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NOTICE OF MEETING

**City of Lake Elmo Parks Commission
3800 Laverne Avenue North
June 20, 2022 6:30 PM**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Minutes
 - a) May 16, 2022
5. Public Comments
6. Friends of Sunfish Lake Park Update
7. Portable Toilet Policy
8. Survey Results
9. Communications
 - a) Ballfields
10. Adjourn

****Note: Every effort will be made to accommodate person or persons that need special considerations to attend this meeting due to a health condition or disability. Please contact the Lake Elmo City Clerk if you are in need of special accommodations.*

City of Lake Elmo Parks Commission Minutes

May 16, 2022

Members Present: Commissioners Ames, Hoelscher, Kastler, Rivera, and Barrett

Staff Present: Public Works Director Powers, Assistant Public Works Director Swanepoel, and City Planner Hetzel

The meeting was called to order by Ames at 6:30 PM.

Approval of Agenda

Kastler requested to amend the agenda by adding *Council Annual Meeting* after line item number 8. Communications. **Hoelscher motioned to approve the amended agenda, Rivera provided a second; unanimously approved 5-0.**

Approval of Minutes

Barrett motioned to approve the April 18th, 2022 Parks Commission Minutes as presented, Hoelscher provided a second; unanimously approved 5-0.

Public Comments

Todd Williams at 3025 Lake Elmo Ave N provided comments and suggestions regarding the ease of locating parks information on the city website.

Tom Edison with the Lake Elmo Baseball Association requested to work with the City to install new or improve current fields, such as Reid Park. Commission discussion held regarding city fields.

2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan

Hetzel provided current CIP information.

Todd Williams at 3025 Lake Elmo Ave N requested the repair of pickleball courts be added to the CIP.

Discussion held regarding the amendments: improvements for the Pebble Park courts raised to priority 2, the dog park and Kleis Park disk golf moved to 2024, added pickle ball for \$100,000 with location to be determined for 2023, and neighborhood trails kept at 2023 priority 2 with increased amount to \$250,000.

Hoelscher motioned to approve the 2023-2027 CIP as amended, Rivera provided a second; discussion. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

9450 Hudson Blvd Park Dedication

Discussion was held regarding ordinance, trees, high density development, and parkland investment.

Kastler moved to recommend the City accept cash in lieu of land, Barrett provided a second; no discussion. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Ames motioned to recommend to the developer a minimum of 8 feet standard trail as they develop this property, Barret provided a second; Kastler amended the motion to add

connection to existing trails to the north, Ames accepted the friendly amendment, Barret provided a second. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Ames noted that our park dedication is 10% of the land. If the whole city where to be developed this way we would have a lot of residents and very little Park land. It is something we may want Council to think about a contingency for high-density development that isn't about the percentage of land.

Communications

- a) Knappogue Farm-Kaspterson Concept PUD and Plat Update (Lennar) – application was withdrawn.
- b) City Council approved 2022 Parks Work Plan

Annual Council Meeting

Kastler provided information on old code to meet annually in April with Council but when the code recodified in November 2021 the language no long exists.

Discussion held regarding code and past practice.

Ames directed staff to ask some questions and put it under *Communications* for next month.

Ames adjourned the meeting at 7:58 PM

**Respectfully Submitted,
Rebecca McGuire, Deputy Clerk**



Staff Report

DATE: 6/20/2022

Motion

AGENDA ITEM: Friends of Sunfish Lake Update
SUBMITTED BY: Ben Hetzel, City Planner
REVIEWED BY: Marty Powers, Public Works Director
Adam Swanepoel, Assistant Public Works Director

BACKGROUND:

The Friends of Sunfish Lake Park is a group of volunteers who are stewards of Sunfish Lake Park. The Friends of Sunfish Lake Park are responsible for the creation and operation of the Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center. In addition, they host interpretive programs, public restoration events, and educational events for the public and private groups. The group is also heavily involved with habitat restoration within the park, including the expansive removal of invasive species and buckthorn. The purpose of this agenda item is to allow the Friends of Sunfish Lake Park to provide a progress update since being accepted as part of the Adopt a Park program in 2018 and request additional funds to continue their Sunfish Lake Park Restoration Program.

RESTORATION OF SUNFISH LAKE PARK PROJECT:

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has a Conservation Legacy Grant Program (DNR/CPL). A top priority of the grant program is the removal of buckthorn from the state, county, and local lands. The Friends of Sunfish Lake Park received a three year DNR/CPL grant in 2019 for \$154,000 to administer the Restoration of Sunfish Lake Park. The grant required a 10% commitment (\$10,000) from the City as a host organization. \$9,000 of that amount is leftover. Under the 3 year grant, 40 acres has been cleared of buckthorn and some other invasive species.

The Friends of Sunfish Lake Park are requesting an additional \$15,000 from the City for another DNR/CPL grant in 2023 to continue buckthorn and invasive species removal on 140 acres. Completing the 140 acres would finish the Restoration of Sunfish Lake Park Project. The attached GIS shapefile outlines the 140 acres needed to be completed. A draft budget, task estimate, and timeline are also attached.

