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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Township Board  
Andrew Dymczyk – Township Manager

**FROM:** Brett C. Wittenberg, Community Development Director *BCW*

**SUBJECT:** Spark Grant Resolutions – Waters Edge Park (Resolution 2022-11-69), Miracle League Field/Valley Farms Park (Resolution 2022-11-70), and Saffron Hills Non-Motorized Pathway (Resolution 2022-11-71)

**DATE:** November 22, 2022

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### RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

- 1. Approve Resolution 2022-11-69 that authorizes the submission of a Spark Grant for Waters Edge Park and make available its financial obligation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the 2024-2025 fiscal year or when grant funds become available.**
- 2. Approve Resolution 2022-11-70 that authorizes the submission of a Spark Grant for Miracle League Field and Valley Farms Park Improvements and make available its financial obligation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the 2022-2023 fiscal year or when grant funds become available.**
- 3. Approve Resolution 2022-11-71 that authorizes the submission of a Spark Grant for Saffron Hills Non-Motorized Pathway and make available its financial obligation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the 2023-2024 fiscal year or when grant funds become available.**

### STRATEGIC PLAN:

Strategic Initiative: Fiscal and Organization Excellence

Strategies: Maintain sound fiscal policies and budgets that allow the Township to address service needs and maintain community quality

Objectives: Explore funding sources and opportunities

Strategic Initiative: Quality of Life

Strategies: Enhance Township recreation amenities and opportunities

Objectives: Identify strategies to obtain additional funding

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Strategic: Quality of Life

Strategies: Enhance Township recreation amenities and opportunities

Objectives: Work with community members to expand recreation opportunities

**BACKGROUND:**

Administered by the DNR, Michigan Spark Grants will support projects that provide safe, accessible, public recreation facilities and spaces to improve people's health, introduce new recreation experiences, build on existing park infrastructure and make it easier for people to enjoy both indoor and outdoor recreation. This grant opportunity is possible because of the Building Michigan Together Plan, signed in March 2022, which included a historic infusion of federal funding in our state and local parks.

Staff has identified three potential projects that would be eligible for grant funding. All three projects, Waters Edge Park, Miracle League Field and Valley Farms Park Improvements, and the Saffron Hills Non-Motorized Pathway, are all identified in the Township's Capital Improvement Plan, 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan, or Non-Motorized Transportation Plan.

The application period opened in October of this year and applications are due on December 19, 2022 with the first round of grants being awarded in January of 2023 (two other rounds will be available in 2023). Given the unique opportunity of this grant, one that does not require a local match of funding, and a number of projects identified in the Township's Capital Improvement Plan, 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan, or Non-Motorized Transportation Plan, staff is requesting that the Township Board authorize the submission of applications for the three projects.

As mentioned above, this grant does not require a local match of funding, however, some type of match could make the Township's application more competitive. As can be seen in the attached resolutions and in the recommended action, should the Board desire to provide some type of match, that would need to be specified in the resolutions and recommended actions. If it is determined that the Township does not desire to provide a match at this time, the language regarding the financial obligations would need to be removed from the resolutions and recommended actions.

Given the tight timeframe for the application process, staff will be available at the Board meeting to discuss the grant process in more detail and the option of the Township providing some type of matching funding.

*Attachments: Resolutions 2022-11-69, 2022-11-70, and 2022-11-71*

**DeWitt Charter Township  
Spark Grant Application  
RESOLUTION  
2022-11-69**

At a Regular meeting of the DeWitt Charter Township Board held at the Township Hall, 1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D., 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Members \_\_\_\_\_

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ABSENT: Members \_\_\_\_\_

The following Preamble and Resolution was offered by \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by \_\_\_\_\_.

