**Special Beavercreek Trustee's Meeting**

**Monday, March 12, 2012**

Mr. Glaser called the Special Trustee Meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. Those present were Trustees: Robert Glaser, Carol Graff and Dan Paxson. Fiscal Officer, Christy Ahrens and Legal Advisor Robert Surdyk were also present. Staff present: Township Administrator Alex Zaharieff and Road Superintendent Tim Parks.

The purpose of this Special Meeting is to meet in Open Session to discuss Park Consolidation.

Road Superintendent Tim Parks stated that he was before the Trustees to give them the best information possible regarding this topic in order to them to make the most informed decision on the direction the Township should take regarding Parks and looking to the future. He would like to present information today, ask and answer questions, and look for the Board to have a decision regarding this issue at the next Regular Trustee Meeting on Monday, March 19, 2012.

Mr. Park presented the following presentation:

**City of Beavercreek, Beavercreek Township, Beavercreek Township Park District**

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Progress Report

In May of 2011 City Council, Township Trustees, Park District Commissioners tasked staff with developing a detailed timeline and determining a budget and estimated millage to begin implementation of combining park services into the Park District to meet the needs of the entire community
Township Reductions in State Funding
City Reduction in Revenue

**Estimated General Fund reductions from State (LGF, Estate Tax, CAT-TPP, Deregulation) in 2013 - $951,610**
**2012 Budget General Fund Parks, Recreation, and Senior Center Net Expenditures – Revenues =$997, 867**

If District Levy was approved in Fall of 2012 State reductions – net operations of Parks and Senior Services would be offset in 2013 only

**2012 Anticipated Park Expenses**

* Salaries-$15,300
* Repairs-$10,000
* Electricity- $6,000
* Park District $27,500
* Rotary Deficit- $92,000 our half
* Supplies- $5,150
* Improvement of sites-$6,000
* Total Park (general fund) budget-$161,950

**Rotary Park Expenses 2012**
**Staff**

One Fulltime
50% of Program Supervisor
4 Temp workers
Field Supervisor
4 Summer Camp

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Total Personal cost $151,348
Repairs/supplies- $36,247
Contractual-$81,523
Capital- Fencing replacement 2 diamonds- $15,000
Total $284,118

**Rotary Park Revenue 2012**

**Rental $13,400**
Electric fees from tenant organization
Diamond Rental
Water charges (bathroom facilities)

**Adult Softball- $63,000**
100 Summer teams
50 Fall teams
22 Fall teams(sanctioned)

Skyhawks -$8,000
Summer Camp- $16,800
Total Revenue- $101,200
Total Deficit $284,118-$101,200= $183,196

**Additional Revenue Sources**

The abrupt loss of state revenue will have a **significant effect** on all entities ability to maintain services at the level residents have grown accustomed.
The state through their budget process has pushed the burden on financing local governments back to the residents of their local communities.

**Beavercreek City Council, Beavercreek Trustees and Park District Commissioners ahead of the Curve**

Sample Levy for Proposed District

5 Year 1.4 mil levy

Equates $42.88 per $100,000 valuation

12 cents a day

$128.64 for $300,000 home

**Considerations**

Park District can levy across Incorporated and unincorporated (future growth in unincorporated area)
1 mil Incorporated = $1.37 million Dollars
1 mil Incorporated and unincorporated = $1.615
Park Districts capped at 2.0 mill levy
Planning for the future
Through the **consolidation agreement** the City, Township, and Park District seek to provide **Park, Recreation and Senior Services** through the **Park District** which will progressively assume the responsibility for the **operation maintenance** and **improvement** of the park and recreation **facilities owned by the City and Township.**

**Planning for the Future**

* Implement **Park Master Plan** City and Township
* Create organizational **efficiencies**
* One face to the **residen**t providing all services

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* One service provider **Eliminates** potential for multiple levy's from **three local agencies**
* **Collaboration** among local governments to provide **quality of life** services to residents
* **Voters Determine** funding allocated to Parks and Senior Services