ISSUE BEFORE THE PARKS COMMISSION:

Would the Parks Commission like to recommend committing \$15,000 for a 2023 Conservation Legacy Grant to complete buckthorn and other invasive species removal on 140 acres in Sunfish Lake Park?

PROJECT FUNDING:

<i>DNR/CPL Grant</i>	<i>\$466,500</i>
<i>New City Contribution</i>	<i>\$15,000</i>
<i>Leftover City Contribution</i>	<i>\$9,000</i>
<i>Friends of Sunfish Lake Volunteer Hours</i>	<i>\$22,650 (28\$/hr)</i>
Total	\$513,150

The new City Commitment, leftover City Commitment, and Friends of Sunfish Lake Volunteer hours would establish the 10% required host commitment amount.

OPTIONS:

1. Recommend approval of the request for the City to commit \$15,000 to the Friends of Sunfish Lake Park for a 2023 Conservation Partners Legacy Grant.
2. Recommend denial of the request for the City to commit \$15,000 to the Friends of Sunfish Lake for a 2023 Conservation Partners Legacy Grant.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City committed \$10,000 in 2019 for a 3 year DNR/CPL grant. An additional \$15,000 is being requested for another DNR/CPL grant in 2023. The total cost to the city would be \$25,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the following motion:

“Move to recommend committing \$15,000 to the Friends of Sunfish Lake Park for a 2023 Conservation Partners Legacy Grant for buckthorn and other invasive species removal on 140 acres in Sunfish Lake Park to complete the Restoration of Sunfish Lake Park Project.”

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Friends of Sunfish Lake Progress Report
2. Phase 2 Work Plan Scope
3. Phase 2 Work Plan Cost

Friends of Sunfish Lake Park Progress Report and Funding Request

The purpose of this agenda topic is to review the progress the Friends of Sunfish Lake Park have made since we were accepted as part of the "Adopt A Park" program for the City of Lake Elmo, on March 18, 2018, and to request additional funds to complete our Sunfish Lake Park Restoration Project.

We have served the interests of park users/community members as follows under this sponsorship:

Sally Manzara Nature Center

Completed the Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center (SMINC), Grand Opening June 2, 2018. Over 40 volunteers contributed over 2000 hours to the construction and development of SMINC to make this happen.

Here are the activities that have benefited the residents of Lake Elmo during the last four years. It should be noted that no city funds have been used for the nature center.

- SMINC is open 48 hours per week for public visiting, and has special programming on a weekly basis.
- It has over 2000 sq ft of indoor exhibit and venue space, on one acre of outdoor activity and education space with special gardens, play areas, etc.
- Average recorded visitor count recently has been about 300 per month
- Average recorded volunteer time is about 300 hours per month
- We serve the entire community from preschool kids to the memory care residents of local senior residences
- We offer Summer Camp experiences for a range of ages
- Before COVID we hosted the Stillwater Schools Early Childhood Family Education
- We have provided a destination for special needs adult groups
- We organize nature walks in the Park for adults
- We offer a venue for the Lake Elmo Library readings and cooperate with the library in a story stroll array
- We provide a venue for the beekeeping community to set up an indoor observation hive and an outdoor apiary
- We have been a meeting venue for community groups from Homeowners Associations to nature-theme birthday parties and bridal showers.
- We have a naturemobile nearly ready to take exhibits and activities to preschools and nursing homes that have no busing budget

- We have a partnership with the Stillwater Schools Native American Parent Advisory Committee for meetings, events, and exhibits
- We provide internships for students which result in science presentations such as a Mammal Survey of Sunfish Lake Park
- We support a Water Quality Project to analyze the waters of the Park and educate the public on caring for the environment.
- We assumed management of the annual "Sunfish Lake Park Family Nature Day" - 150-200 visitors
- We help to publicize the "Sunfish Lake Park Project" on iNaturalist.org for recording nature observations in the Park
- We opened SMINC to provide hospitality to the bowhunters who participated in the Washington County deer population right-sizing.
- We helped with signage for navigation of the trails, and our website provides ecosystem information for identified areas of the Park.

Sunfish Lake Park User Group Partnership

With the recent addition of mountain bike trails to the park there were issues with safety on the trails. We formed a partnership to address these issues. We worked with the city, Minnesota Land Trust, TrailSourceLLC, MORC, Stillwater mountain bike team, nature center, behavior ecologist and users of the park to add entrance and exit trails in the park, to get approval to separate bikers from foot traffic for safety and to update signage. Future goals are to discuss winter usage and safety, improve trail flow, and fundraise for a floating boardwalk to give users access to Sunfish Lake and migratory birds and aquatic life.

The user group also held one meeting to discuss developing a long range plan for the park to coincide with the city's long range planning. Let us know if this is something you would like us to work with you on.

