

# Memorandum

**REPORT TO:** City Commission

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**SUBJECT:** Resolution Amending the City's FY26 Annual Operating Budget to Increase Appropriations in the Parks and Trails District Fund and Increase Transfers in the Park Land Trust Fund

**MEETING DATE:** October 21, 2025

**AGENDA ITEM TYPE:** Resolution

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve Resolution Amending the City's FY26 Annual Operating Budget to Increase Appropriations in the Parks and Trails District Fund and Increase Transfers in the Park Land Trust Fund

**STRATEGIC PLAN:** 3.4 Active Recreation: Facilitate and promote recreational opportunities and active health programs and facilities.

**BACKGROUND:** The proposed Resolution will fund the following four large capital projects that commenced in Fiscal Year 2025 and are continuing in Fiscal Year 2026:

- GF339 Story Mill Community Park East Parking Lot (\$90,000)
- GF250 Story Mill Community Park Splash Pad (\$80,000)
- PTD24 Bozeman Sports Park Field 7 (\$44,000)
- PTD29 Bozeman Sports Park Field 13 and Parking Lot (\$466,000)

The Resolution proposes transferring \$680,000 from the Park Land Trust Fund to the Parks and Trails District Fund, and increasing appropriations in the Parks and Trails District Fund by the same amount to support the remaining costs on each project. The Park Land Trust Fund is estimated to have a \$920,000 balance remaining after the transfer to the Parks and Trails District fund. There is no change to ending balance in the Parks and Trails District Fund.

### GF339 Story Mill Community Park East Parking Lot

The parking lot was in the Story Mill Community Park Master Plan but was not constructed in Phase 1 due to funding constraints. The project estimate from initial conception was never adjusted with inflationary increases. A change order was authorized to enhance the landscaping between the parking lot and ground-level residential homes built since the construction of the park using allocated funds from the Park Land Trust.

- FY22 Budget Allocation: \$425,000 Park & Trails District
- Total Project Cost: \$830,000
- FY25 and 26 Reallocations: \$325,000
- **FY26 Budget Amendment Proposed: \$80,000 Park Land Trust**

#### GF250 Story Mill Community Park Splash Pad

The splash pad was in the Story Mill Community Park Master Plan but was not constructed in Phase 1 due to funding constraints. The project was commenced along with funding from community partners, however several design changes were necessary to ensure the long-term maintenance feasibility and to retrofit the design with the existing infrastructure. Partnership agreements and design changes delayed the project's start and no inflationary increases or project-specific amendments were done since the initial estimate provided by the Park partners.

- FY22 Budget Allocation: \$615,000 (\$360,000 Park & Trails District; \$155,000 Trust for Public Land; \$100,000 Gallatin County Open Lands Grant)
- Total Project Cost Estimate: \$1,236,000
- FY25 and 26 Reallocations: \$530,000
- **FY26 Budget Amendment Proposed: \$90,000 Park Land Trust**

#### PTD24 Bozeman Sports Park Field 7

This new project commenced in fiscal year 2025 due to a funding opportunity presented by the Bozeman Sports Park Foundation (BSP Foundation) and a primary donor, Montana Institute of Sports. Design of Field 7 was fully funded by BSP Foundation; the City is partnering on certain aspects of the field that support the completion of the park master plan including irrigation and pedestrian pathway extensions. In Fiscal Year 2025, reserves were used to ensure that contract amounts had appropriations. A Memorandum of Understanding with the BSP Foundation outlines funding terms.

- Total Project Estimate: \$2,043,500
- **FY26 Budget Amendment Proposed: \$44,000 Park Land Trust**

#### PTD29 Bozeman Sports Park Field 13 and Parking Lot

This new project commenced in fiscal year 2025 due to a funding partnership presented by Bozeman Public School District (BSD7). The field and parking lot are significantly funded by BSD7 in accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding; the City is funding certain aspects that support the completion of the park master plan and ensure coordination between the north and south phases of the park. In Fiscal Year 2025, funds allocated for engineering contracts were used to commence design contracts and BSD7 provided an initial sum of money to offset costs.

- Total Project Estimate: \$3,467,670
- **FY26 Budget Amendment Proposed: \$466,000 Park Land Trust**

**UNRESOLVED ISSUES:** NA.

**ALTERNATIVES:** Per City Commission.

**FISCAL EFFECTS:** The Park Land Trust Fund current balance is \$1,600,000. The balance will be approximately \$920,000 upon approval of the Resolution.

Attachments:

[Resolution Parks Budget Amendment FY26.docx](#)

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