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Subject: Rushmore Lions Nature Park – Soft Surface Trail
Development, PR08-6015

Recommendations: Asking for **Approval of the 11-16-19 Review** to develop soft surface (gravel) trails on park land (see attached plan).

Summary: This project is a cooperative project between the Rushmore Lions Club and Rapid City Parks and Recreation. We currently have a MOA in place with the Rushmore Lions Club to maintain the park land that will be develop. This proposed *Low Impact Develop* will consist of only trails at this time.

Project Description:

The main goal of this project is to provide a recreational use for a piece of park land that is lying idle. This park land is adjacent to Canyon Lake Park, separated by Chaplin Valley Lane. Rapid Creek borders one side of the property, residential on one side and Chapel Valley Lane on the other side. This area is known for being abundant with birds and other wildlife and has fishing opportunities as well. This *Low Impact Trail Development* will create a passive recreation use for walkers, bird watchers, bikes, and fishermen. The site is intended to stay somewhat naturalistic as it is today. Improvements will consist of soft surface trails. The trails will have a crushed limestone surface that can be used by many different user groups. Plans have been presented to the community during an open house that was hosted by the Rushmore Lions Club and Rapid City Parks and Recreation staff. The neighborhood was overwhelmingly in favor of this project.