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Date: March 19, 2017

To: Jason Haas, Chair, Parks, Energy and Environment Committee

From: John Dargle, Jr., CPRP, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture (DPRC)

Subject: **Oakwood Golf Course Appropriation Transfer (INFORMATION)**

**ISSUE**

Informational report on the Oakwood Golf Course Cart Path Appropriation Transfer as a result of the Finance and Audit Committee approval of File 17-245 on March 16, 2017.

**BACKGROUND**

In 2015, an appropriation of \$1,100,560 funded design and construction of cart paths and bunker renovations for the back nine golf holes (WP22501 Oakwood Golf Course Cart Path (Back Nine). Cart paths allow use of golf carts in all types of weather, making the course more playable for golfers throughout the season and improving accessibility for golfers with difficulty walking. When it is raining or the course is wet, carts are not allowed on the holes without paved cart paths, limiting usage and revenue. Cart paths for the entire course not only increase revenue, but also provide better customer service.

In December 2016, the Finance and Audit Committee and the County Board approved the appropriation transfer of \$137,000 to create subproject WP22502 Oakwood Golf Course Cart Path (Front Nine). The fund transfer request stated that it anticipated that a future appropriation will be provided to finish construction on the project.

December 2016 - February of 2017, DAS A&E and Parks completed the design and bidding of the Oakwood Golf Course Cart Path Front Nine. The project scope includes construction of asphalt cart paths along front nine golf holes to complete the cart path project at Oakwood at an estimated cost of \$777,000. Cart paths are eight feet wide and work includes excavating topsoil/subsoil for cart path pavement section, stockpiling topsoil/subsoil in designated areas on the golf course (all excavated material will stay on site), placing and compacting stone base course and asphalt pavement, backfilling along sides of new cart path pavement with topsoil, and turf grass restoration.



On March 1, 2017, DAS A&E received bids within the estimated amount. The project documents list the substantial completion as July 27, 2017.

In March 2017, the Finance and Audit Committee approved the appropriation transfer of \$632,000 to complete construction of the cart paths (File 17-245). The projects from which the funds are being transferred are substantially complete or complete and have surplus financing.

Completion of the Oakwood Golf Course cart path project will increase playable days by about 30 days per year and improve revenues by approximately \$94,000 per year in greens fees, concessions, and cart rentals. It will also attract more golf outings and catering associated with these outings.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

No action requested. Informational item unless further action required.

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