



STAFF REPORT

DATE: 5/1/2018

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ITEM #: 8

TO: City Council

FROM: Rob Weldon, Public Works Director

AGENDA ITEM: Adopt-a-Park Program

REVIEWED BY: Ben Prchal, City Planner
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BACKGROUND: During the August 8, 2017 Parks Commission Meeting direction was given to explore and create and Adopt-a-Park Program for Lake Elmo City Parks. At the February 19, 2018 Parks Commission Meeting it was recommended to City Council to approve the Adopt-a-Park Program.

ISSUE BEFORE COUNCIL: Does the City Council support adoption of the accompanying Adopt-a-Park Program?

PROPOSAL DETAILS/ANALYSIS: An Adopt-a-Park Program would consist of very minor park maintenance focusing on making parks more appealing. Volunteers would perform tasks such as general spring, summer and fall clean-up to remove debris, flower planting, and weeding. All materials needed would be provided by the city and coordinated through Public Works

Adopt-a-Park is a public service program for volunteers who are interested in cleaning up Lake Elmo's City Parks and making them more appealing to users. It is an excellent way for residents and organizations to make a personal contribution to the community.

FISCAL IMPACT: There would be minimal fiscal impact for the cost of Adopt-a-Park signs. This cost will be managed through the Parks General Budget. A volunteer program such as this may potentially save the city money as it could reduce the need for public works staff to carry out minor maintenance activities.

OPTIONS: Recommend approval of Adopt-a-Park Program
Amend and then recommend approval of Adopt-a-Park Program
Deny approval of Adopt-a-Park Program

RECOMMENDATION: *If removed from Consent Agenda*

"Motion to approve City of Lake Elmo Adopt-a-Park Program"