

Resolution 2023-04
Ellison Park Renovation

Since 1914, Ellison Park has served as a recreation area, community gathering, social site, and outdoor activity venue for the citizens of Wellington and Collingsworth County. Centrally located to a large percentage of the city population, the park maintains a long history as a popular public destination. In recent decades, the community has experienced an increase in the number of young families moving back or relocating to Wellington. The need for an updated outdoor park area is important to meeting the needs of young families as well as all age groups. An updated recreational facility is crucial to continue to lure new residents to Wellington.

WHERE AS; Ellison Park is a prime candidate for a renovation makeover with updated and new features, which include a new high efficiency sprinkler system, new “themed” playscape, picnic pavilions, new picnic tables, benches, lighted walking trail, Pickleball court, renovated T-Ball field/soccer field, volleyball and horseshoe pits, etc.

WHERE AS; Seeing the need and with a common vision, Wellington Lions Club, Collingsworth County Chamber of Commerce and The Community Fund (the Ellison Park Working Group) have committed to collaborate to develop a modernized vision for Ellison Park, identify prospective vendors/contractors, seek cost estimates for new and renovated features, and develop a prospective budget. Additionally, the Ellison Park Working Group recognizes the finite resources of the City and County. Thus, the Ellison Park Working Group is committed to raising both local and grant funding to pay for the identified line items in the budget.

WHERE AS; The City of Wellington owns Ellison Park, all its facilities, and any future improvements made to the property. The City Council and the City of Wellington acknowledge the need to modernize Ellison Park and support the vision, renovation plan, budget, and the local and grant fundraising by the Ellison Park Working Group. All funds will be granted to the City of Wellington. The City will expend those funds as required.

WHERE AS; The Ellison Park Working Group acknowledges the final plans or phases of the plan will require approval of the City Council. The City will be responsible for the bid process and will have oversight of all construction projects.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; The City Council and the City of Wellington support the Ellison Park project and are committed to working in partnership with the Ellison Park Working Group to assist in bringing about the success of the renovation plan as outlined in the prospective budget presented. The City Council and the City of Wellington encourages the Ellison Park Working Group to pursue grants and fundraising activities and bring forward to the City Council the final plan or phases of the plan for approval.

Passed this the 6th day of November, 2023.

Larry Adams, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sherrie Dunlap, City Secretary