

TO: Parks & Recreation Board

FROM: Chris Deal, Parks & Recreation Director

SUBJECT: Agreement between the City of Warrensburg, Parks & Recreation Department and Missouri Department of Conservation, regarding the Community Assistance Program (CAPS)

DATE: June 28, 2023

### INTRODUCTION

As stated in the attached document, this agreement is to implement the Missouri Department of Conservation “Community Assistance Program” (CAPS) between the City of Warrensburg Parks & Recreation Department and the Missouri Conservation Department.

### DISCUSSION

The purpose of the CAPS program is to allow free public access and full use of the designated area for fishing and related recreational activities, by the general public, consistent with the Wildlife Code of Missouri and during hours established by mutual agreement.

The designated area for this CAPS agreement is Lions Lake, located within the City of Warrensburg. The city responsibilities are listed in the agreement, as are the Missouri Department of Conservation responsibilities. In summary, the city is to provide a clean, safe and usable facility, following park and city guidelines for public use. This also includes providing proper recognition to the MDC in brochures, advertisements, and other publications.

In summary, the MDC is to provide a general management plan for fishery resources of the lake. Provide fish community surveys, manage the fishery, fish stocking, enact and enforce appropriate fishing rules and regulations and provide informational signs regarding the city and department roles in this cooperative agreement.

This document has been reviewed by both entities' legal parties and input added to this agreement. Upon approval, this agreement will become effective after signatures have been completed. The duration of the agreement is for 25 years, provided, however, that it shall renew automatically for successive terms of one year each if neither part has advised the other in writing of its intention to terminate the same at least one hundred and twenty days prior to any applicable termination date. The agreement may also be amended as desired by the mutual written agreement of the parties hereto.

One last item, which is not a part of this agreement, includes the MDC and the Winter Trout Program. Currently the MDC is not taking any new participants in this program, however, we have been placed on their waiting list. In the meantime, the MDC will have Lions Lake evaluated to confirm that it meets the program requirements, which involves depth of lake and water quality. Under this program, the lakes are typically stocked once in early November for catch and release, then turn to catch and keep around February 1<sup>st</sup>. Staff will keep the Parks & Recreation Board and interested community members updated on the status of this program.

#### RECOMMENDATION/ACTION REQUIRED

Staff recommends Parks & Recreation Board approval for the CAPS Agreement between Missouri Conservation Department and the City of Warrensburg Parks & Recreation Department. Staff will answer any questions that you may have.