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To: Marie Hinton, Chair, Arden Hills (AH) Parks, Trails, Recreation Committee (PRTC)

From: Kristine Poelzer, AH PRTC member

Agenda item: Improvement Residents Park Use - Request for PRTC discussion at October 18, 2022 meeting.

Intended motion: Complete cost feasibility to install door automatic timer open/lock at Perry and Cummings Parks restroom facilities and add to 2024 budget if not capable to install sooner.

Background: In July I visited a Lakeville, MN, park and noticed signs stating restroom doors automatically open and close at certain times.

Currently AH Perry and Cummings parks' indoor restrooms aren't open unless the facilities/ball field are rented and when the city holds an event. We don't have staff nor police to manually open and close them every day. The locked restrooms are useless the majority of the time when they could be used every day by residents

using the parks and trails. The porta-potties at these two parks could then be used at other AH parks where there currently are none.

Lakeville City Hall response to my inquiry: "We have installed automatic door locks to our restroom facilities for some of the same reasons you mention. The system is fairly simple in design, but has worked well for us for a number of years. The contractor that supplied and installed the door locks was Twin City Hardware (TCH) out of Oakdale, MN. Generally speaking, we installed electronic door strikes that are controlled by a timer. The wires needed to be run from the controller to each door which wasn't too invasive for our park buildings.

We continue to have keys that will unlock the door from the outside (in case of a power outage or other reason the doors are not open when staff need to enter the room). In addition, we continue to have an operable handle on the inside of the door, to ensure someone could exit the room if the door strikes locked while they were inside.



If you have any further questions, please contact me. Thank you."

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