

**CITY OF LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN  
CITY PLAN COMMISSION  
REPORT  
March 30, 2020**

➤ **AGENDA ITEM – 20-0476 (Andrea Schnick)**

Resolution appropriating funds for Powell Park from Tax Incremental District 14.

➤ **ROUTING:** CPC 3/30/2020; F&P 4/2/2020

➤ **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The basketball courts are to replace the courts that were formerly at Farnam Park, which were removed for future development. It was not feasible to place the courts at Poage Park so the neighborhood was surveyed and determined that Powell Park would be the best alternative. When the Parks Department received bids for the project, construction costs came in higher than expected and higher than the anticipated budget and therefore they are seeking additional TIF funds to complete the project.

Planning Staff and Finance have determined there are sufficient funds in the TID to cover the costs of the courts.

➤ **GENERAL LOCATION:**

Powell Park is at 1002 West Avenue, at the corner of Jackson Street and West Avenue in the Powell-Poage-Hamilton Neighborhood Association.

➤ **RECOMMENDATION OF OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

N/A

➤ **CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**

The Comprehensive Plan prioritizes enhancing and maintaining the existing system of parks. The Comprehensive Plan also promotes the prudent use of Tax Increment Financing to catalyze investment in the City through strategic investment in infrastructure including park and recreation facilities.

➤ **PLANNING RECOMMENDATION:**

**Planning Staff recommends approval.**