



## MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Pat Fribis and the Board of Aldermen

From: Eric Sterman, City Administrator

Date: June 5, 2020

Re: Potential Crestwood-Sunset Hills Pool Partnership

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Due to Covid-19, the City of Sunset Hills will not open our pool this year. However, we have been in conversations with neighboring pools to see if there was an opportunity to subsidize our residents attending a neighboring pool, to give them an option to swim this year. While some neighboring pools i.e. Webster Groves are not opening, some are. The City of Crestwood is planning to open their pool on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Since the City of Crestwood does plan to open, with limitations, Mayor Fribis and Mayor Mabie have had discussions about an agreement under which the City of Sunset Hills would subsidize our residents purchasing memberships to the Crestwood pool.

The proposal would look as follows:

Crestwood currently charges their residents \$200 per family membership and \$80 per individual membership.

They charge non-residents \$350 per family and \$130 per individual.

In this arrangement, the City of Sunset Hills would pay the difference between the resident and non-resident rate. So, a Sunset Hills resident family would pay \$200, and the City of Sunset Hills would pay \$150.

The City's subsidy would be capped at \$10,000. The plan would be to offer it first to members of our pool from last year. Once that amount is used up, Sunset Hills residents would no longer receive a discount, but could still join the Crestwood pool at the non-resident rate. As a point of reference, the City last year had around 225 members. This subsidy would not be enough to cover all of them, but would cover quite a few, and we do not anticipate that all of our members would want to utilize the Crestwood pool. If we had an overwhelming response, the level of subsidy could be adjusted while staying within the \$10,000 budget. As a reminder, were the City of Sunset Hills to have opened our pool this year with the Covid-19 restrictions mandated by St. Louis County, we had a forecasted deficit of over \$150,000. The hope is that this arrangement is a more cost-effective way to help with the inconvenience for those Sunset Hills families and individuals who are not able to use the City's pool this year.

The purpose of this agenda item is to solicit input from the Board and determine if they wish to move forward with this partnership.