



# 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:**

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.”*

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Resolution 2015-75

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015 - 75**

**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, 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 has been notified that 3M, the owner of The Tartan Park Facility, is intent on selling Tartan Park, and,

**WHEREAS**, The City of Lake Elmo controls land use and zoning for the Tartan Park land.

**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 is committed to protection of open space within the Tartan Park land.

2. That the City values the active recreational areas within the Tartan Park land such as ballfields and other amenities and as such, wishes to protect those recreation areas from development.
3. That the City wishes to preserve the golf course in some fashion and sees a continuation of such in the best interest of the citizens of Lake Elmo.
4. That the City is interested in entering into discussion with 3M on future ownership and land use issues for this land.

**ADOPTED BY THE LAKE ELMO CITY COUNCIL ON THE \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 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