Restoration of Sunfish Lake Park DNR/CPL Grant

The state of Minnesota has a [Conservation Legacy Grant Program](#) that is administered by the Department of Natural Resources. One of their priorities is to remove the invasive species Buckthorn from state, county and local public lands.

Here is a [DNR document](#) that discusses why we need to remove Buckthorn.

This work was called for in a City-sponsored 2015 planning document

<https://forestadaptation.org/adapt/demonstration-projects/city-lake-elmo-sunfish-lake-park>

We obtained a DNR/CPL grant for the three-year, \$154,000 "Restoration of Sunfish Lake Park Project" in 2019. The grant required a 10% match from the host organization. The grant is funded by \$139,000 from the State, \$10,000 from the City of Lake Elmo, and \$6,000 by volunteers (300 volunteer hours @ \$20 per hour) organized by the Friends.

We have had a tremendous response from volunteers. To date we have had over 800 recorded hours of volunteer help. The good news is that because of this we still have \$9,000 of the \$10,000 the city committed in 2019 to use for another grant. (\$1000 was spent on supplies).

Here are some of the activities we have completed in the park.

- We are administering the state grant
- We hired Stantec to manage the project
- We have met for three years on the second Saturday of the month to remove Buckthorn
- We have had three "Buckthorn Festivals" that have attracted an average of 70 people each
- We have a core group of volunteers that work solo in the park throughout the year
- We have had great cooperation from the Public Works department. Monthly we report where we have removed Buckthorn and they come pick it up. We wouldn't have the success we have had without their support
- We recently sponsored three weekends where we planted over 100 oak trees and spread native seed. Many of the trees were planted by young families as part of an Earth Day activity, total participation was over 100 people
- I, George Johnson, have committed 8 years (until 2026) to organize volunteers and head up Buckthorn removal activities
- Included at the bottom are some pictures of a before and after Buckthorn removal and a typical volunteer picture.

Next Phase of the Project

Under the current project, 40 acres of the park have been cleared of Buckthorn with removal of other invasive species in some areas. The map is included below.

We want to finish the project. We have completed a GIS shapefile of the park and it shows there are still 140 acres of park to complete. (carving out the lakes/ponds, and the east field). You can submit proposals for DNR funding of up to \$540,000.

An excel file of the draft budget, task estimate and timeline and a scope map of the park from Stantec are attached.

To finish the project the funding would look like the following;

- DNR/CPL \$466,500
- City of Lake Elmo \$15,000 new money and \$9,000 left over from first grant for a total of \$24,000
- Friends of Sunfish Lake Park \$22,650 in volunteer hours at the new rate of \$28 per hour or approximately 810 hours.

We are asking that \$15,000 be committed to the project for the 2023 budget and a letter from the city as land manager supporting the project.

We will submit the new proposal to the DNR by mid-September and should hear back by January 2023.

There is no guarantee that we will receive the grant or that we will receive the total amount. If not we will continue to submit applications until the full amount needed is funded.

In summary, we are asking for a total commitment from the city of \$25,000 to fund \$605,500 of contracted work with almost 2,000 hours of volunteer time. And when completed we will have returned Sunfish Lake Park to its natural state.

We look forward to your comments and questions.

