



**CITY OF IONIA
COUNTY OF IONIA, MICHIGAN**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IONIA
AUTHORIZING THE PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT AN
APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE MICHIGAN NATURAL
RESOURCES TRUST FUND GRANT PROGRAM TO FINANCE
IMPROVEMENTS TO MCCONNELL PARK**

At a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Ionia held on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, the following Resolution was offered by Councilmember Winters, seconded by Councilmember Millard:

WHEREAS, McConnell Park is a popular neighborhood park located on E. Washington Street which has served residents of the City of Ionia for more than 30-years. Due to its age and frequent use, the park facilities are reaching the end of their useful life and improvements are needed to various components some of which include: playground equipment, drinking fountain, and picnic shelter; and,

WHEREAS, the application and intended improvements are supported by the City's approved Five-year Community Parks and Recreation Plan (2024-2029) and included in the City's Capital Improvement Plan, currently scheduled for improvement during the 2026-2027 fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, the City desires to avail itself of the funding available through the Michigan Department of Natural Resource's Trust Fund Grant program to assist in funding improvements to McConnell Park; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held for the proposed project on March 5, 2025, at Ionia City Hall, following publication of a notice in the Daily News newspaper and on the City of Ionia website, and no written or oral comments were received regarding the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ionia City Council hereby:

1. Authorizes the Parks and Recreation Director to submit an application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for funding from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Grant program to finance improvements to McConnell Park,

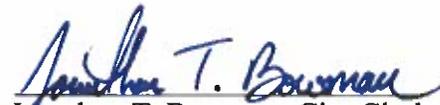
including playground equipment, drinking fountain, picnic shelter, and pathways and benches throughout the area for universal access, with said grant request totaling \$400,000 from the MNRTF, which is 45% of the estimated total project cost of \$892,035.

2. Upon receiving notification that the grant has been awarded, agrees to allocate at least \$492,035 from the City's budget to act as a match for the grant to complete the improvements to McConnell Park;
3. Agrees to complete the improvements to McConnell Park in a manner consistent with Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant guidelines.

AYES: Margot Cook, Brenda Cowling, Dawn Ketchum, Tim Lee, John Milewski, Tom Millard, Richard Starr, Jeff Winters, Troy Waterman

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION 2025-05 DECLARED ADOPTED:



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I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Ionia, Michigan, County of Ionia, at a Regular Meeting held on the 5th day of March, 2025, and that public notice of said meeting was given as required by Public Act 276 of Public Acts of 1976, including in the case of a special or rescheduled meeting notice by publication or posting at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time set for the meeting.



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