

MEMORANDUM

TO: Park Advisory Commission

FROM: Colin Smith, Parks & Recreation Services Manager

DATE: May 21, 2019

SUBJECT: Resolution to Recommend the Parks Millage Operating Budget Partially Cover FY2019 Operating Expenses at the Ann Arbor Skatepark

Attached for your review and action is a resolution to recommend the City Parks Millage Operating Budget partially cover FY2019 operating expenses at the Ann Arbor Skatepark.

The agreement between the Friends of the Ann Arbor Skatepark (Friends) and the City of Ann Arbor (City) for the Management and Operation of the Ann Arbor Skatepark includes a section that deals with the annual operational maintenance expenses. It is the responsibility of the Friends to pay all costs for the operation and maintenance of the Skatepark for the duration of the agreement; however the City may decide to contribute following a funding review process.

Work orders for FY 2019 to date for the Skatepark total approximately \$1,952. Expenses are related to rain garden maintenance, port-a-potty rentals, minor repairs, and landscaping work. Between now and the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2019) repairs to the skatepark will be done by Grindline Skateparks, a specialized skatepark company. The total cost of the repairs is expected to be \$15,000. This is the first significant repair since the skatepark opened 5 years ago. Work will include crack repair, sawcut/seam repair, patching vertical walls, and repair and maintenance of the pool coping features. Staff recommends that the City cover expenses to date in the amount of \$1,952, and \$7,500 of the \$15,000 purchase order with Grindline Skateparks for repairs yet to happen this fiscal year, for a total City contribution of \$9,452. This expense is able to be absorbed within the overall Parks millage annual parks operating budget for FY2019.

The Friends have approximately \$105,000 in the skatepark maintenance endowment fund for future maintenance needs and repairs. Staff believes it to be prudent for the City to partially cover costs for this current fiscal year thereby allowing the endowment fund to further grow and be available for future needs and more expensive capital maintenance repairs down the road.

RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND THE PARKS MILLAGE OPERATING BUDGET
PARTIALLY COVER FY2019 OPERATING EXPENSES AT THE ANN
ARBOR SKATEPARK

Whereas, The agreement between the Friends of the Ann Arbor Skatepark (Friends) and the City of Ann Arbor (City) states the funding of the operation and maintenance of the Ann Arbor Skatepark is the responsibility of the Friends;

Whereas, The agreement provides a provision whereby the City can contribute to the cost of annual maintenance and operation as part of a funding review process;

Whereas, In FY2019, as of May 21st, 2019 approximately \$1,952 in operational costs have been expended at the Skatepark to date, with another \$15,000 in repairs anticipated prior to the end of the fiscal year;

Whereas, The City and Friends intend to equally share the cost of the \$15,000 upcoming repair; and

Whereas, The City parks millage overall operating budget is able to absorb these expenses without neglecting other budgeted park needs;

RESOLVED, That the Park Advisory Commission recommend that the parks operating budget partially cover FY2019 operating expenses at the Ann Arbor Skatepark in the amount of \$9,452.