**WHEREAS**, DeWitt Charter Township is desirous of developing the vacant property known as Waters Edge Park with an accessible canoe/kayak launch, parking area, pathways, and native landscaping that will be an extension of the existing water trail in DeWitt Township and the City of DeWitt. These improvements will be at Waters Edge Park. The Township is applying for a Spark grant application titled Waters Edge Park Improvements and,

**WHEREAS**, this improvement is consistent with the goals and objectives of DeWitt Area Recreation Authority's Five Year Park and Recreation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, this improvement is identified in the Township's Capital Improvement Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, DeWitt Charter Township is hereby making a financial commitment to the project in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ matching funds, in cash and/or force account; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the DeWitt Charter Township Board hereby authorizes the submission of a Spark Grant Application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for \$300,000 and, further, resolves to make available its financial obligation amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_%), for a total project cost of \$300,000, during the 2024- 2025 fiscal year or when grant funding becomes available.

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

This Resolution declared adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adam Cramton, Township Clerk  
Charter Township of DeWitt  
Clinton County, Michigan

I, Adam Cramton, Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the DeWitt Charter Township Board at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.

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Adam Cramton, Township Clerk  
Charter Township of DeWitt  
Clinton County, Michigan

**DeWitt Charter Township  
Spark Grant Application  
RESOLUTION  
2022-11-70**

At a Regular meeting of the DeWitt Charter Township Board held at the Township Hall, 1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D., 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Members \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: Members \_\_\_\_\_

The following Preamble and Resolution was offered by \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by \_\_\_\_\_.

**WHEREAS**, DeWitt Charter Township is desirous of resurfacing the existing Miracle League Field, improving the dugouts, providing a scoreboard, and developing a universally accessible playground with safety surfacing, safety surfacing at existing playground elements, a new park pathway to existing and proposed playground elements, and park amenities such as benches, trash receptacles, and picnic tables immediately adjacent to the Miracle League Field. These improvements will be at Valley Farms Park. The Township is applying for a Spark grant application titled Miracle League Field and Valley Farms Park Playground Improvements and,

**WHEREAS**, this improvement is consistent with the goals and objectives of DeWitt Area Recreation Authority's Five Year Park and Recreation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, this improvement is identified in the Township's Capital Improvement Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, DeWitt Charter Township is hereby making a financial commitment to the project in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ matching funds, in cash and/or force account; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the DeWitt Charter Township Board hereby authorizes the submission of a Spark Grant Application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for \$1,000,000 and, further, resolves to make available its financial obligation amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_%), for a total project cost of \$1,000,000, during the 2022-2023 fiscal year or when grant funding becomes available.

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

This Resolution declared adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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**DeWitt Charter Township  
Spark Grant Application  
RESOLUTION  
2022-11-71**

At a Regular meeting of the DeWitt Charter Township Board held at the Township Hall, 1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D., 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Members \_\_\_\_\_

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ABSENT: Members \_\_\_\_\_

The following Preamble and Resolution was offered by \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by \_\_\_\_\_.

**WHEREAS**, DeWitt Charter Township is desirous of developing an accessible ten-foot non-motorized shared use path that will provide a connection for residents in the southwest portion of the Township to the existing trail network, and amenities such as benches and lighting. These improvements will be located within a permanent perpetual easement and right-of-way twenty (20) feet in width for the sole purpose of constructing, operating, and maintaining a ten (10) foot pathway for non-motorized public travel. The Township is applying for a Spark grant application titled Saffron Hills Non-Motorized Pathway and,

**WHEREAS**, this improvement is consistent with the goals and objectives of DeWitt Area Recreation Authority's Five Year Park and Recreation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, this improvement is consistent with the goals and objectives of DeWitt Township Non-Motorized Transportation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, DeWitt Charter Township is hereby making a financial commitment to the project in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ matching funds, in cash and/or force account; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the DeWitt Charter Township Board hereby authorizes the submission of a Spark Grant Application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for \$600,000 and, further, resolves to make available its financial obligation amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_%), for a total project cost of \$600,000, during the 2023- 2024 fiscal year or when grant funding becomes available.

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

This Resolution declared adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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