

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Jed Petersen, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Swans

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, January 16, 2024

BACKGROUND

The City has maintained a pair of trumpeter swans for many years at Minnieska Park. On Dec 26th one of the two swans died. Several breeders and refuges were contacted to explore options to replace the deceased swan, finding very high replacement costs and limited availability. On January 10, 2024, Paul Kehrer offered to sell the City a potential breeding pair for \$600, and take the City's one swan as part of the deal. Paul raises swans as a hobby in Lakeville, and the City purchased a swan from Paul in September of 2016. This was discussed at the Public Works & Park Board, and a motion was made and seconded to move ahead with the trade of the City's swan, and the purchase of a pair of swans for \$600 from Kehrer, passing unanimously.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

Motion and approval to purchase a pair of swans from Paul Kehrer for \$600, and trade the City's current swan in to Mr. Kehrer.