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**Sponsor:** Parks & Recreation

**Meeting Date:** 9/19/2023

**Title:** Donation from Ahvo Taipale to Ramsey County Parks & Recreation Department

**File Number:** 2023-394

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**Background and Rationale:**

Ahvo Taipale, a longtime supporter and champion of the Battle Creek Winter Recreation Area, would like to donate a small race timing building at an estimated value of \$11,000 and accompanying gravel pad at an estimated value of \$2,500 to the county for use by ski race and event organizers. The race timing building is a non-permanent structure akin to a mobile shed that would be placed on a gravel pad. This structure is to be used for cross country ski races and other events that need space for people to do timing operations for racers, as well as a building to serve as an operating hub and warming spot for community events, such as free "try-it" events and equitable cross country ski lessons. This structure will be owned and operated by Parks & Recreation after its installation. Actual donation amounts will be included in a donation acknowledgment letter to Mr. Taipale from the county after all purchases have been made.

**Recommendation:**

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

Accept the donation of race timing building with an estimated value of \$13,500 from Ahvo Taipale to the Parks & Recreation department.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Ortega, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: - 6: Frethem, Martinson, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: - 1: McGuire

By:   
Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board