



**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**THROUGH:** Matt Fulton, City Manager  
Ross Beckwith, Park & Rec/PW Dir.  
**FROM:** Dave Schletty, Asst. Parks & Rec. Dir.  
**DATE:** June 13, 2016  
**SUBJECT:** Art Park Discussion Update

City of West St. Paul

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

A concept and budget for the Art Park at Oakdale Ave and Butler Ave was discussed at the last OCWS. At that time staff informed the City Council that the approved 2016 budget of \$20,000 was not significant to complete all the desired elements in the park. The Council directed staff to remove a number of “wish list” items from the budget and reevaluate the remaining items. The summary of this new itemized budget is listed below. With a few compromises and modifications staff now believes they can complete the project within the \$20,000 budget. Some of these changes include using LED photo boxes and run them with solar power, eliminating fiber optics in sidewalk and using a glowing crushed aggregate finish instead, reducing the number of initial plantings and adding more landscaping in future years, and possibly removing the retaining wall around the patio area and replacing it with a sloped hill planted with native grasses and pollinator friendly plants. This budget includes the retaining wall and a cost of about \$4000, and staff recommends removing it, for the alternate listed above, if other project items come in over budget.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The itemized budget is listed below:

- Lot Survey (completed) \$954.00
  - Site Prep (excavation, disposal, topsoil, prep, retaining wall) \$6746.00
  - Concrete Walk/Patio (possibly with glowing aggregate) \$8000.00
  - Landscaping (trees, flowers, native pollinator plantings) \$800.00
  - Solar Powered LED Light/Photo Boxes \$3500.00
- Total \$20,000.00**

		Amount
<b>Fund:</b>	<b>413</b>	
<b>Department:</b>	<b>45000</b>	
<b>Account:</b>	<b>40530</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council discuss the concepts for the Art Park and approve them along with the budget.