George Johnson
651-757-5610
Project Coordinator
3070 Lake Elmo Avenue



Original 40 acre Phase 1 DNR Grant



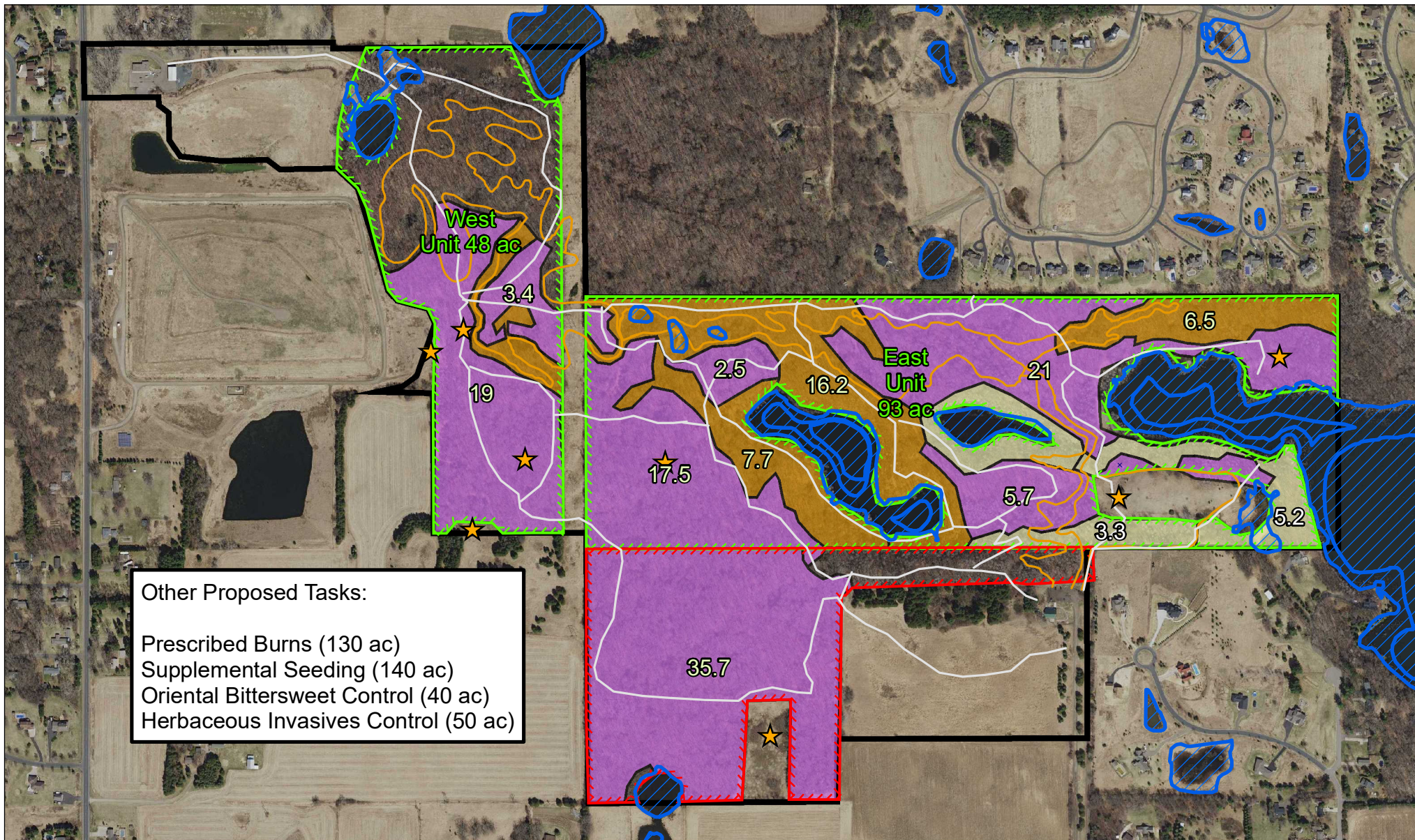
Typical group of Saturday volunteers



Before

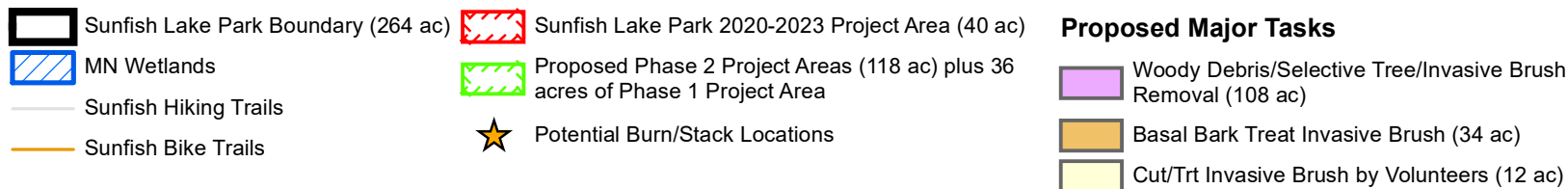


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Sunfish Lake Park Oak Woodland Restoration: DRAFT Phase 2 CPL Grant Planning



Lake Elmo Sunfish Lake Park - Proposed Phase 2 Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Scope

Project Area Scope: 176 acres (140 "new" acres, and 36 acres needing additional work)

