



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: David Gill, Director of Parks & Recreation

DATE: June 1, 2019

SUBJECT: Perkins Chapel Improvements

Recommendation:

Review and accept the report.

Background

The Perkins Chapel at Blossom Hill Cemetery during the winter months has traditionally been heated with wood, with the wood stove located in the basement. In the event the Chapel was scheduled for a service or another event, our employees several days prior would start the wood stove and continue running the stove until the end of the event. However, this winter we had many issues with the old wood stove and had to stop using it which prevented the Chapel from being used. We looked into several options to heat the building and recognized adding a new propane furnace will be the best choice for this building.

Discussion

In the FY19 Capital Improvement Plan there was also funds approved in CIP #587 for improvements at the Blossom Hill Chapel for the amount of \$45,000. Improvements included: painting the inside, lighting improvements and new walkway to the building. Happy to report these improvements are complete and came in under budget by approximately \$12,000. The recommendation is to use the remaining funds to install a propane furnace to the Perkins Chapel and the Blossom Hill Cemetery.

To install the new furnace and add landscaping around the propane tank located in the west side of the chapel will cost approximately \$8,000. The Office of Management and Budget has reviewed the recommendation and indicates the new annual operating costs for propane heat could be as high as \$2,400.

With the recent improvements to the Chapel and adding reliable clean heat it is our plan to begin marketing the rental opportunities of the Chapel. Current hourly rental rates for the Chapel are \$100 on weekdays and \$125 on weekends. Our goal would be to increase rentals by 24 hours which would bring in \$2,400 in new revenues to offset the additional cost of running propane heat (\$2,400).

Improvements already completed to the Perkins Chapel:

