

RESOLUTION NO. R-12-21

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES NATUREWORKS GRANT PROGRAM FOR VARIOUS PARK IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources ("ODNR"), provides financial assistance to political subdivisions for the purpose of providing public recreation through the State of Ohio NatureWorks Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, Avon City Council finds and determines that it would be in the best interests of the City of Avon to seek and obtain financial assistance the from ODNR NatureWorks Grant Program for the purpose of funding a portion of certain recreation projects; and

WHEREAS, the City Administration has identified a need to add various park improvements including a pavilion, simple playground equipment, benches, picnic tables and asphalt paths within the newly expanded Veteran's Memorial Park in the area formerly owned by Kurtz Brothers that was acquired in 2021 with the assistance of a private donation and a Land & Water Conservation Fund grant administered by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, these projects would promote the health, safety and welfare of all residents of the City of Avon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AVON, COUNTY OF LORAIN AND STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1 – That this Council hereby approves the filing of applications for financial assistance.

Section 2 – That the Mayor for the City of Avon is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file an application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, through the State of Ohio NatureWorks Grant Program and to provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for possible funding assistance for Various Park Improvements at Veteran's Memorial Park.

Section 3 – The City of Avon does agree to obligate the funds required to satisfactorily complete the proposed project and become eligible for reimbursement under the terms of the NatureWorks Grant Program.

Section 4 – That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council of the City of Avon concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Council of the City of Avon and that all deliberations of this City's Council and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 5 – That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Avon, the immediate emergency being the necessity to support an application to the State of Ohio’s NatureWorks Grant Program, prior to its predetermined deadlines; therefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: _____ DATE SIGNED: _____

By: _____
Brian Fischer, Council President

DATE APPROVED BY THE MAYOR: _____

Bryan K. Jensen, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

John A. Gasior, Law Director

ATTEST:

Barbara Brooks
Clerk of Council

Posted: _____
In Five Places, as
Provided by Council

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