General Task	Acres	General Timeline*	Labor	Cost Estimate	Notes/Assumptions	Alternative Funding/Resource Ideas/Scope Adjustments
Woody Removal (essential task)	108	Jan/Feb 2023 or Jan/Feb 2024	Contract	\$ 329,000	\$1,750/acre plus \$5,000 mobilization for feller/buncher large equipment to remove invasive brush, boxelder, elm, damaged/poor condition black cherry, broken limbs, trees under oaks, large woody debris; plus \$1,250/acre marking tree removals in advance of feller/buncher; follow-up stump foliar treatments and/or basal bark trts where equip cannot reach (near save trees, fencelines, wetland edges, etc) and monitoring burn piles overnight; DOES NOT INCLUDE about 22 acres in far NW area of park	Scope of work for woody removal can be further refined/reduced in acres as needed to fit project cost cap for CPL grant funding, match requirement, etc. Woody removal (invasive brush control) is an essential restoration task for the park. Needs to be followed by Prescribed Burn task, at minimum. Seek partnership funding from Minnesota Land Trust.
Basal Bark Invasive Brush (essential task)	34	Jan 2023 - Mar 2024	Contract	\$ 42,500	\$1,250/ac for basal bark invasive brush treatment along steep slopes, adjacent to bike trails, fencelines	Essential task for invasive brush removal on slopes and near trails. Represents additional acres than what can be done w/ heavy equip. Scope/acres for this task could be reduced as needed, independently from the woody removal task.
Prescribed Burns (several units) (essential task)	130	Sept/Oct 2023, 2024, 2025	Contract	\$ 65,000	plan to burn a portion of the project area each fall (2023, 2024, 2025); approximately \$22,000/year or \$500/ac	Essential task that needs to cover at least 35 acres of current project area, plus whatever is scoped for woody removal acres.
Oriental Bittersweet Control	35	Sept/Oct 2023, 2024, 2025	Contract	\$ 15,000	3 treatments of core infestations in current project area; walk and spot treat or pull vines throughout 40+ acres	Seek grant from MDA to supplement control for this species (awards generally capped at \$5,000); contact Emilie Justen
Herbaceous Invasives Control	50	May/June 2023, 2024, 2025	Contract	\$ 15,000	3 growing seasons of spot treatments for garlic mustard, burdock, including pull/bag/haul garlic mustard; primarily along trails	Adopt a Trail Segment by hikers/bikers to keep their sections clear of garlic mustard
Supplemental Seeding	140	May/June 2023	Contract	\$ 35,000	native grass/sedge mix seeding where needed to stabilize slopes or supplement ground cover due to past invasive brush cover; patchy/targeted seeding throughout	Seek funding from metro bike trail organizations w/ emphasis on trailside seeding, stabilization
		Proposed Grant Subtotal**		\$ 466,500		
Invasive Brush Control (VOLUNTEERS)	12	Jan 2023 - March 2026	In-Kind Match	\$ 22,650	Volunteer hours at \$28.00 per hour = 810 hours 4 acres per year 2023 -2025	Volunteer help could also include pulling garlic mustard and seeding
City of Lake Elmo Grant		Jan-23	Grant	\$ 15,000		
Grant money left over from first grant			Grant	\$ 9,000	We can apply unused grant money for the new project	

*Timeline is based on a September 2022 grant application and funding awarded by end of December 2022.

Grants of up to \$400,000 w/ 10% non-state match. **Maximum of \$575,000 total project cost.



Staff Report

DATE: 6/20/2022

MOTION

AGENDA ITEM: Portable Toilet Policy
SUBMITTED BY: Ben Hetzel, City Planner
REVIEWED BY: Marty Powers, Public Works Director
Kristina Handt, City Administrator

BACKGROUND:

The City of Lake Elmo has a well-established reputation for exceptional parks and recreation intrinsic to the City's landscape. Each of these parks provides distinguishable characteristics and amenities making Lake Elmo a desirable place to live, work, and recreate. As the city continues to grow, there will be an increased concentration of people drawn to city parks with a need to add basic amenities. The City of Lake Elmo remains dedicated to enhancing the park and recreation experience for all visitors.

The Parks Commission has directed staff to develop a Parks Portable Toilet Policy to act as a decision making tool to determine which parks could receive portable toilets. Creating a portable toilet policy was added to the 2022 Parks Work Plan. The proposed policy is intended to be useful in determining portable toilet placement in existing parks as well planning for future parks.

ISSUE BEFORE THE PARKS COMMISSION:

Would the Park Commission like to recommend adopting the Portable Toilet Policy?

DETAILS AND ANALYSIS:

The Parks Commission asked staff to gather data in order to establish the appropriate need for portable toilets. The data was compiled in a spreadsheet and focused on listing all amenities in each park, whether the park already has portable toilet, and distances to the nearest public toilet. (see attached Parks Data Excel Sheet).

The portable toilet at Stonegate Park will be relocated closer to Ivywood Park after the asphalt trail is constructed later this summer. This will allow users at both parks access to a toilet within 500 feet.

Staff utilized the data above to create the Park Justification Criteria as shown below. All three criteria shall be met before a park can qualify for the placement of a portable toilet. The amenities listed below were selected for the ability to attract a congregation of park visitors.

- 1) **The park may not already have a restroom.**
- 2) **The distance to the nearest public restroom must be greater than ¼ mile.**
- 3) **The park must have at least two of the following amenities:**
 - a. **Shelter**
 - b. **Playground**
 - c. **Athletic Field**
 - d. **Sports Courts**
 - e. **Educational center**
 - f. **Future recreational amenities that result in a congregation of park visitors**

OPTIONS:

1. Recommend adopting the Parks Portable Toilet Policy.
2. Recommend amending the Parks Portable Toilet Policy.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Fiscal impacts are outlined and confirmed in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). CIP items are funded through the Park Dedication Fund while Operations and Maintenance items, such as portable toilets, are funded through the Public Works Budget. The current cost for an ADA toilet per month is \$115.00. The current cost for a regular portable toilet is \$75.00 per month. All increase costs must be budgeted for in advance.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the following motion:

“Move to recommend adopting the Parks Portable Toilet Policy as presented.”

