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CITY OF SHAWANO – \$2.234 MILLION DOLLAR CDBG-CV GRANT

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The City of Shawano is excited to announce that they have been awarded a \$2.234 million dollar Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) from the State of Wisconsin to be utilized in the redevelopment of Memorial and Kuckuk Parks.

Over the last few years, we have experienced tremendous increase in the use of these community parks and desire to add additional recreational opportunities. Numerous community members have approached the city with requests for these enhancements. This grant is providing the financial resources to meet these requests.

Planned improvements to Memorial Park include:

Playground 1: A large ADA compliant playground with poured-in-place surfacing and fully accessible elements which will replace the current playground at the corner of Lincoln and Lieg. With the removal of the existing maintenance shop, the city will be able to connect this play area to the splash pad. By making this connection, we will create a regionally significant, fully inclusive, play campus.

Playground 2: A typical neighborhood playground which will replace the existing play structure located near the intersection of Lieg and Main Street (by the tank). The elements that will be included within this play space are intended to be some of the newest and most creatively engaging pieces currently on the market.

Ball diamond lighting: new ball diamond lighting will be added to “B Diamond”, which will allow for extended hours of use. This improvement will provide a lit ball diamond for the Shawano Varsity Girls Softball team as well as the Shawano Youth League.

Accessible Parking Area: all the stalls within this small, 6-stall parking area will be reserved for handicapped, elderly, and/or expectant mothers. The entrance of this improvement is anticipated to be off Lincoln Street, providing convenient access to park elements.

Planned improvements to Kuckuk Park include:

Playground: Similar to playground one at Memorial Park, this will be a large ADA compliant playground with poured-in-place surfacing and fully accessible elements. While similar in nature, it is important to note that this play space will be intentionally different than playground one, providing two different and exciting experiences for our community members. While this will replace the existing playground, some of the current pieces will be reused at other city parks.

Court spaces: Kuckuk Park currently has one basketball court, which needs updates. This grant will provide for a new basketball court and the addition of two tennis courts and two stand alone pickleball courts. The tennis courts will also be painted for pickleball play as well.

The city will be continuing to work on these developments and are hopeful that some of these elements will be ready for use early fall 2022. We are excited and thankful for the opportunity to bring these changes to our community.