

RESOLUTION NO. 011-18R

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE CLEAN OHIO TRAILS FUND GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE FIRST PHASE OF THE LANDING PARK PROJECT; AND DECLARING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, administers financial assistance for public recreation purposes, through the Clean Ohio Trails Fund (COTF); and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the City teamed with Cedar Fair and the Erie County Metroparks to develop a master plan for a park which would be located on separate parcels owned by these three (3) entities north of Cedar Fair's Sports Center on Cleveland Road that would serve as a critical node on the future buildout of the Sandusky Bay Pathway and also as a destination for access to East Sandusky Bay for active recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Landing Park conceptual plan was presented to this City Commission in December of 2017, and was based on valuable input from various stakeholders including the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the Ohio Department of Transportation, the Sandusky Bay Rowing Association, the City's Planning Commission, Cedar Fair, Erie County Metroparks as well as others, and focuses on providing various amenities for Sandusky residents while attracting visitors and tourists from all over; and

WHEREAS, this first phase of the Landing Park Project involves the design and construction of a drive entrance from Cleveland Road and will serve as the public entrance to Landing Park and Cedar Point's Sports Center; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of this phase of the project is \$1,075,948.80 of which \$493,946.51 will be paid with Clean Ohio Trails Funds, if awarded, \$300,000.00 will be paid with Issue 8 Funds Capital Funds (Park-Rec), \$200,000.00 will be paid with Capital Funds, \$67,002.29 will be paid with in-house construction engineering and inspection, and \$15,000.00 will be paid with a cash donation from Cedar Fair; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution should be passed as an emergency measure under suspension of the rules in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter in order to ratify the submission of the grant application which was submitted to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources by the deadline of February 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, in that it is deemed necessary in order to provide for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, and safety of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, and its citizens, and to provide for the efficient daily operation of the Municipal Departments, including the Department of Public Works, of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, finds that an emergency exists regarding the aforesaid, and that it is advisable that this **Resolution** be declared an emergency measure which will take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter; and NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANDUSKY, OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. This City Commission hereby approves and ratifies the submission of a grant application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for financial assistance through the Clean Ohio Trails Fund (COTF) Grant Program for the first phase of the Landing Park Project and authorizes and directs the City Manager to provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for possible funding assistance and to execute any grant agreements and lawfully expend funds consistent with the application and agreement should they be awarded.

Section 2. The City of Sandusky agrees to obligate the funds required to satisfactorily complete the first phase of the Landing Park Project and become eligible for reimbursement under the terms and conditions of the Clean Ohio Trails Fund Grant Program.

Section 3. If any section, phrase, sentence, or portion of this Resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 4. This City Commission finds and determines that all formal actions of this City Commission concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this City Commission and that all deliberations of this City Commission and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 5. That for the reasons set forth in the preamble hereto, this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure which shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter after its adoption and due authentication by the President and the Clerk of the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio.



DENNIS E. MURRAY, JR.
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION

ATTEST:



KELLY L. KBESSER
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION



BUDGETARY INFORMATION: There is no cost associated with submission of the grant application, but the project breakdown would be as follows:

City of Sandusky	\$ 300,000.00	Issue 8 Capital Fund (Parks-Rec)
City of Sandusky	\$ 200,000.00	Capital Fund
City of Sandusky	\$ 67,002.29	In-house construction engineering and inspection
Cedar Fair	\$ 15,000.00	Cash donation
<u>ODNR Grant</u>	<u>\$ 493,946.51</u>	
Total Project Cost	\$1,075,948.80	

ACTION REQUESTED: It is recommended that proper legislation be prepared allowing the city manager to submit a grant application to ODNR and accept funds, if awarded, for the first phase of the Landing Park trail and that the legislation be passed under suspension of the rules in full accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter in order to ratify the submission of the grant application which was submitted to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources by the deadline of February 1, 2018.

I concur with this recommendation:

Eric Wobser
City Manager

cc: K. Kresser, Commission Clerk; H. Solowiej, Finance Director; J. Harris, Law Director