

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

FOR THE SHOREWOOD SCHOOL BOARD

Topic: Grant from Shorewood Foundation to Support Lake Bluff Tennis Courts

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Recommended action:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Information only
<input type="checkbox"/>	Presentation/discussion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Discussion/action by committee
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Presentation/action next meeting

Recommendation(s):

The Advancement Office recommends approval of a \$10,000 grant from the Shorewood Foundation to support the installation of new tennis courts at Lake Bluff Elementary School.

Purpose:

The Shorewood Foundation has generously provided a \$10,000 grant to Shorewood School District for new tennis courts at Lake Bluff Elementary School. These funds will help support the cost of the project.

Background:

The new tennis courts will be located on the northeast part of the Lake Bluff Elementary School property, on the current site of a small, fenced-in practice soccer field, adjacent to the school's parking lot. The project has been in consideration since 2010, and has been a part of the Village's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan for the last several years. The courts were put on hold due to lack of funding, but the project gained new life when the Lake Bluff PTO, in partnership with the Shorewood Advancement Office, launched a fundraising drive to raise money for the courts in the early spring in honor of Lake Bluff Elementary School Principal Dr. Kirk Juffer and Shorewood High School Art Teacher Sonja Juffer, who both retired this year.

The new tennis courts will benefit the entire Shorewood community by providing additional tennis facilities for Shorewood residents to use, adding to the three courts at Shorewood Intermediate School and the two courts at Atwater Elementary School. The two new tennis courts at Lake Bluff will provide a great opportunity for community members to enjoy outdoor exercise and leisure, promote wellness in the Village of Shorewood and add additional facilities for Shorewood Recreation Department activities.

The project was submitted to the Village Parks Commission earlier in the spring, and the Parks Commission passed a motion, recommending that the Village move forward on the project. The Village Board subsequently approved the project. Fundraising efforts in conjunction with the retirement of Principal Juffer and Sonja Juffer helped to raise \$10,000 for the project from over 120 donors, including Lake Bluff alumnus and former tennis pro and current broadcaster Leif Shiras. The Shorewood Foundation has given \$10,000 to support the project, while the Village of

Shorewood has invested \$50,000, and the Shorewood School District has provided \$140,000 from its Recreation Fund, for a total of \$210,000. The project is expected to begin in June 2016.