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Minutes - Final

Parks and Recreation Committee

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Roll Call: Chair Gerlach, Affa, Mota

[15-6110](#)

Bill 76

Amending the 2023 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) from People's First Federal Credit Union to support the mini-pitch system at Jordan Meadows.

Attachments: [Bill 76 People's First Donation](#)

[Ordinance #15937](#)

Mr. Ryan Griffiths stated that this Bill is for a small donation of \$5,000 from People's First Federal Credit Union to go towards the Capital Fund. It is being appropriated in the correct account for a Capital Project. This is a smaller scale soccer box cutter concept that would help make a soccer opportunity into urban areas.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked if there were any questions.

Ms. Candida Affa asked about the system again.

Mr. Ryan Griffiths stated that it is the size of a tennis court where you can put sign up in lighting with a smaller version of soccer in a lot of different places rather than a large scale.

Ms. Candida Affa stated around the little pocket parks.

Mr. Ryan Griffiths stated to imagine the footprint of the roller hockey rink.

Ms. Cynthia Mota stated that this is not a matching fund. This is just a grant.

Mr. Ryan Griffiths stated that this is a donation.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked if there were any other questions from the dais or the public.

A motion was made by Cynthia Mota, seconded by Candida Affa, that this Bill be forwarded to full Council.

Yes: 3 - Ce-Ce Gerlach, Candida Affa and Cynthia Mota

Enactment No: 15937

Updates

Ms. Bryne Heffner - Bair stated that they are still working on the MLK Trail. They are waiting for the design and waiting for the final LCA Sewer Plan to go through and finish the design on what is going to have the trails go into a line and be affected by LCA. With the Skatepark, they are working on going out to bid for Phase II. They are waiting on the DEP Permit that is required for both phases. It was something that was missed during Phase I. The WPA, they are working on Lehigh Parkway this year and also Union Terrace. They are going to be fixing the stage and the staircase at Union Terrace, if they have funding available. They are going to focus on that area. Phase IV at Lehigh Parkway and finishing the half side of the wall from the stairs to the section that they just completed. For Gordon Creek Greenway Trails were complete. They are working on getting the 30-day testing period for pedestrian flashers. All the other PPL connections have been completed. They are still continuing design for Bogart's Bridge. They plan to have the construction bid go out in the beginning of next year for construction starting in 2024. They do have a \$1.3 million grant coming from PennDot for that project as well. That is helping and assisting with the construction. For Parks Maintenance, they are currently moving some of the money that was previously approved at Mack Pool for a structural assessment and evaluation. Mack Pool is slowly starting to fail. The walls are in repair. They have been repairing them in the last couple of years. They are moving some of the money in Parks maintenance out of there for the time being until we have a better idea of where we are going to go with the Parks Maintenance Facility. Irving Pool construction is progressing very nicely. The pools have walls. They are planning to shockcrete the walls and concrete the walls in the next couple of weeks. That is moving nicely with anticipation to be completed in early spring. Valania Park is complete. They are just waiting for the vendors to get their final payments which has been mailed out and then that project will be completed. With Cedar Creek Bridge, they are currently working on the vehicular bridge there at Cedar Creek Park by the Rose Garden. They are shoring up the abutments for that bridge to be able to allow an ambulance or a maintenance vehicle to cross that bridge again. It will not be open for public traffic. She stated that they are working on that. They plan on finishing it this week but with the rain, it kind of detailed it a bit. They are looking at early, mid next week to probably and most likely be complete. It most likely won't have crazy amount of rain in the next few days. Lastly, what they have on the list for current Park projects is the Parks Master Plan. They are working on writing up the RFP and the scope of work to get that out hopefully by the end of the year, this year. She stated that she thinks

that is all of their current projects. There are a couple that will be coming in the near future. She asked if anybody had any questions.

Ms. Ce Ce Gerlach asked if there were any questions from anybody on the dais or public. She thanked Ms. Heffner for the update.

[15-6155](#) Parks and Rec Capital Projects

Attachments: [2023 Q2 Parks Capital Projects](#)
[2023 Q1 Parks Capital Projects](#)

Adjournment: 6:08 PM