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Parks Portable Toilet Policy
2. Parks Data Excel Sheet



Parks Portable Toilet Policy

Purpose

The City of Lake Elmo has a well-established reputation for exceptional parks and recreation intrinsic to the City's landscape. Each of these parks provides distinguishable characteristics and amenities making Lake Elmo a desirable place to live, work, and recreate. As the city continues to grow, there will be an increased concentration of people drawn to city parks with a need to add basic amenities. The City of Lake Elmo remains dedicated to enhancing the park and recreation experience for all visitors. This policy is intended as a guiding tool for existing parks and the planning of future parks when determining the need for a portable toilet.

Park Policy for Existing Parks

A request involving an existing park must be in the form of a written statement and must address the items listed below:

- a) What is the nature of the request?
- b) What park?
- c) What is the justification for a portable toilet at this park? Justification must address the Park Justification Criteria outlined below.
- d) Will the lack of a portable toilet hinder you from visiting this park in the future?

Park Justification Criteria

Existing and future parks shall meet all three criteria below in order to be eligible for a portable toilet.

- 1) The park may not already have a restroom.
- 2) The distance to the nearest public restroom must be greater than ¼ mile.
- 3) The park must have at least two of the following amenities:
 - a. Shelter
 - b. Playground
 - c. Athletic Field
 - d. Sports Courts
 - e. Educational center
 - f. Future recreational amenities that result in a congregation of park visitors

		Carrage Station		Demonoreville	Den Wildlife	Pier fly	Goose Lake	Hammes	Heritage	Hidden Knoll	Inwood	Inwood	Kiles	Lions	Plot	Pebble	Reid	Ridge	Stonegate	Sunfish	Tablyn	Tara	UPW
Amentities					?	.34 mi	.58 mi	.41 mi	.36 mi	.66 mi	cross street	Stonegate (650 ft)	.55 mil	3.36	1.36	19.2	61.57	23.47	6.04	278.26	8.62	.47 mi	3.32
Closest Restroom		2.71 6.33		23.48	0.55	7.1	1.93	13.65	6.37	12.1	12.11	6.94											
Total Open Space (ac)																							
Park Prox to Homes																							
Shelter	23%						X				X												X
Parking	57%	X	X				X							X			X	X			X		X
Trails (internal)	47%	X		X					X	X			X			X	X	X		X			
Playground	61%	X	X		X			X		X			X		X	X	X	X		X			X
Baseball Field	52%	X	X										X			X	X	X		X		X	X
Basketball	19%		X											X		X	X	X		X			
Tennis	14%									X						X							X
Pickleball	14%									X		X											
Other																							
Current Portable		X X																					
Closest Restroom				?	Hagbergs	Kwik Trip	Kwik Trip	Reid Park	Carrage Statior	Kwik Trip	Stonegate Park	Green Acres		X	Reid Park	X	X	X	X	X	X	Holiday	X
Ballfield Space?												1		1		2	1	2	1		1	1	1



STAFF REPORT

PARKS COMMISSION

DATE: 06/20/2022

Motion

TO: Parks Commission

SUBMITTED BY: Adam Swanepoel, Assistant Public Works Director

REVIEWED BY: Marty Powers: Public Works Director
Kristina Handt: City Administrator
Ben Hetzel: City Planner

AGENDA ITEM: Parks Survey - Results

BACKGROUND:

For 30 days during the month of May and ending June 9th 2022, the City of Lake Elmo conducted an online survey using Polco. The survey provided fourteen questions to users regarding the following parks; Demontreville, Klies, Pebble and Tablyn. The scope of the survey was to gauge the community's use of the facilities and help provide insight on the future of the parks and their amenities. In addition, these four parks were selected based off age of their amenities and the available time frame at which they should be replaced or updated. A summary of the results are being presented. Staff is looking for direction from the Parks Commission to assist in the planning of the replacements and refurbishing of amenities in these four parks.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

With over 1080 registered viewers of the survey, on average 35 people completed each survey question. Survey results are as follows:

Klies Park – Attachment 1

Survey results show community members are split 50/50 on seeing a disc golf course added to Klies Park. 85% of those surveyed would like to see the ballfield stay as well as the playset replaced. In addition to the current amenities: shelter, tennis court, soccer goals, ice rink and zip line came up as a suggestion twice or more during the survey for Klies Park.

Demontreville – Attachment 2

Over 90% those who took the survey would like to see the playground replaced at the Demontreville Park. (The most recent CIP has this due for replacement in 2024)

Pebble – Attachment 3

Results from the survey show a vast interest in updating the current tennis courts. 22% recommend they remain as tennis courts and 56% have suggested it be refurbished to accommodate both tennis and pickle ball. 97% of those surveyed suggested the playground be updated vs being removed. In addition, the majority would like to see the basketball courts refurbished either as a half or full court.

Tablyn – Attachment 4

Results indicate the tennis courts at Tablyn Park should be updated. 54% of those surveyed would like to see the courts refurbished to include both tennis and pickle ball courts. In addition, 61% would like to see the basketball court stay the same size and be refurbished. 97% of surveyors would like to see the playground set remain and be replaced.

