



Parks & Recreation

Memo

To: Robert Kuntz, City Administrator

From: Linda Bruer, Director of Parks and Recreation

Date: May 6, 2014

RE: Missouri American Water Grant

The department was notified last week that the city has been awarded a \$5,000 Environmental Grant through Missouri American Water to be used towards the construction of a new eco-friendly parking lot as part of Phase II re-development of Ferris Park. Missouri American Water has asked the City to confirm that it will be using the grant this year.

A couple of options have been discussed in the last year with regard to application this fall for a St. Louis County Municipal Park Grant. One option was the replacement of the golf course irrigation system which would cost an estimated \$480,000. The other option was to construct a portion of Ferris Phase II including an expanded parking lot with pervious pavement and walkways to provide accessibility to the new playground; a rough estimate would put this project in the \$475,000 range as well.

Because we had public involvement with the re-development of Ferris and we do need more parking and an accessible way to get from the parking lot to the playground it would be good to do at least one more phase of the park before we move on to other projects, however the irrigation system is a constant problem and does not serve the course well in terms of coverage.

St. Louis County Municipal Park Grant Commission has yet to set a maximum grant amount since the tax increase went into effect. I expect that to occur within the next month, but it will most likely be approximately \$475,000 based on our population.

While we do not need to make a decision right away in terms of the grant application, MO American Water would like to know if we are planning to take advantage of the grant.