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TO: Finance Committee

FROM: Dean R. Gazza

DATE: 7/6/2020

RE: Action Item: Request to accept a grant from the *David L. and Rita E. Nelson Family Fund within the Community Foundation of the Fox Valley Region* in the amount of \$500,000 for the construction of the Edison Trestle.

On June 25, 2020 the Community Foundation informed us that the *David L. and Rita E. Nelson Family Fund*, a donor advised fund within the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region, had recommended a grant of \$500,000 to the City of Appleton designated for the Edison Trestle Trail. In 2018 this fund was created reflecting the charitable interests of David and Rita Nelson and their family. Parks, Recreation and Waterways is an interest identified in the fund for consideration.

An agreement is attached for your review. The grant agreement requests that the trail trestle be renamed from the Edison Trestle in recognition of this grant with naming placed on the archways on both ends of the trail trestle, including a plaque explaining the Fund's involvement.

The grant agreement requests to pay \$250,000 on or after July, 2021 upon issuing construction contracts and another \$250,000 upon completion of the project on or after July, 2022. The total project cost is estimated to be \$2,950,000. Design would begin early 2021 and bidding would occur in mid-2021 with construction to follow.

The Parks, Recreation and Facilities Management Department requests your support to approve this grant. Our department would be honored to name this trestle after *David L. and Rita E. Nelson* for their support of the trail system and waterways in our community.

Please contact me at 832-5572 or at dean.gazza@appleton.org with any questions.