



# City of Saginaw

**Meeting Date:** 11/15/2016

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**Agenda Item:** 7  
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**SUBJECT:** Update on Construction of Skate Park for Willow Creek Park

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**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Jonathan Reed made a presentation at the December 15, 2015 City Council Meeting regarding the possible construction of a skate park at Willow Creek Park. The minutes of that meeting are attached. At that meeting the Council voted unanimously to support Mr. Reed in his efforts to secure funding to locate a skate park in Willow Creek Park. The Council also requested that Mr. Reed return to a Council Meeting and give an update on his project.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

N/A

**Attachments**

Minutes of December 15, 2015 City Council Meeting

(10) CC-1215-14  
Consideration and Action regarding Construction of Skate Park at Willow Creek Park

Mr. Jonathan Reed addressed the Council. He explained that he presented his proposal to the Advisory Recreation and Parks Board at their meeting in November. He stated that he is present tonight to request approval only. He is not requesting monetary support. He explained that with Council approval of his plan, he believes he will be able to secure funds through grants and fundraisers to construct a skate park at Willow Creek Park. He stated that the first phase of the project would be the concrete slab and starter ramps. He estimated the cost for a skate park to be \$190,000. He explained that his goal is to get skateboarders off streets and safe. He added that the new skate park in Highland Station Park is not an option for skaters on the west side of town since many don't drive. He requested the Council's support so he could begin fundraising. City Attorney Meredith explained that it would be premature to approve the proposed skate park tonight. He stated that the Council can provide informal support. He suggested that a time frame be established. He also explained that once the funds are raised, they can be dedicated and limited to funding of a skate park only. He added that any skate park would have to be constructed by the City due to it being located on public property and for liability reasons.

There was a brief discussion regarding the size of the proposed skate park. Mr. Reed stated that it would be the same size as the skate park at Highland Station Park and the equipment would be similar but not exactly the same. He added that it will accommodate approximately seventy-five skaters at one time. Three possible locations in Willow Creek Park were mentioned. Field Operations Superintendent Newsom stated that the most ideal location of the three is the site behind the water tower (southern end of Willow Creek Park). He explained that there is not any type of park equipment located in that area currently. He added that the Advisory Recreation and Parks Board considered

Mr. Reed's proposal and voted unanimously to recommend that if Mr. Reed is able to secure funding for a skate park that he be allowed to construct it. City Attorney Meredith explained that the Council could take action to support the concept presented by Mr. Reed. Mayor Brinkley requested that Mr. Reed appear before the City Council at the first meeting in June, 2016 to give an update on his proposal and fundraising.

Motion was made by Councilmember Flippo with a second by Councilmember Tankersley to support Mr. Jonathan Reed in his efforts to locate a skate park in Willow Creek Park as presented. Motion carried unanimously. 7-0-0-0

For: Mayor Brinkley, Mayor Pro-Tem Flory, Councilmembers Farr, Flippo, Tankersley, Barngrover, and Nethery

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None