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Kentwood City Commission Approves Purchase Agreement for 13.23-Acre Parcel on Walma Avenue

Property to be Included in the City's Master Planning Process

Kentwood, Michigan, Sept. 19, 2018 – The Kentwood City Commission approved a purchase agreement for 13.23 acres of property at 4755 Walma Ave. for nearly \$1.4 million, a purchase that would provide the opportunity to establish a centrally located public gathering space or expand programming.

“Our community recently celebrated its 50th anniversary and it is important that we continue to shape our City to meet the needs and expectations of our residents for the next 50 years,” Kentwood Mayor Stephen Kepley said. “The strategic location of this property will help facilitate the outcomes of our planning efforts and open the door for partnerships with Kentwood Public Schools.”

The vacant parcel, which would connect Crestwood Middle School and the City's Campus, will be included in the on-going efforts to establish a community gathering place in Kentwood. Pending a due-diligence period, the City intends to purchase the property and include it in the master planning process.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for the community and I look forward to continued partnerships with the City to ensure a high quality of life for Kentwood residents, businesses, and students,” noted Michael Zoerhoff, superintendent of Kentwood Public Schools.

The City of Kentwood has updated its Parks and Recreation Business Plan and is currently master planning all of its community parks. This process is being guided by community input gathered through the Plan Our Parks community engagement series. Planning efforts will continue through 2018.

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