeholders to meet with it and to jointly communicate, plan and assist each other in maximizing opportunities for this resource and the City commits to leading, facilitating and concluding that process expeditiously.
- c. That the City commits to working to enhance the benefits to Washington County, 3M and others by exploring a balance of uses upon the facility.
- d. In the interest of expediting these communications, the City Council designates two of its members to act, jointly, as liaisons and requests their leadership on matters relating to the Tartan Park Facility.

ADOPTED BY THE LAKE ELMO CITY COUNCIL ON THE 18th DAY OF AUGUST, 2015.

EFFECTIVE DATE: _____

Approved:

CITY OF LAKE ELMO

ATTEST:

By:_____

Mike Pearson
Mayor

Julie Johnson
City Clerk

By:_____

Anne Smith
Council Member

By:_____

Justin Bloyer
Council Member

By:_____

Julie Fliflet
Council Member

By: _____
Jill Lundgren
Council Member