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PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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MEMORANDUM

Date: August 5, 2019
To: Ray Keller, Village Manager *RK*
From: Bonnie Caputo, Recreation Director
Subject: **Resolution for Paulus Park Improvements / OSLAD Grant Application**

Issue: The Village has contracted with Hitchcock Design Group (a landscape planning firm and landscape architecture firm) to re-design the prior plans for Paulus Park improvements and to submit an application with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources by August 12th for Open Space and Land Acquisition Development (OSLAD) grant funding. A commitment for matching funds through a resolution from the Village Board is required for the application.

Analysis: The state's Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) program, administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), help communities acquire open space and develop and improve recreational facilities throughout Illinois. The grant program can provide up to one-half of a project's funding and is combined with the investment of local matching funds. The program receives dedicated funding from a percentage of the state's Real Estate Transfer Tax.

When reviewing applications, the IDNR takes into account a variety of criteria, including but not limited to, prior funding by OSLAD, projects that address ideally 5 major outdoor recreation/conservation priorities (60%), local needs assessment (25%; comparison of existing supply of recreational facilities per capita and the existing supply of local open space/parkland acreage and the availability of similar park facilities within the proposed project site's service area), site characteristics and development plan (25%; project site's suitability for the proposed recreation uses), local planning/public input (10%) and project special considerations (5%; projects that are part of the overall economic development of an area and improving or increasing recreation opportunities).

The department did submit an application for Paulus Park Phase II improvements to the IDNR in 2012 which was denied (2012 application included grant assistance of \$380,200 for wetland

restoration, picnic shelter, community built playground to replace Kid's Kingdom, amphitheater, permeable pavers, site work, site furnishings, site landscaping, interpretive signage, ADA accessible fishing dock, construction and mobilization/grading/tree protection). There is no documentation on file for the reasons why the application was denied, however, this will be discussed with the IDNR during the pre-application meeting if the Board chooses to move forward with the application. The department was preparing to apply for the OSLAD grant in 2015 (similar projects to the 2012 submission), however, the grant was suspended by the State at this time.

Projects included in this year's grant application are being determined by the 2011 Village of Lake Zurich Open Space & Recreation Master Plan, 2015 Park Advisory Board and community meeting feedback, and community survey as well as the community open house held at Paulus Park on Thursday, August 1, 2019. The application identified the following projects for this year's OSLAD submission for improvements at Paulus Park: extension of the trails to the North side of the property, fishing pier, continued shoreline restoration on the South side of the property, pathway improvements, non-motorized boat/canoe launch, replacement of stage/band shell, additional picnic shelter (with storage), and YALP interactive play feature as well as some site landscaping, electrical upgrades and possible remediation of drainage issues in the park.

Recommendation: Staff recommends approving the resolution committing to matching funding for Paulus Park improvements as required by the IDNR for OSLAD grant funding for at least \$400,000.

w/ Attachments; Paulus Park Improvements OSLAD Presentation and Resolution

**OSLAD Grant Program
Resolution of Authorization**

Form OS/DOC-3

Applicant (Sponsor) Legal Name: Village of Lake Zurich
Project Title: Paulus Park Master Plan

The Village of Lake Zurich (Sponsor) hereby certifies and acknowledges that it has the sufficient funds necessary (includes cash and value of donated land) to complete the pending OSLAD project within the timeframes specified herein for project execution, and that failure to adhere to the specified project timeframe or failure to proceed with the project because of insufficient funds or change in local recreation priorities is sufficient cause for project grant termination which will also result in the ineligibility of the local project sponsor for subsequent Illinois IDNR outdoor recreation grant assistance consideration in the next two (2) consecutive grant cycles following project termination.

Acquisition and Development Projects

It is understood that the project must be completed within the timeframe established. The OSLAD timeframe is two years as is specified in the project agreement. The Billing Certification Statement must be submitted within 45 days of the grant expiration date and the last reimbursement request must be submitted within one year of the grant expiration date. Failure to do so will result in the Project Sponsor forfeiting all project reimbursements and relieves IDNR from further payment obligations on the grant.

The Village of Lake Zurich (Sponsor) further acknowledges and certifies that it will comply with all terms, conditions and regulations of 1) the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) program (17 IL Adm. Code 3025); 2) the Illinois Grant Funds Recovery Act (30 ILCS 705); 3) the federal Uniform Relocation Assistance & Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) and/or the Illinois Displaced Persons Relocation Act (310 ILCS 40 et. seq.), as applicable; 4) the Illinois Human Rights Act (775 ILCS 5/1-101 et.seq.); 5) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (P.L. 83-352); 6) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (P.L. 94-135); 7) the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1988, (P.L. 100-259); and 8) the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (PL 101-336); and will maintain the project area in an attractive and safe condition, keep the facilities open to the general public during reasonable hours consistent with the type of facility, cease any farming operations, and obtain from the Illinois DNR written approval for any change or conversion of approved outdoor recreation use of the project site prior to initiating such change or conversion; and for property **acquired** with OSLAD assistance, agree to place a covenant restriction on the project property deed at the time of recording that stipulates the property must be used, in perpetuity, for public outdoor recreation purposes in accordance with the OSLAD programs and cannot be sold or exchanged, in whole or part, to another party without approval from the Illinois DNR, and that development at the site will commence within 3 years.

BE IT FURTHER PROVIDED that the Village of Lake Zurich (Sponsor) certifies to the best of its knowledge that the information provided within the attached application is true and correct.

This Resolution of Authorization has been duly discussed and adopted by the Village of Lake Zurich (Sponsor) on the 5th day of August (month), 2019 (year)

Attested by: _____
Date: _____

Name (printed / typed)

Signature

Title