

Introduced by: Lee Foley, City Manager
Date: January 22, 2013
Action: Passed
Vote: 6-0

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution # 13-02

PREPARE AND SUBMIT 2013 LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND GRANT APPLICATION TO FUND PINKY'S PARK IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Land and Water Conservation Fund is a federal grant program administered by the National Park Service through the State of Alaska, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation;

WHEREAS, the grant provides 50% matching funds for outdoor recreation projects;

WHEREAS, Pinky's Park is a 21-acre land area in Bethel developed by LWCF funding and designated for outdoor recreation use in perpetuity;

WHEREAS, the LWCF program requires a preliminary application by February 1, 2013 and, if approved, a final application with extensive supporting documentation must be submitted for final approval;

WHEREAS, due to limited funding, the grant portion of Alaska LWCF projects must be \$50,000 to \$125,000 in scope;

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel proposes to use \$125,000 in grant funds to pay for the following improvements in Pinky's Park: construction of wooden boardwalk and decks, application of geoblock trails over tundra, construction of gravel road and multiuse sports field, and construction of sand pad and high tunnel to be part of the community garden;

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel assisted the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation, Diabetes Prevention and Control Program prepare and submit a First National Agriculture Initiative grant application in December 2012 to request \$37,500 to pay for the entire high tunnel garden project except for \$18,938;

WHEREAS, the City intends to use \$18,938 of its \$125,000 LWCF grant amount to complete the high tunnel garden project;

WHEREAS, as part of the 2013 LWCF grant application, the City commits the use of its heavy equipment, personnel, and approximately 67 truckloads of sand to construct a sand pad for the high tunnel (50 ft. by 95 ft.) west of the community garden;

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WHEREAS, as part of the 2013 LWCF grant application, the City commits the use of its heavy equipment, personnel, and approximately 900 truckloads of sand to construct a sand pad for a multiuse sports field (360 ft. by 225 ft.) and gravel road leading to it;

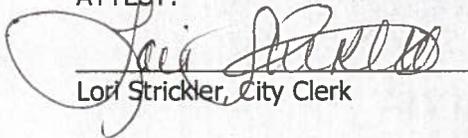
WHEREAS, the project will also require some Parks and Recreation seasonal staff time and community volunteer time;

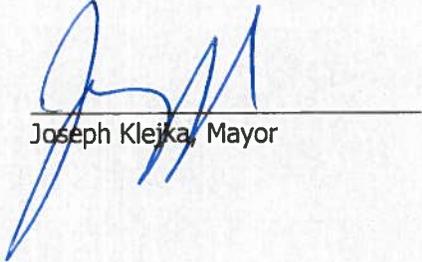
WHEREAS, the City of Bethel commits to maintaining improvements made to Pinky's Park with funding from the 2013 LWCF grant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council supports and approves the City's preparation and submission of a 2013 Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant application to fund Pinky's Park improvements;

ENACTED THIS 22ND DAY OF JANUARY 2013 BY A VOTE OF 6 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk


Joseph Klejka, Mayor