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Agenda Item 4 March 17, 2008

SUBJECT: Approval to submit a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Grant with a 25% match commitment of \$50,000 for the design and installation of a universally accessible playground at the ITC Community Sports Park.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Department of Natural Resources announced that applications are available for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF). The purpose of this program is to fund projects for the development of public outdoor recreation facilities and the acquisition of land for outdoor recreation and/or resource protection. This grant requires a local match of at least 25% of the total project cost that would be funded in the 2008-2009 budget. The application is due April 1, 2008 and the timetable indicates the MNRTF Board will make its final recommendation for funding on December 2008. Funds are released in late 2009, dictating a 2010 construction for this grant.

The project intent is to enhance the existing Tim Pope Play Structure by providing an additional accessible play structure, approximately 3,500 square feet, adjacent to the current playground site. It is anticipated that the structure will cost \$200,000, requiring a minimum 25% (\$50,000) match.

As part of the 2008 – 2009 capital improvement program the department is recommending the replacement of the Tim Pope Play Structure. Pending City Council approval of this proposed project, funds will be utilized to enhance the grant application and install additional play equipment, further enhancing the site.

The public hearing, and consideration to approve submittal of the grant and matching funds will be reviewed on the March 17th City Council agenda.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: : Approval to submit a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Grant with a 25% match commitment of \$50,000 for the design and installation of a universally accessible playground at the ITC Community Sports Park.

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