



MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: September 15, 2015

Consent

ITEM # 13

AGENDA ITEM: Tartan Park Resolution

SUBMITTED BY: Clark Schroeder

THROUGH: Clark Schroeder, Interim City Administrator

REVIEWED BY: Clark Schroeder

SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- Introduction of Item..... City Engineer
- Report/Presentation..... City Engineer
- Questions from Council to Staff..... Mayor Facilitates
- Public Input, if Appropriate..... Mayor Facilitates
- Call for Motion Mayor & City Council
- Discussion..... Mayor & City Council
- Action on Motion..... Mayor Facilitates

POLICY RECOMMENDER: City Council

FISCAL IMPACT: Possible property value increase on the Tartan Land

SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED: If item is removed from the consent agenda

The City Council is respectfully requested to approve the resolution pertaining to Tartan Park

“Move to approve the resolution pertaining to Tartan Park land sale.”

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Tartan Park has been in 3M Corporation ownership for over 50 years, first as a corporate retreat center and more recently as a publicly accessible but still privately-owned and operated park.

Tartan Park is 483 acres with high conservation values due to its pine and oak forests, and its rolling topography similar to Washington County’s Lake Elmo Regional Park Reserve which is directly adjacent northwest of Tartan Park. The property’s rolling topography weaves through a series of wetlands and lakes, in particular Horseshoe Lake, and includes an outlet to nearby Lake Elmo.

Tartan Park has been developed by 3M Corporation over the years to serve the needs of company employees and their families as well as clients, customers and other guests.

Today, Tartan Park is home to three 9 – hole golf courses, several picnic pavilions, tennis courts and ball fields as well as sweeping vistas of the property’s woods, lakes and wetlands. These facilities have been well-maintained by 3M and would be of value to the next owner

3M Corporation announced plans in late May to close Tartan Park and sell the property due to changing company needs in recent years.

The city is in a unique position of being able to guide land use on this property and wishes to enter into negotiations with 3M to discuss what possible uses could be done with the land while at the same time protecting areas such as the active recreation and wetlands.

RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENT(S):

1. resolution