

Parks and Public Works Committee Agenda Item Report

FROM: Scott Herbert – Public Works Superintendent

MEETING DATE: February 25, 2025

SUBJECT: Village Square Courts – DNR Trust Fund Grant Application

DESCRIPTION:

On Wednesday February 19th, the City Council discussed applying for a DNR Trust Fund Grant to assist with funding the refreshment of the Village Square courts. They will vote on this decision at their regular Council meeting on Monday February 24th. 15/250 points of the application are awarded based on the following:

Universal Access Design – Score 15

- i. Prior to April 1 of the application year, the applicant obtained a project review from a person with a disability in their community, an organization representing people with disabilities or an advocate for persons with disabilities. Documentation of this review was provided.

We'd like to ask the Parks and Public Works Committee to help generate a letter(s) of support to increase the chance that these points would be awarded to the City's application.

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED:

N/A

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REVIEW:

N/A

LEGAL REVIEW:

N/A

SAMPLE MOTION:

N/A

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SUBJECT: Tree Care Update

DESCRIPTION:

Each year, the Department of Public Works participates in a wide range of tree care activities. Removals are typically performed in the winter to minimize impacts on businesses, residents, and tourism. It's also easier for crews as there is less traffic to contend with and the frozen ground is less susceptible to damage created from the operation of heavy equipment. E. Dowd's Crane Service was hired to assist the Department of Public Works in the removal of trees that are too large to safely remove without the use of a crane operator. That work order is enclosed and is summarized below:

Removals:

- **569 Hoffman Street – Silver Maple**
- **309 Grand Street – Sugar Maple**
- **341 Main Street – Sugar Maple**
- **433 Main Street – Silver Maple**
- **233 Culver Street – Norway Maple**
- **Cook Park – Black Willow**

Prune:

- **569 Hoffman – Sugar Maple**
- **Willow Park – Willow**

Each of the trees being removed will be replaced in the spring.

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED:

N/A

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REVIEW:

N/A

LEGAL REVIEW:

N/A

SAMPLE MOTION:

N/A