



## *Division of Parks & Recreation Memorandum*

**To:** City Council Members  
**Cc:** Gerard Neugebauer, Mayor  
Steven Schmidt, Director, Finance  
**From:** Valerie Wax Carr, Director, Public Service *VWC*  
Michael B. Elkins, Parks Planning & Development Administrator *ME*  
**Date:** 6/3/2021  
**RE:** Supplemental Appropriation Request

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### **Parks and Recreation**

Due to the Coronavirus infection and spread rates greatly declining, and the availability of the vaccine for Coronavirus, the city is following the advice of the Governor's office and state and local health department officials and will be once again offering a number of programs and activities to the community through the parks and recreation division and its' partners.

We are requesting the city council to approve an appropriation of **\$27,250.00** for the parks operating budget, **\$38,000** from the parks capital budget, and **\$4,500.00** from the general fund for a service maintenance building. These amounts are included in the detailed worksheet attached.

### **Central Park**

The battery powered backup for the Central Park cameras need to be replaced.

### **John Torok Community & Senior Center - \$4,000.00**

With the re-opening of the Torok Center for use by the public we anticipate the need to have funds available for normal wear and tear due to rental activity.

### **Ariss Park - \$1,500.00**

This request is primarily for the dog park. This park feature is getting a great deal of use and requires additional funds to satisfactorily maintain the park.

### **Veterans Memorial Park - \$1,500.00**

The request of \$1,500 is for repair and maintenance of the veteran's park. There is a need to reset several of the engraved pavers along the Stories of Service Grove as the base material of the pavers has eroded over the years. Additionally, the funds would be used to have the Honor Terrace and brick walk-ways professionally cleaned and sealed.

### **Community Events - \$19,250**

June 3, 2021

Due to the loosening of restrictions related to the Coronavirus, the parks and recreation division intends to bring ten (10) community events back, please see spreadsheet for details.

**Service Maintenance Facility – 1844 Greensburg Rd -\$4,500.00**

The city's maintenance building at 1844 Greensburg Rd is in need of additional funding as well. These funds are to be used for continued maintenance of this facility and continued operations from this building.

Lastly, the city is requesting an appropriation **\$81,228.55** in total from the parks capital fund, please see the breakdown and descriptions below :

**Parks Capital**

**Park Security Cameras – East Liberty Park \$17,000**

In recent months the park has seen an increased level of activity and vandalism to the grounds and facilities. The cameras the city is pursuing are Verkada cameras. We currently have one of these cameras at Boettler Park. This is a cloud- based camera with access from any smart phone or tablet. The cameras would be focused on the basketball courts, ballfields, pavilion, restroom building, and parking lot. Including a license plate reader. Our vendor for these cameras is Lightspeed Technologies, Inc., the same vendor under contract with the city in providing park security cameras and camera maintenance.

**Park Identification Sign – Greensburg Road Youth Sports Complex \$1,000**

The Greensburg Road Youth Sports Complex sign is in need of replacement sign. The previous sign (pictured below) was more than 15 years old and was meant to be a temporary sign. The sign has deteriorated over the years and eventually deteriorated beyond repair. The proposed replacement sign will be made of aluminum with similar design and color, mounted to wood posts.



**Side by Side Waste & Recycle Containers \$20,000**

In 2019 city standardized its waste and recycle containers in the parks system. These waste/recycle stations have been effective in encouraging park visitors to separate waste from recycle. In **2019 city crews collected 992 bags of trash and 353 bags of recyclable material.** (Source – Cityworks). These additional stations will be strategically placed within the parks to capture more recyclable materials. The efforts of the parks and recreation division collecting recyclable material from the parks is also a strategic goal of the Living Green Task Force in their recycling education and practice initiatives. These are effective and the increased number of park visitors necessitates these units.