



STAFF REPORT

DATE: June 6, 2017

CONSENT

ITEM #: 9

AGENDA ITEM: LDO Grant Request

SUBMITTED BY: Kristina Handt, City Administrator

BACKGROUND:

In 2016, the Environmental Committee requested \$40,000 in the 2017 budget for matching grants to the four recreational lakes for water quality improvements like treating invasive species. This funding represents a 50% match, up to the maximum amount of \$10,000 per lake. A match is required by the Lake Associations and any grant amounts received would not be included as part of the Lake Association match amounts. That request was included in the final 2017 budget.

ISSUE BEFORE COUNCIL:

Does Council approve the grant request of \$4,577.50 from the LDO?

PROPOSAL:

The LDO has requested \$4,775.50 in matching funding to treat Eurasian Milfoil this summer on lakes Olson and Demontreville. A copy of their letter requesting funds is included in your packet.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$4,577.50 from the budgeted \$40,000.

OPTIONS:

- 1) Approve \$4,577.50 for LDO Eurasian Milfoil Treatment
- 2) Approve a different amount for LDO Eurasian Milfoil Treatment
- 3) Do not approve any funding for LDO Eurasian Milfoil Treatment

RECOMMENDATION:

If removed from the consent agenda:

“Motion to approve the LDO lake improvement grant request of \$4,577.50

ATTACHMENTS:

- LDO Request Letter



**Lake Demontreville
& Olson Association**

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Memo to: Kristina Handt, City Administrator
From: Link Lavey, LDO President
Date: May 25, 2017
Re: City financial assistance with mid-lake Eurasian Water Milfoil treatment

Thank you for meeting with me yesterday. As we discussed LDO is making an official request for cost sharing of the expenses associated with treating EWM on our lakes. Below is an outline of our expenses and the grants we received from Washington County and the DNR.

Spring Point Intercept Study (provided by Washington County)	0
Spring Delineation Survey (Provided by Minnesota DNR)	0
Mid Lake Treatment (PLM Contractor)	15,000
(This is an estimate. Water levels on day of treatment will determine actual costs)	
Water Analysis Lab fees	1,000
(This is an estimate. Actual fees will be determined when sample sites and # of samples are provided by the DNR)	
Insurance (required by Washington County)	700
Permit fees	1505
Printing & shipping	200
Total	18,405
Washington County Grant	8,000
DNR Grant	1,250
Remaining costs after County and DNR grants	9,155

The LDO is asking the City to help us and split the out of pocket expenses for this year's Eurasian Water Milfoil Mid-Lake treatments. If the City is willing to work with us on this the costs would be **\$4,577.5** for both the LDO and the City of Lake Elmo. As you may be aware, EWM left untreated in these shallow lakes would likely mat the surface of over 80% of the lakes leaving them unusable for any water recreation.

Thank you very much for your support and participation. We expect this treatment to provide full seasonal relief with the additional benefit of EWM plant kill reducing our efforts next year.