

# **BEMIDJI CITY COUNCIL**

## **Work Session Agenda**

**Monday, March 10, 2014**

**City Hall  
Conference Room  
5:30 P.M.**



1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL
  
2. PAUL BUNYAN/LIBRARY PARK DEVELOPMENT
  
3. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF 2015 GRANT APPLICATION TO LCCMR GRANT FUNDING FOR SOUTH SHORE LAKE BEMIDJI RESPONSE ACTION AND RESTORATION
  
4. ADJOURNMENT

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# **COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**



Meeting Date: March 10, 2014  
Action Requested: Approve Preliminary Plan and Budget for Paul Bunyan Park  
Prepared By: Marcia Larson, Parks and Recreation Director *me*  
Reviewed By: John Chattin, City Manager

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## **Background**

After a comprehensive public input process, the Master Plans for Library/Paul Bunyan Park and South Shore Park were adopted by City Council on July 9, 2012. Based on available funding, park project priorities were identified by the Park and Trails Commission and approved by the City Council on August 12, 2013.

In December of 2013, the City Council approved a contract with WSB and Associates for design, bidding and construction services. George Watson, WSB, met with the Parks and Trails Commission on February 11<sup>th</sup> to review the park design and timeline.

A park plan for Paul Bunyan Park is attached for your review. Paul Bunyan Library Parks Construction Items for discussion include:

1. Review of layout illustrating items to be included, deviations and revisions to master plan.
2. Project Schedule
3. Permits
4. Projected costs and if required suggested alternates
5. Direction regarding the alternates / priorities and approval to proceed

## **Financial/Budgeting**

The funding source for Paul Bunyan/Library Park Improvement Project is a combination of the remaining ½ cent sales tax and Legacy Funding. The components of the project, as approved by City Council are the Archeological Investigation, Construction of the Chief Bemidji Platform, Consultant Services (WSB) for the design, bidding and construction services of the Paul Bunyan Park, and Construction (including 5-10% contingency).

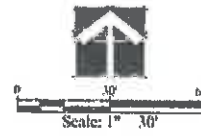
The total project funding is \$1,637,215. This includes ½ cent sales tax in the amount of \$887,215 and Legacy Funds in the amount of \$750,000.

