



## CITY OF IONIA

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IONIA AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR FUNDING FROM THE MICHIGAN SPARK GRANTS PROGRAM TO FINANCE CONSTRUCTION OF THE STEELE STREET SPORTS COMPLEX**

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Ionia, held at the Ionia City Hall, 114 North Kidd Street, Ionia, Michigan, on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Milewski, Winters, Kelley, Lee, Starr, Millard, Gustafson, Waterman,  
and Mayor Balice

**ABSENT:** None

The following Resolution was offered by Councilmember Milewski, seconded by Councilmember Winters:

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Steele Street Sports Complex is envisioned as a major community park that serves the residents and visitors of the City of Ionia, providing recreation amenities such as softball fields, beach volleyball courts, pickleball courts, a tee-ball field, play equipment, restroom facilities and public parking in response to increased demand for such facilities following the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City's Five-year Community Parks and Recreation Plan (2019-2024) identified development of a sports complex in the Steele Street corridor (pp 30-31) as a top priority for any funding that may be available to construct parks and facilities; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to avail itself of the funding available through the MDNR's Michigan Spark Grants Program to fund design and construction of the Steele Street Sports Complex; and

**WHEREAS**, a hearing was held on the proposed project on December 6, 2022 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 submission of an application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for funding from the Michigan Spark Grants Program to fund design and construction of the Steele Street Sports Complex, including two lighted softball fields, one tee-ball field, two beach volleyball courts, two pickleball courts, one universal access playground area, one restroom/storage/concessions building, and one public parking lot, with said grant request totaling between \$800,000 to \$1,000,000;
2. Upon receiving notification that the grant has been awarded, agrees to encumber all grant funds by December 31, 2023 and spend all grant funds by December 31, 2026;
3. Agrees to complete all components of the Steele Street Sports Complex in a manner consistent with Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant guidelines.


AYES: Milewski, Winters, Kelley, Lee, Starr, Millard, Gustafson, Waterman, and Mayor Balice

NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED:

  
Mary Patrick, City Clerk  
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Ionia, Michigan 48846  
Telephone No: (616) 527-4170

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 6th day of December, 2022, 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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