



MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: October 21, 2014

CONSENT

ITEM# 14

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of a resolution in support of Sunfish Lake Park as a participant in the Minnesota DNR cross-country ski GIA program.

SUBMITTED BY: Alyssa MacLeod, Taxpayer Relations & Communications Coordinator

THROUGH: Dean Zuleger, City Administrator

REVIEWED BY: Mike Bouthilet, Public Works Superintendent

SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS:

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

POLICY RECOMMENDER: Park Commission

FISCAL IMPACT: None

SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED:

The City Council is being asked to consider resolutions in support of Sunfish Lake Park as a participant in the Minnesota DNR cross-country ski GIA program.

The GIA program provides limited funds to trails owned and operated by both private trail organizations and local units of government. Trail administration, development, and maintenance costs are divided with the GIA program paying 65 percent of these costs and the local club or sponsor providing the remaining 35 percent. Winter trail grooming costs are divided with the GIA program paying 90 and the local sponsor paying 10 percent. Record keeping by the local sponsor is required, and reimbursement requests are submitted in spring. The City must apply for participation renewal on an annual basis.

Reimbursable trail maintenance costs include items such as: Trail grooming (90%)
Parking lot maintenance

Parking lot and driveway snow plowing
Signs I trail map reproduction
Portable toilet rental
Trail mowing
Tree and brush removal

If removed from the consent agenda, the recommended motion for this action is as follows:

“Move to approve a resolution in support Sunfish Lake Park as a participant in the Minnesota DNR cross-country ski GIA program.”

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Sunfish Lake Park was reinstated into the Minnesota DNR Grant-In-Aid program for ski trail maintenance in 2009 after a 10-year absence, and has been an active participant every year since.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending that the City Council approve a resolution in support of Sunfish Lake Park as a participant in the 2014-15 Minnesota DNR cross-country ski GIA program. If removed from the consent agenda, the recommended motion for this action is as follows:

“Move to approve a resolution in support Sunfish Lake Park as a participant in the Minnesota DNR cross-country ski GIA program.”

ATTACHMENT:

1. GIA Sponsor Resolution