(The most recent CIP shows the tennis/basketball courts is due for replacement in 2023 and the playground is due for replacement in 2024)

Other – Attachment 5

In addition to the four specific parks, users were asked if they would like to see more athletic ball fields in Lake Elmo. 59% were in favor while 41% were opposed to seeing additional recreation ball fields within the city. Users were asked to also provide any suggestions to other amenities they would like to see within the City Park system. Numerous suggestions were provided and should be taken into consideration when updating and adding to any park project.

A full scope of the survey is attached for review.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: \$125,000 is budgeted in the CIP for each playset, \$120,000 for refurbishing the Pebble Courts to accommodate basketball, tennis and pickleball. \$90,000 was budgeted in the CIP for refurbishing the Tablyn Courts for Basketball, tennis and pickleball

RECOMMENDATION:

Based on the Survey results, staff is recommending the following replacements and refurbishing in the four parks in years 2023 and 2024. Direction to proceed with the planning of these activities as identified below is requested and adding to the future work plans

- 1) Staff is recommending the Parks Commission, based off the survey results, decide whether to plan for a disc golf in Klies Park or discontinue the idea. Also needed is the support to start the planning of the playset replacement as identified in the work plan and to keep the ball field as is
- 2) Staff is recommending the Parks Commission, based off the survey results, continues to plan on the replacement of the Demontreville Park Play set as already established in the CIP
- 3) Staff is recommending the Parks Commission, based off the survey results, to start the planning of the 2023 rehab of the courts at Pebble Park to a combination of tennis and pickle ball courts and reconstructing the existing basketball half court into a full court. Also to replace the Pebble Park playset in 2024.
- 4) Staff is recommending the Parks Commission, based off the survey results to refurbish the current Tablyn Park tennis courts to a combination of tennis and pick ball courts and to refurbish the basketball court as is. Also to replace the Tablyn playset as scheduled in 2024.

“Motion to recommend playground replacement at Klies Park along with removing disk golf from the Klies Park location.”

“Motion to recommend playground replacement at Demontreville as planned”

“Motion to recommend reconstruction of the tennis courts at Pebble Park into a combination of tennis and pickle ball courts, including updating the current basketball court into a full court and replacement of the playset as scheduled.”

“Motion to recommend reconstruction of the tennis courts at Tablyn Park into a combination of tennis and pickle ball courts and to reconstruct the basketball court and replacement of the playset as scheduled.”

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1: Klies Park
- 2: Demontreville Park
- 3: Pebble Park
- 4: Tablyn Park
- 5: Other
- 6: Parks Survey

ATTACHMENT: 1

1. Would you like to see a disc golf course added to Kleis Park?

Yes 50% (18)

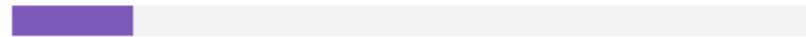


No 50% (18)



2. Would you like to see the Kleis Park ballfield removed?

Yes 15% (5)

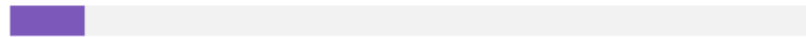


No 85% (28)



3. Would you like to see the Kleis Park playset removed or replaced?

Removed 9% (3)



Replaced 91% (30)

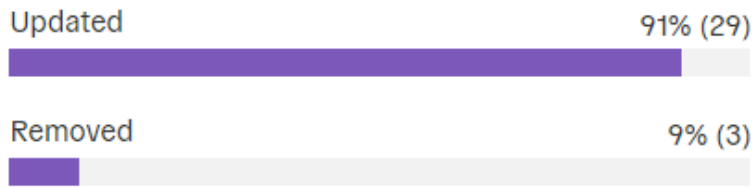


4. Are there any other amenities you'd like to see in Kleis Park?

- Improved Picnic/ Shelter / Grill Facilities - 2x
- Tables
- Tennis Court - 3x
- Basketball
- Soccer Goals – 2x
- Hockey Rink/Ice Rink – 3x
- Zip Line – 2x
- Splash pad

Attachment: 2

5. Would you like to see the Demontreville Park playset updated or removed?

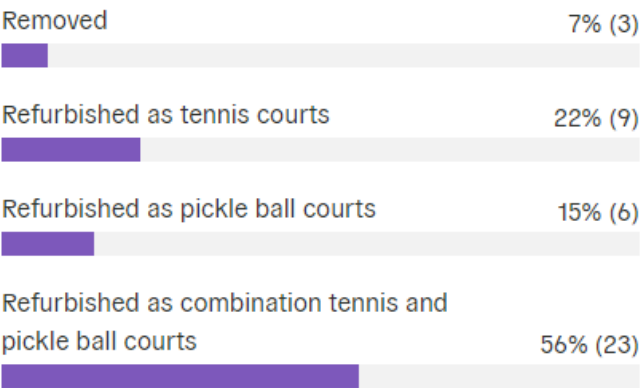


6. Are there any other amenities you'd like to see in Demontreville Park?

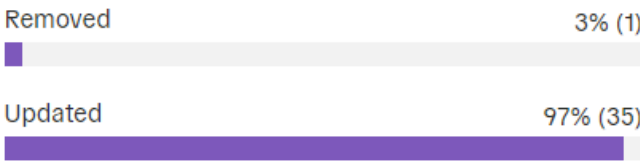
- Bocce
- Trampoline
- Climbing Structures
- Pickle Ball Courts
- Skating Rink
- Bike Facilities
- Mini Golf

