



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Pat Fribis and the Board of Aldermen

From: Gerald Brown, Parks & Recreation Director

Date: June 5, 2020

Re: Playground Site at Watson Trail Park

The Parks & Recreation Department would like to apply for a Municipal Parks Grant to renovate the Watson Trail Playground. The Playground is over 20 years old and is out dated. It is impossible to find some of the replacement parts needed to fulfil the playground, so we have had to remove some of the components over the past couple of years.

In addition, as you may know I have been working with the organization Rainbow for Kids, an Organization geared to assist children with disabilities. We have raised approximately \$43,000 to help assist with the construction of ADA accessible swing and other amenities in Watson Trail Park. Other organizations that have donated include Renewal by Anderson, Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club, Whitey Herzog Foundation and numerous individuals.

At this time we are planning to apply for a Municipal Parks Grant to construct both the ADA swing and the new playground at the time. We have worked with Gateway Design Studio to create a fun and exciting play theme for the entire area including the Rainbow for Kids components, poured in place surfacing, ADA components, swings, slides, transfer stations, music themed activities, benches, shade and much more. We believe this will be a great new amenity for the residents to enjoy for the next 20 years.

The total cost of the project is approximately \$415,000. Of that, the grant would pay for \$370,000. The remaining \$45,000 is the obligation of the City, however would be covered by the money that Rainbow for Kids has raised. The City will also donate labor and some materials to the project. The application is due in August, and if approved we could start the project as early as late September/early October. Construction would be completed by Spring of 2022.