City Council Item

March 23, 2026

Item	Resolution 2026-XX: Approval of $66,871.71 Donation and Award Bid for Lake Ann Park Ballfield 1, 2, and 3 Improvements	
File No.		**Item No:** D.13
Agenda Section	**CONSENT AGENDA**	
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SUGGESTED ACTION

"The City Council adopts a resolution approving the acceptance of a $66,871.71 donation from the Chanhassen Athletic Association and approves the $66,871.71 bid of Minnesota Sodding Company for improvements at the Lake Ann Park Ballfields 1, 2, and 3."

Motion Type	Simple Majority Vote of members present
Strategic Priority	Asset Management

SUMMARY

The Chanhassen Athletic Association (CAA) is a parent/adult-led organization that has successfully administered youth sports programs within the community for over 50 years.

CAA would like to donate $66,871.71 to the City of Chanhassen to finance necessary improvements at Lake Ann Park ballfields 1, 2, and 3.

BACKGROUND

This $66,871.71 donation is the second of two donations from the Chanhassen Athletic Association (CAA), the first of which was approved by City Council on November 24, 2025. Each of these donations covers one part in a two-part project to improve ballfields 1-6 at Lake Ann Park. The donation approved on November 24, 2025 will support improvements to fields 4, 5, and 6, and the

proposed $66,871.71 donation will support improvements to fields 1, 2, and 3. Work on all ball fields (1-6) will take place in Spring 2026, beginning as soon as weather allows.

CAA has partnered with the city on numerous occasions to enhance local athletic facilities. Past contributions include the installation of scoreboards at Lake Susan Park and Lake Ann Park, dugout improvements at both parks, athletic lighting at Lake Susan Park, batting cage upgrades at Lake Ann Park, the remodeling of the Lake Ann ball field concession stand, and installation of storage sheds at Bandimere Park and Lake Ann Park. Additionally, CAA has supported various field improvement projects over the years.

After 30 plus years of use, ballfields 1, 2, and 3 at Lake Ann Park are in need of repair. The base paths and infield edges have become built up. With years of use, the ag-lime has migrated beyond the infield areas while the grass continues to grow through, which creates a negative user experience for base runners and infielders. Staff have taken measures to mitigate the effects and reduce these raised edges; however, the scope of work and equipment required to fully address the underlying issues are beyond our current capabilities.

DISCUSSION

Ballfields 1, 2, and 3 at Lake Ann Park are some of Chanhassen's most heavily utilized athletic fields, hosting over 350 hours of youth and adult sports practices, games, and tournaments annually. These fields serve as key locations for local baseball and softball leagues, as well as other community recreation activities.

CAA's contribution will fund several key improvements on fields 1, 2, and 3, including sod removal to eliminate built-up lips along infield edges and outfield arcs, resetting and importing ag-lime to restore proper grading and surface drainage, and completing precision grading using machine-controlled equipment to ensure a safe and consistent playing surface. Additional improvements include installing new home plates and pitching rubbers, as well as new base anchors at multiple distances to support varying levels of play. Fields 2 and 3 will also include removal of existing mounds and construction of ag-lime areas to accommodate temporary mounds, providing flexibility for different age groups and field configurations. Topdressing of infield turf areas will further improve surface quality and playability. This field reconstruction will ensure that Lake Ann Park ballfields 1, 2, and 3 are a safe and enjoyable destination for our local associations and all other user groups, while maintaining the city's strategic goal of maintaining our infrastructure to the highest level.

Quotes for the ballfield improvements were received from the following companies:

Company	Quote
Minnesota Sodding Company*	**$66,871.71**
JS Stewart Companies, Inc.	$67,199.00

***Bolded low quote**

The city recognizes and appreciates the CAA's ongoing generosity and commitment to enhancing Chanhassen's athletic facilities for over 50 years.

BUDGET

RECOMMENDATION

“Staff recommends that the City Council adopts a resolution approving the acceptance of a $66,871.71 donation from the Chanhassen Athletic Association and approves the $66,871.71 bid of Minnesota Sodding Company for improvements at the Lake Ann Park Ballfields 1, 2, and 3."

ATTACHMENTS

CAA Ball Field Resolution 1, 2, and 3
CAA Ball Field 1, 2, and 3 Donation Agreement
Minnesota Sodding Company Quote
JS Stewart Companies Inc. Quote
Quote Comparisons
Minnesota Sodding Company Contract
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