



410 Kenilworth Ave. | Kenilworth, IL 60043

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## Request for Board Action

**Agenda Item:** 7. A.

**Considered By:**  
Park District Board

**Date:**  
3/19/26

**Staff Contact:** Michael Hixenbaugh | Executive Director

**Subject:** Consideration of Submitted Marguerite L. Storch Memorial Garden Fund Requests

### Proposal Summaries

#### **Storch Fund Balance Overview:**

As of December 31, 2025, the balance of the Marguerite L. Storch Fund is \$1,491,887.31. According to the Storch Amendment, the principal balance is now \$1,125,000.00 plus the Illinois PTELL CPI average over the past 3 years of \$34,537.50. There is \$332,349.80 available to fund projects.

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#### **Proposal 1**

#### **Magi Park Tree Replacement Request**

**From: Kenilworth Council of Garden Clubs (Beautification)**

**Request: \$4,000**

#### **Project Summary:**

Park District staff work with the Beautification Club to determine the locations and suitable trees to be planted at Magi Park. The trees selected include the following: (2) Tulip Poplars, (1) Eastern Red Bud, (2) Eastern White Pines, (1) Ironwood, (1) Linden, and (1) Catalpa. These trees are native and were selected to provide shade, color, and additional interest to the park.

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**Proposal 2:  
Ware Garden Fountain Replacement and New Native Planting Area  
From: Kenilworth Garden Club**

**Requested Amount: \$18,606**

The Kenilworth Garden Club (KGC) requests funding to restore the Charles A. Ware Memorial Garden, a community landmark accepted into the Smithsonian Institution's Archives of American Gardens.

**Project Breakdown**

- o Fountain Replacement – \$10,206
- o New Native Garden – \$4,400
- o Tree Work – \$2,500
- o Lawn Restoration (park district)
- o Replacement of plants near fountain – \$1,500

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**3. Fountain & Urn Flowers**

**From: Kenilworth Council of Garden Clubs (Beautification)**

**Request: \$7,300**

To contract with The Contained Garden for the planting and care of the flowers planted around the fountain and the (10) urns on Kenilworth Avenue to Sheridan Road.

**Project Breakdown**

- o 8 Urns Sheridan-Kenilworth-\$2,640
- o 2 Richmond-Kenilworth-\$750
- o Fountain Flowers-\$2,250
- o Soil-\$810
- o (5) Maintenance Visits-\$625
- o Contingency-\$225

**Financial Impact & Recommendations**

If all requests are fully funded, the total allocation from the Storch Fund would be \$29,900.

<b><u>Requesting Organization</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed Allocation</u></b>
Kenilworth Council of Garden Clubs	\$4,000
Kenilworth Garden Club	Up to \$25,000 (\$6,394 contingency)
Kenilworth Council of Garden Clubs	<u>\$7,300</u>

**Total Proposed Allocation                    \$36,300**

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**Recommendation:** The staff recommendation is to approve these requests. If the project in whole or in part does not meet the restrictions outlined by the grant agreement, it is the recommendation to utilize budgeted park district funds to complete the project.

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