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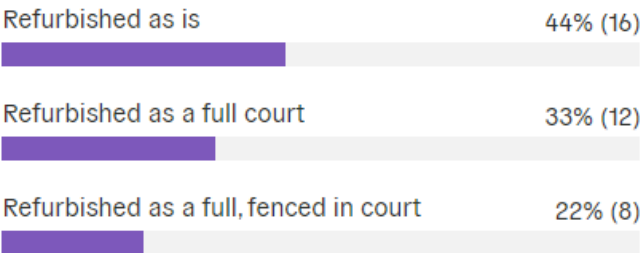
7. Would you like to see the Pebble Park Tennis courts removed, refurbished, or replaced with another use?



8. Would you like to see the Pebble Park playset removed or updated?

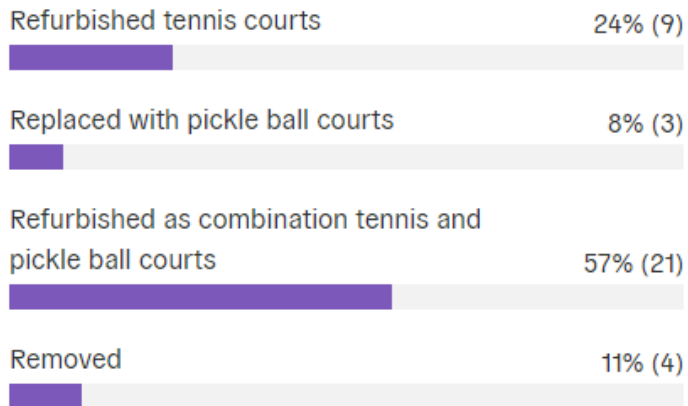


9. Would you like to see the Pebble Park basketball court refurbished, replaced, or updated?

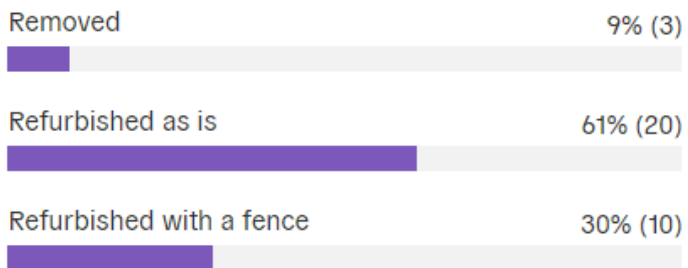


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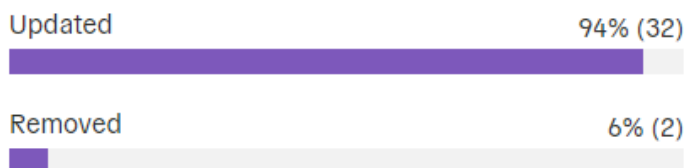
10. Would you like to see the Tablyn Park tennis courts refurbished, replaced, or removed?



11. Would you like to see the Tablyn Park basketball court removed, refurbished, or updated?

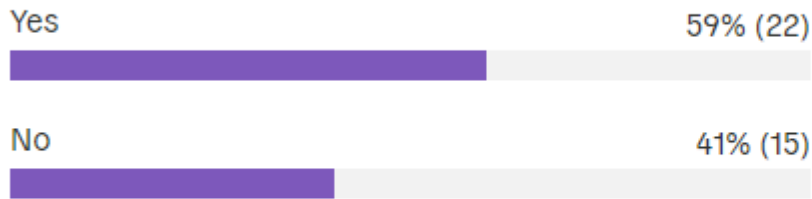


12. Would you like to see the Tablyn Park playset updated or removed?



Attachment : 5

13. Would you like to see more athletic or recreational ballfields in Lake Elmo?



14. Are there any other amenities you would like to see added to specific parks?

- Varied amenities/rec opportunities (bike, golf, bocce, disk golf, horseshoe)
- Outdoor Fitness Equipment / Regional Fitness Park
- New residential developments should start adding baseball and soccer/football fields as a requirement before permitting
- Baby swings
- New play equipment
- Picnic tables – Kleis Park
- Add recycling bins – Tablyn Park
- Install benches - Tablyn Park
- Picnic Shelter – Hammes Park
- Soccer Nets – Pilot Park
- Toilets
- Outdoor pools / Splash pads
- Ice skating rinks
- Cameras – Pebble Park
- Soccer fields
- Rope tower – Pebble Park
- Benches – Pebble Park
- Add and connect trails for bikes, runner, and walkers
- Shade structure – Pilot Park