



City of Gahanna

Meeting Minutes

Development & Parks

Office of the Clerk of Council
200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

*Brian D. Larick, Chair, Stephen A. Renner,
Karen J. Angelou*

Kimberly McWilliams, CMC, Clerk of Council

Monday, June 22, 2015

Council Committee Rooms

Immediately Following Finance Committee

CALL TO ORDER

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES: Troy Euton, Jeannie Hoffman, Shane Ewald, Jennifer Teal, Diana Redman, Anthony Jones.

Larick called meeting to order at 8:16 p.m.

Present 2 - Brian D. Larick, and Stephen A. Renner

Absent 1 - Karen J. Angelou

ITEM FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS & RECREATION -

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Supporting Documents from Parks & Recreation

1. Big Walnut Trail Section 5 Paving Contract

Euton said this contract will approve Section 5 of the Big Walnut Trail; sixth section of nine total; have copy of master plan; opened bids two weeks ago; lowest bidder was Columbus Asphalt Paving; asking for \$60K supplemental; grant awarded \$500K; payments made can provide payment to Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR); can match up to 75% of the costs; can get up to \$500K; trail section is 4300 lineal feet and proceeds up to Creekside Island Bridge and proceeds north, up to Rivers Edge Drive; golfers are not happy; done fair amount of research; concerned about trail traffic conflicting with golf; ran things through Shane Ewald about safety concerns; getting hit with golf balls; the change is scaring golfers because it's been the same for years and years; he doesn't believe there will be concerns; it runs along the west side of the rough way; will have a fence to protect trail; it will take away the hill that is used for sleigh riding; trying to find another hill to sleigh ride; comes to sledding hill; love all recreational pursuits; the number one request in the City is trails; not sledding; engineers have all looked at this project and this is the most economically viable project; asking waiver and emergency to get started

in mid-July; will allow for time to complete grant submission and to get done; will not have to worry about weather; project the project to be three working months; Renner asked about the fencing part of the project being part of the contract with Columbus Asphalt; Euton said it is through a subcontractor; Renner asked what is purpose of fence; Euton said it will protect trail user from getting hit with golf balls; fencing will go up silver and will be galvanized steel framework; needs to weather for a year before it can be sprayed green or black to make it more aesthetically pleasing; will be a chain link that does not fit a golf ball; Larick said since chain link it can't be removed in winter or at least pieces; Euton said it needs to keep people from sledding since it will change to asphalt and will need plowed throughout the heavy snow; needs to be 10' so that each biker or walker is protected; engineer recommends it; need additional height and protection; certain clearance is required; Larick asked if no emergency or waiver what would that do to the time frame; dealing with Parker family to get easement; trail was on their property; spent about a year trying to get that completed; put them in a holding pattern; Euton said they would have to get an extension with Clean Trail funding; like to keep that reputation; would impact future performance if not done on time; have good relationship with them; next year we will start another section; grants are due in February each year; section 4 and 8 are expensive; they may take up to 18 months to complete; long planning process; will have renderings and construction drawings in the fall; Larick asked about 270 being over or under; Euton said Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) prefers over and they were concerned at first but are excited about going over now; 2 million dollar funding project; will continue to do studies to find what is best; Euton said fencing is going to Planning Commission; application for variance is in; Larick asked if there are similar trails around that do not have a fence in the region; Euton said the old Bridgeview Golf Course shows the fence and they have looked at it to decide what fence they want; the type of fence they have chosen will not rust and peel which will keep costs down; said we have a trail near Academy Park near the baseball fields that are not protected.

RECOMMENDATION: Waiver of Second Reading, Adopt as Emergency, Consent Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:51 p.m.

Kim McWilliams, Reporting