RESOLUTION #4-R-23

TO SUPPORT POLLINATOR AND WILDLIFE HABITATS IN ELLEN KORT PEACE PARK

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Referred To: Parks & Recreation Committee

WHEREAS, May is a critical month for emergent pollinator populations which are supported by new growth and development of grasses, flowers and trees; and mowing during this period has been shown to have a negative impact on insect populations as well as the vast food web they support, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Appleton recognizes the importance of preserving and protecting the environment in which we live, permanently adopting the practice of NoMowMay in 2022 which encourages the growth of beneficial natural habitats for pollinators by allowing all citizens to voluntarily postpone the mowing of their emergent lawns, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Appleton is committed to supporting sustainable practices to preserve our natural resources and protect the environment for future generations and has been working to identify and implement No-Mow or Reduced-Mow zones in many localized areas of neighborhood and community parks, but to date has not showcased the good work it is doing in a significantly visible way, and;

WHEREAS, Ellen Kort Peace Park remains largely undeveloped presenting a unique and centralized opportunity to showcase the City's support of the NoMowMay initiative, and also to significantly support pollinator and wildlife habitats,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Appleton's Parks and Facilities Department shall suspend the mowing of the Ellen Kort Peace Park during the month of May to allow for the establishment and growth of natural habitats for pollinators, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ellen Kort Peace Park shall be monitored for and conduct removal of any hazardous or noxious plants that could threaten the general public as well as conduct any trailside grooming through the Park as necessary to maintain a safe and walkable trail way.