

MEMORANDUM

August 2, 2010

TO: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

FROM: Eric Stuckey, City Administrator *Eric*
Vernon Gerth, ACA Community & Economic Development
Lisa R. Clayton, Parks Director

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION FOR TENNESSEE LOCAL PARKS AND RECREATION GRANT FUNDS (LPRF) COF Resolution No. 2010-62**

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the information required of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA) to make an informed decision as to whether or not to submit a grant to the State of Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation for the Local Parks and Recreation Grant Funds.

Background

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) pursuant to TCA 67-4-409 are authorized, in cooperation with the Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDOA) and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA), to establish the "Local Parks Land Acquisition Fund" - referred to as the Local Parks and Recreation Fund (LPRF). The LPRF is to provide grants to all eligible local governmental entities for the purchase of lands for parks, natural areas, greenways, and for the purchase of land for recreation facilities. The funds may also be used for trail development and capital projects in parks, natural areas, and greenways. At least 60 percent of the funds allocated will go to municipal governments as authorized by the act. Recreation Educational Services (RES) has been awarding grants to eligible local governments for the purchase and development of land since 1992. These grants require a 50 percent match.

In 2005, the City of Franklin was awarded \$100,000 for the Jim Warren Skatepark. The Parks Department proposes in 2010 to refurbish and renovate three existing structures: tennis courts, rubberized ADA accessible playground surfacing and shading apparatus for an existing playground.

Financial Impact

The total cost for the three projects is in the amount of \$162,580. This will include a complete refurbishment of the eight (8) tennis courts (\$28,800) with removal and installation of new ten foot chainlink fencing (\$33,890); installation of new ADA rubberized safety surfacing inside existing sidewalk areas and playground equipment (\$75,000) at Jim Warren Park; installation of shading apparatus for playground at Liberty Park (\$24,890). The grant requires a 50-50 match; therefore City of Franklin in-kind contribution and monies would total an amount \$81,290.

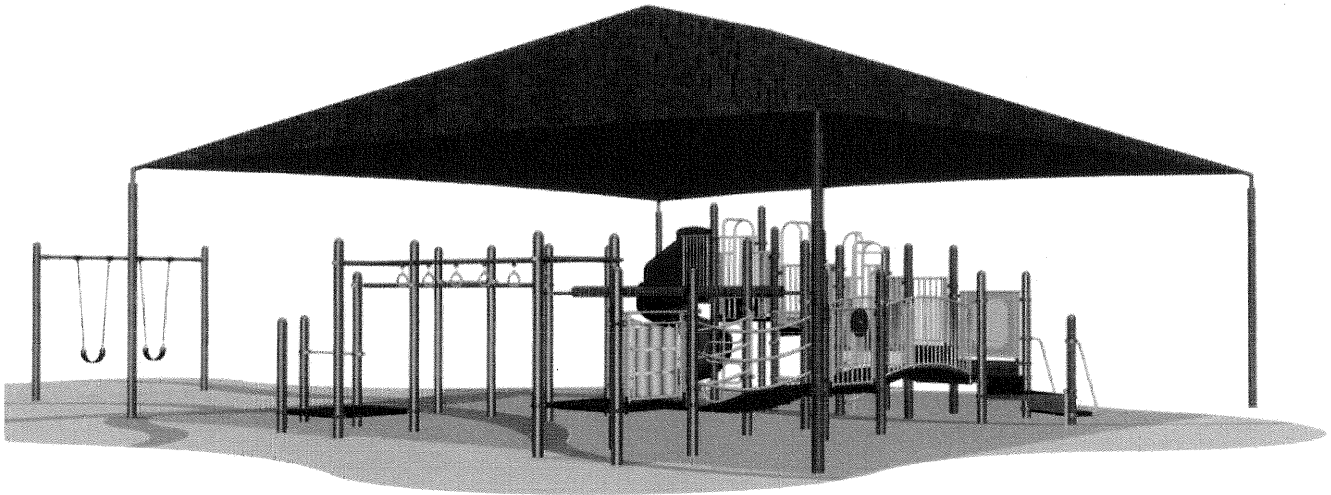
Options

Available options are to either approve or disapprove the resolution or choose from the three proposed projects which one to apply for in the grant.

Recommendation

The approval of the proposed resolution and submittal of the grant application by the August 13, 2010 deadline is recommended.

Proposed shading apparatus
for Liberty Park playground.



Aerial view of tennis courts
and existing mulch surfacing
in the playground at Jim
Warren Park.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION FOR TENNESSEE LOCAL PARKS AND
RECREATION GRANT FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the City of Franklin is seeking to improve Jim Warren Park by refurbishing and adding new fencing for eight (8) existing tennis courts and adding ADA-compliant rubberized safety surfacing to the playground utilized children of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the City also seeks to add shade apparatus to the newly opened Liberty Park playground; and

WHEREAS, Jim Warren Park and Liberty Park serve as the hubs for the active recreation outlined in City of Franklin Parks system; and

WHEREAS, Franklin residents are increasingly becoming aware of the health and economic benefits of accessible and safe recreational surfacing; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen has been committed to providing safe recreational areas for all age groups throughout the City, and the refurbishment and renovations at Jim Warren and Liberty Parks will get us one step closer to having a safe, accessible park system that leads programming for educational activities and residential play; and

WHEREAS, the City may apply to the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation for Tennessee Local Parks and Recreation grant funds (LPRF) to further assist with the costs associated with the updating of existing recreational areas in the parks network.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE THAT:

Mayor John Schroer is hereby authorized to sign and submit an application for Local Parks and Recreation Funds (LPRF) for the purpose of renovating and refurbishing City-owned tennis courts and playground properties. The City will match the requested amount, with at least fifty percent (50%) of the total project cost coming from the City's capital fund revenues and in-kind labor and materials.

Approved and Adopted this 10th day of August, 2010.

Attest:

John C. Schroer
Mayor

Eric S. Stuckey
City Administrator/Recorder