

Memo

To: Village Board

From: Chris Clark, Director of Parks, Recreation, & Forestry

Re: Resolution 2016-11; Authorize Funding for the Resch Family East River Trail Reconstruction

Date: April 19th, 2016

Background Information:

The Parks Department is seeking approval to apply for state and federal grant funding to complete the reconstruction of the Resch Family East River Trail in Green Isle Park. As a stipulation for the grant application process, the Village must pass a resolution authorizing funding for the project.

This portion of the project was removed from the previous trail reconstruction project due to lack of funding in 2014. At that time it was recommended to apply for funding in 2015 for the portion of the trail that was removed from the 2014 project. In the FY 2016 grant cycle this project was only partially awarded in the amount of \$16,792. The Department declined that partial grant award and postponed the project to FY 2017 in hopes to procure additional grant funding by reapplying this year.

The anticipated cost estimate to complete this phase of the trail project is \$370,000 which must be budgeted for upfront with the expectation to receive half of that back in grant reimbursements. We will be applying for a 50/50 state and federal trails grant through the Wisconsin DNR. We have utilized this funding process many times in the past including the first phase of the Resch Family East River Trail reconstruction last year. The application deadline for these grants is May 1st annually.

Previous Information/Action:

The Village Board previously agreed to move forward with applying for funding for the remainder of the trail at the June 24th, 2014 meeting.

"Vanden Avond / Gast moved to go ahead with the trail project from the bridge southward having Lange do the purchasing of products to save money (taxes) and with the balance of the project costs for that area coming from the general fund and that we move forward with applying for funding for the rest of the Green Isle trail portion for next year. Motion carried."

The Village Board authorized funding for this project at the March 17th, 2015 meeting by approving Resolution 2015-03.

RESOLUTION 2015-03, AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR EAST RIVER TRAIL

Gast / Vanden Avond moved to adopt Resolution 2015-03, authorizing funding for East River Trail. Motion carried.

Budget Item/Funding:

This item will need to be funded for in the 2017 Capital Improvement Plan at an estimate of \$370,000. The Department will know the grant award prior to budget meetings and potentially adjust the project and budget if needed at that time.

Staff Recommendation:

Village staff recommends the Village Board approve Resolution 2016-11.

Attachments:

- Resolution 2016-11



RESOLUTION 2016-11

A resolution in support of acquiring funding for Phase II of the Resch Family East River Trail reconstruction.

WHEREAS, the Village of Allouez is interested in reconstructing an existing public paved trail for public outdoor recreation purposes as described in the application; and

WHEREAS, financial aid is required to carry out the project;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Allouez has budgeted a sum sufficient to complete the project and;

HEREBY AUTHORIZES Chris Clark, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry to act on behalf of the Village of Allouez to:

Submit an application to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for any financial aid that may be available;

Submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation within six months of the project completion date;

Submit signed documents; and

Take necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete the approved project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village of Allouez will comply with state or federal rules for the programs to the general public during reasonable hours consistent with the type of facility; and will obtain from the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources or the National Park Service approval in writing before any change is made in the use of the project site.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2016.

I hereby certify that the foregoing was duly adopted by the Board of Trustees at a legal meeting on the _____ day of _____, 2016.

Jim Rafter, Village President

Date