

BACKGROUND REVIEW:

Recent severe rain events and flash flooding at the Ruth Park Golf Course has created severe rutting to the driving range which has made it difficult to pick up range balls and to mow the area. The rutting has caused damage to the ball picker machine several times and is impeding staffs ability to effectively and efficiently operate the driving range and has resulted in the driving range having to be shut down at times throughout the day to hand pick golf balls. If not addressed, the driving range may have to be shut down until other funding becomes available.

RECOMMENDATION:

Accordingly, the Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry requests that the Parks Commission support the submission of a Municipal Park Planning Grant application for the development of conceptual plans and costs estimates for the renovation/refurbishment of the driving range grounds, so that positive water flow and drainage can be achieved at the driving range.

In doing so, the submittal of a planning grant to the Municipal Parks Grant Commission of St. Louis County for the development of conceptual plans for the renovation/refurbishment of the Club House at the Ruth Park Golf Course would have to be put on hold.

ATTACHMENTS: