

STAFF REPORT

January 11, 2021

Topic: Request to authorize the formation of a Weirs Community Park Committee and set up a Special Revenue Fund.

Discussion: This is a request to the Laconia City Council to create a Weirs Community Park House Committee, establish a special revenue fund for the committee, and delegate authority to the committee to expend from the special revenue fund.

The Park House Committee will be overseen by the Parks and Recreation Commission and they will be responsible for day-to-day operations of the park house. The purpose of the Committee will be to aid the Parks and Recreation Department in equipping, maintaining, and operating the park house to provide recreational and educational facilities to the children of the area and the general community.

The special revenue fund to be established for the Committee will be solely used for the maintenance and operation of the park house and the Weirs Community Park itself. The Committee will seek special authority from the City Council to expend funds from the special revenue fund for any charitable endeavors. RSA 47:1-c authorizes the City Council to establish a special revenue fund restricting revenues from a specific source to expenditures for a specific purpose.

This process was done in 2004 for Tardif and Leavitt Park Committees and it has worked out well.

Fiscal Impact: There will be no fiscal impact to the City.

Staff Recommendation: The Parks & Recreation Department recommends establishing the Weirs Community Park House Committee, accept the existing funds as a gift to be put into a special revenue fund, as well as allowing the Committee to use these funds for the betterment of the park house and surrounding park.

This report submitted by Amy Lovisek, Director of Recreation & Facilities

Proposed motion:

“I move to authorize the establishment of the Weirs Community Park House Committee as proposed.”

“I move to waive a reading of Resolution 2021-01 in its entirety and to read by title only.”

“I move a first reading relative to the establishment of a Weirs Community Park House Special Revenue Fund.”

“I move to schedule a public hearing on January 25, 2021 during the regular City Council meeting to gather public input prior to adoption.”