



Parks, Recreation & Forestry STAFF REPORT

MEMO DATE: March 27, 2019

MTG. DATE: April 1, 2019

TO: Village of Cottage Grove Board of Trustees

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FROM: Sean Brusegar, CPRP Director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry

RE: Bee houses in Village parks

OVERVIEW:

Cottage Grove Boy Scout Troop 145 would like to put Mason Bee houses in Governor Taylor and Community parks. Mason Bees are very important as they do more pollinating than Honey Bees or Wasps. Mason Bees rarely sting. If they do it is much milder than a Honey Bee or Wasp. Troop 145 would maintain the bee houses. Troop 145 would work with the Parks & Recreation Department to create educational signage at each bee house location to explain what Mason Bees do and their importance to the environment.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends allowing troop 145 to place Mason Bee houses in Governor Taylor and Community Parks.

On March 27, 2019 the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Committee voted 3-0-0 to recommend the Village of Cottage Grove Board of Trustees approve the installation of Mason Bee houses in select Village Parks at the Parks & Recreation Director's discretion.