

Councilmember LeTourneau introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION #17-05-124

RESOLUTION APPROVING WORK PLAN AND BUDGET FOR A TRAILSIDE POLLINATOR HABITAT RESTORATION AT THE LAKE ITASCA TRAIL

WHEREAS, the City of Ramsey is dedicated to promoting and maintaining a healthy urban and natural environment today and in the future; and

WHEREAS, pollinating insects, such as bees, butterflies, moths, flies, and others are integral to a healthy ecosystem and to a wide diversity of essential foods, including fruits, nuts, and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, many pollinators, including native bees and the iconic monarch butterfly, are threatened by the loss of natural flowering habitat, pesticide use, pathogens, and parasites; and

WHEREAS, the North American monarch population has declined by more than 90% over the past two decades; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey can play a critical role in helping protect pollinators by actions including providing pollinator habitat in public parks, along roadways and/or in median strips, at community gardens and municipal buildings; and

WHEREAS, restoring pollinator habitat will contribute to a clean environment, one of the Strategic Imperatives of Ramsey's Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, a stipulated use of the Lawful Gambling Fund is for recreation and community facilities and services as recommended by the Park and Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Policy Board and the Parks and Recreation Commission continue to be supportive of the Mayors for Monarchs program, and the EPB's 2017 work plan explicitly calls for the expansion of pollinator friendly landscapes on public lands through collaboration with the Parks & Recreation Commission, as well as to improve communications and resources regarding pollinators; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAMSEY, ANOKA COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA, as follows:

- 1) That the Ramsey City Council hereby continues to support the Mayors for Monarchs program.
- 2) That the Ramsey City Council hereby supports an approximate 6 acre native landscape renovation along the Lake Itasca Trail, that may be referred to as the Monarch Trail.

- 3) That the Ramsey City Council hereby approves a not-to-exceed amount of \$5,000 from the Lawful Gambling Fund for the restoration project this Resolution approves.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember Johns, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

Mayor Strommen
Councilmember LeTourneau
Councilmember Johns
Councilmember Kuzma
Councilmember Shryock
Councilmember Williams

and the following voted against the same:

None

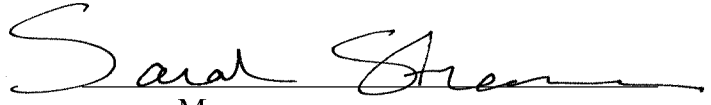
and the following abstained:

None

and the following were absent:

Councilmember Riley

whereupon said resolution was declared duly adopted by the Ramsey City Council this the 23rd day of May, 2017.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk