

# **PUBLIC HEARING FOR ODNR TRAIL GRANT**

## **Minutes**

**February 2, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm by Mayor Linda Clark

**Members present:** Councilman Giles Seith, Councilwoman Paula Tubalkain, Councilman Ben Prescott, Councilman John Clark, Councilman Marty Hura, Councilman Paul Janson

**Others present:** Mayor Linda Clark, Village Administrator Kate Rogers, Rich Iafelice of CT Consultants, Administrative Assistant Randi Lyle

**Citizens –** Greg Balbierz,

Presentation by Rich Iafelice from C.T. Consultants:

- Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources grant funding for connecting the two Headwaters Trail segments through the Village.

The Purpose of this meeting is to overview the grant. We learned about the Clean Ohio Trail funds in the spring of 2015 through the Mayor. We call the project the Mill Street Connector, and it is the linkage within the Village to complete the Headwaters Trail.

The property that it will sit on was donated to us by a private property owner. We will need to receive easement rights for the trail for safety reasons because it will follow along Mill Street. McDonalds has pledged its support both locally and through the corporate office and will donate property to us for easements for the trail if needed.

As the trail approaches St. Rt. 44, we are proposing to make the trail crossing on the north side of Mill Street. Other crossing sights were considered but we felt that this is the safest and makes the most sense.

The total project cost was estimated at \$157,300. The federal grant is providing us with \$114,244 toward this project. The donated land easements were valued at \$25,000. The balance is about \$18,000 that will be paid for by DMRC.

Rich shared maps of the proposed route along with two alternate routes and the explanation for each. The next step is to submit a request to the Federal Highway Association, so we can make sure we are not going to be encountering any endangered species.

John Clark asked about easements in other areas. Rich answered we need to do more research to make it as safe as possible. Giles asked about Mill Street, he said the picture doesn't show a correct drawing of Mill Street, Rich answered the drawing represents what it would look like with the donated property. In our design the trail west of 44 is to go along the south side of Mill Street along the McDonalds parking lot. John Clark asked if it would affect the apartments at all. Rich said no, the trail would be 10 ft. wide and wrap along the parking lot and meet up with the existing trail.

One of the Citizens, Greg Balbierz added that DMRC is very supportive and looks forward to helping with the project. He thanked all those who helped to make the grant possible.

- ❖ Motion to adjourn at 7:12 pm was made by Councilman John Clark and seconded by Councilman Prescott. All voted aye.

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Mayor Linda Clark

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Administrative Assistant Randi Lyle