



**AGENDA ITEM #9.1**

**REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL**

**Report Prepared by: Nancy Malecha**

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**Date:** March 5, 2020

**Subject:** Acceptance of Armed Services Flag Display Donation

**Report:** The City was recently contacted by the FM Area Foundation with news that one of their fund-holders would like to grant the City a donation for a U.S. Armed Services flag display around the Veteran's Memorial in Trailside Park. The Park Commission, at their meeting held on February 13<sup>th</sup>, unanimously supports the acceptance of this donation.

Attached is the letter received from the FM Area Foundation and a resolution accepting this donation.

**Council Action Requested:** Council motion adopting the attached resolution accepting the Trailside Park donation. A two thirds vote of the Council required to adopt this resolution.



**FM Area Foundation**  
Connecting people and purpose.

January 31, 2020

Nancy Malecha, City Administrator  
City of Pequot Lakes  
4638 County Road 11  
Pequot Lakes MN 56472

Dear Nancy,

It has been a pleasure working with you these past three and a half years regarding the generous gifts one of our donor/fund-holders has been granting to the city of Pequot Lakes.

In June of 2016, I sent you a letter on behalf of our fundholder outlining gifts they were willing to make in order to assist with the Trailside Park renovation. These included:

- An offer to provide \$150,000 to develop a State Flag Display in Trailside Park modelled in concept after the Avenue of State Flags at Mount Rushmore. To date, our fundholder has granted \$125,216.40 to Pequot Lakes for the State Flag Display. In addition, a separate U.S. Armed Services flag display is being planned to be constructed around the Veteran's Memorial. The donor has agreed to grant additional dollars to cover the cost of this project.
- An offer to provide \$100,000 to construct a splash pad in Trailside Park. No dollars have been granted to date as this project is still in the planning phase. In our July 10, 2019 conversation you mentioned at that time you had received one bid with an accompanying presentation for the splash pad project and the bid came in at slightly more than \$100,000. I spoke with the donor and on July 25, 2019 I conveyed to you the donor agreed to cover any additional and reasonable costs over \$100,000 for the construction of the splash pad.

One additional note, since 2018 the donor has granted \$21,775 to support the Pequot Lakes Fire Department. This support will continue on an annual basis from the annual distribution of the donor's endowed, designated fund created at the FM Area Foundation.

As a reminder, the donor wishes to provide these grants anonymously with no acknowledgement or identification of the donor.

Thank you and the city of Pequot Lakes for your continued consideration of our donor's thoughts and wishes. I look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,

Greg Diehl  
Director of Gift Planning and Donor Services

Our vision is to address  
all quality of life needs  
in our community by  
creating unlimited  
philanthropic resources.

**CITY OF PEQUOT LAKES  
RESOLUTION 20-\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TRAILSIDE PARK DONATION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pequot Lakes (City) is generally authorized to accept donations of real and personal property pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 465.03 for the benefit of its citizens in accordance with the terms prescribed by the Donor, and that acceptance of such grant is subject to a resolution of the City Council adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members, expressing the terms of the grant in full; and

**WHEREAS**, a fund-holder from the FM Area Foundation (Donor) wishes to make a donation to the City of Pequot Lakes for a U.S. Armed Services flag display around the Veteran's Memorial in Trailside Park (the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Donor wishes to provide these grants anonymously with no acknowledgement or identification of the Donor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project is yet to be designed by the City, cost estimates for design and construction of the Project and the same will be required before the City Council can approve the Project, determine sufficiency of funding for the same, and put the Project out for bid for purposes of future construction thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, further conversations to determine the process and timeline to carry out the wishes of the Donor will also be considered in the Project process once the donation offer is accepted by the City of Pequot Lakes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project is subject to subsequent future design, feasibility, approval, permitting, competitive bidding and contracting by the City Council in its discretion; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project is further subject to the extent such donated funds are sufficient to complete such Project, or as the Project may otherwise be additionally funded in the future by the City Council in its discretion; and

**WHEREAS**, in the meantime, while the City undertakes Project design and feasibility in compliance with applicable laws as well as City plans and Project timing, which is yet to be determined by the City Council, a fund will be created for the purposes established herein at the FM Area Foundation, and the City will request these funds in the future as needed to cover expenses for the Project to the extent they are designed, approved, funds are determined sufficient, and contracts are awarded by the City Council for the construction of the Project in the future.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF PEQUOT LAKES, MINNESOTA** that the donation described above is hereby graciously accepted by the City of Pequot Lakes and shall be used as requested by the Donor under the terms and conditions expressed herein.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Council expresses its gratitude to the Donor of the gift.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Pequot Lakes this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:

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James Tayloe  
Mayor

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Nancy Malecha  
City Administrator