Special Beavercreek Trustee's Meeting

Thursday, January 6, 2011

Mr. Glaser called the Special Trustee Meeting to order at 2:02 P.M. Those present were Trustees: Robert Glaser and Carol Graff. Fiscal Officer, Christy Ahrens was also present. Staff present: Road Superintendent Tim Parks. Mike Thonnerieux and Kim Ferrell from the City of Beavercreek Parks and Recreation and David Beach from the City of Beavercreek were also present. Bob Darden from the Beavercreek Township Park District was also present.

The Purpose of this Special Meeting is to meet in Open Session to discuss park consolidation.

Mr. Thonnerieux gave a presentation concerning Parks Management Efficiencies in regards to the City of Beavercreek, Beavercreek Township, and the Beavercreek Township Park District. The presentation included the following items: Background, Results, Choices, Planning for the Future, City Separate Transitional Plan, Township Separate Transitional Plan, Park District Separate Transitional Plan, Three Entities Together under Park District, Planning for Future, Do You Favor or Oppose the following Ideas, Park District (3 into 1) Preliminary Plan, Potential Savings, Formula for Success, and Recommendation.

General discussion occurred throughout the presentation. Discussion on potential savings occurred regarding: the amount of millage needed to levy with Local Government and Estate Tax funds going away in the near future. Mr. Glaser suggested that the City and Township meet to discuss what provisions local entities will lose if/when the money goes away. In regards to Parks in Beavercreek it is either one entity or three separate entities asking the voters for money. Mr. Darden stated that he thinks local people will vote for money that will stay in Beavercreek for local services.

Mr. Thonnerieux brought the discussion back to the Recommendation of the joint group which is, "Task staff with developing a detailed timeline to begin implementation of combining park services into the Park District to meet the needs of the entire community."

Ms. Graff asked what the City of Beavercreek said. Mr. Thonnerieux and Mr. Beach agreed that unofficially, the City would like to move forward with the recommendation.

Ms. Graff agreed that consolidation of management of facility and grounds is worthwhile; however, she did not think the Park District should be the source for funding. She would rather have Agreements in place, such as the Rotary Park Agreement, for the entities to work together.

Mr. Glaser used Washington Township as an example of one revenue stream and one entity for efficient operation. However, he cautioned that it might be better to have multiple small cash flow streams, rather than one large one that could jeopardize our parks if the one large levy fails. Mr. Thonnerieux was hopeful that our citizens would support our Parks through levies.

General discussion occurred regarding: a stepped levy process and General Fund money.

Mr. Thonnerieux asked the Trustees again if they would like the committee to continue to study with the entities together, as is the committee's recommendation, or separate.

Mr. Darden stated that he would like to see one centralized entity.

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General discussion occurred regarding: Capital and Operational levies: the community working was a unit; the timeline being too long, that things are going to have to happen sooner; county park district and how they could play a part in what we decide.

Ms. Graff stated that her impression is that the Joint Management concept is a positive one and to pursue the concept of how much it will cost to operate and the cost of potential improvements would be beneficial. She would like a better feel for how we could put it all together and in a shorter time period than two to three years.

Mr. Glaser agreed that the committee should proceed with figuring out numbers and putting the details together, sooner rather than later. Mr. Glaser made a point to say that the Beavercreek Golf Course will be completely left out of this Park Consolidation discussion. All agreed. General discussion occurred.

General discussion occurred on Park District Funding.

2011-001 Ms. Graff made a motion to Adjourn at 3:04 P.M. Mr. Glaser seconded. Roll Call: Ms. Graff, yes; and Mr. Glaser, yes.

Trustee: _____

Fiscal Officer: _____