### **Project Cost/Expenses**

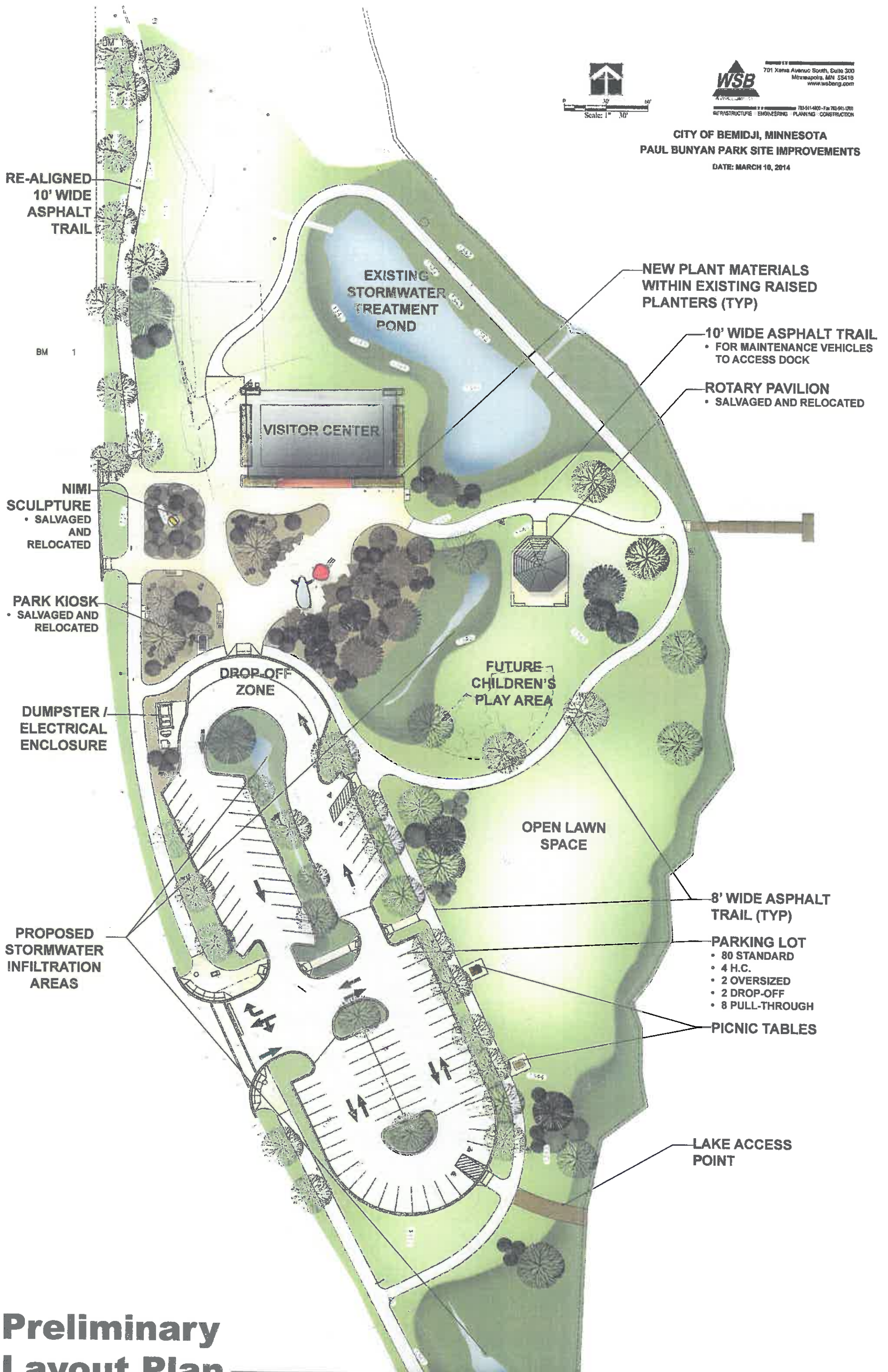
Archeological -106 Group	\$ 51,960
Chief Bemidji Platform	\$ 48,000
WSB and Associates	\$ 175,000
Construction and Contingency	\$1,362,255
Total	\$1,637,215

## **Recommendation:**

Approve the preliminary layout/design and budget for Paul Bunyan/Library Parks.



**CITY OF BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA**  
**PAUL BUNYAN PARK SITE IMPROVEMENTS**  
DATE: MARCH 10, 2014



# Preliminary Layout Plan

# RESOLUTION NO.

## A RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF 2015 APPLICATION TO THE LEGISLATIVE-CITIZEN COMMISSION ON MINNESOTA RESOURCES (LCCMR) FOR FUNDING FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND TO ASSIST WITH THE SOUTH SHORE LAKE BEMIDJI RESPONSE ACTION AND RESTORATION

**WHEREAS**, the City owns the South Shore Park property bordering Lake Bemidji's southerly shoreline, which shoreline and adjacent lakebed are befouled by decades-old milling waste from a former lumber mill operation dating back to the early 1900's; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has completed the South Shore Lake Bemidji Response Action and Restoration Project Plan (the "Project"), which has been reviewed and approved by the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project is shovel ready and eligible for project bidding, and before proceeding further the City Council desires to secure a project implementation partner to assist with funding the Project costs of and for clean-up, restoration, preservation and enhancement of the lakebed and shoreline bordering the South Shore Park area; and

**WHEREAS**, the LCCMR administers project funding from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) for conservation, restoration, preservation and enhancement activities, with a 2015 project proposal or application deadline of March 28, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Greater Bemidji, Inc., formerly known as the Joint Economic Development Commission (hereinafter "Greater Bemidji"), has offered to assist the City in securing partnership and funding for Project implementation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Bemidji sponsor and submit a 2015 Proposal/Application to the LCCMR for ENRTF funding of the clean-up, restoration, preservation and enhancement of the South Shore Park shoreline and adjacent Lake Bemidji Lakebed, to be submitted on or before March 28, 2014, and that the Mayor and staff, with assistance of Greater Bemidji, are hereby authorized to execute the Proposal/Application and take such further actions as are necessary to implement the Council's intentions herein.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption, and on due second by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_, was passed by the following vote:

Ayes:  
Nays:  
Absent:

Passed:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Kay M. Murphy, City Clerk

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Rita C. Albrecht, Mayor