**Consolidation Agreement**

**Park District** shall submit to the **electors** of Beavercreek Township and the City of Beavercreek in **November 2012**, the question of levying of a tax which will generate income to **finance the cost of operating, improving and maintaining Parks, Recreation and Senior Services**

Agreement to Consolidate
Park Activities

In an effort to create more **efficient** and **effective** service delivery for **Parks, Recreation and Senior Services** to the residents of Beavercreek in the incorporated and unincorporated areas the **City, Township and Park District** staff recommends consolidation and shared services.

General Discussion occurred regarding: the BYSA and Sox Organization having Agreements with the City.

The Trustees went through the proposed Agreement to Consolidate Park Activities.
Discussion occurred regarding the following:
Page 2 – Phase I - Interim Period: the fact that the Park District will pay for all campaign costs to put a levy up in November 2012. The Township would continue to operate as it always has; the City would continue to do the same, except Mike Thonnerieux would be on loan to the Park District, as an Advisor and mouthpiece, in order to help pass the levy. If the levy fails, everything goes back to the old way and this Agreement will be null and void. If the levy passes, all entities move to Phase II.
Page 3 – Phase II – Joint Operation Period: If the levy passes, the cost is zero for the City and Township in 2013. Discussion occurred regarding District staffing in preparation for 2014, leasing Township owned park land for $1.00, and the Park Advisory Board. Discussion occurred regarding terms.
Page 6 - #22 Term of Agreement: Discussion occurred regarding 10 years, 15 years and how to get out of the Agreement. It was stated that if the levy passes, no party can get out of the Agreement until the term of the Agreement is reached.

Mr. Parks pointed out that if the entities cannot find a funding source, especially the City, the Township will be receiving a notice that the Rotary Park Agreement is going to be dissolved and that Rotary Park will become the Township's responsibility to manage. The Township cannot afford to manage Rotary Park. This Agreement gives all three entities (the City, Township, and Township Park District) a chance to get additional funding: one levy, one face, one entity.

Discussion occurred regarding: Addendums and costs of games, that if the levy goes on the ballot that the people of Beavercreek need to be educated on how the parks in our community have been subsidized in the past and currently. Going forward, we need to give the community actual costs. Mr. Park reiterated that the Park District will be "selling" the levy and answering questions.

Mr. Parks stated that the community has two main misconceptions:

1. They think only one entity owns all the parks

2. They think they are paying taxes now that go directly to parks. They don't. No entity (City, Township, or Township Park District) have any funding going directly to paying for parks.

Discussion occurred regarding the Township's Land Acquisition Fund and how that Fund was specifically pulled out of the Agreement. What was added to the agreement is paragraph 31. Township Collection of Park Fees in Lieu of Land. Mr. Glaser wants something in the Agreement that states that the Township's Land Acquisition Fund is not part of this Agreement.

General discussion occurred regarding: Washington Township Parks and restrictions paperwork for Rotary Park from the City or County.

The Trustees requested that Mr. Parks provide copies of all Agreements the other entities have concerning parks. They would like this information within the next week, before they make their decision. Mr. Parks said he would work diligently to obtain that information, but again stressed the need to move forward with the document, and not push it off because all information was not available. Move the document forward; continue obtaining information if it's not all together by the vote.

Discussion occurred regarding the terms of the park advisory committee and the Trustees commented on the desired changes.

Discussion occurred regarding private management of public parks. Mr. Paxson stated that in other states private companies run the programming, maintenance, etc. of parks. Legal Advisor Bob Surdyk stated that he wasn't sure about the legality of the Trustees having the ability to enter into an agreement like that; but that he will look into it.

Discussion occurred regarding the fact that the Trustees are not ready to let go of ownership of the land the Township has in its parks. If this Agreement does not work down the line, how do you un-divide the land. If this Agreement does work and is successful down the line, then the Trustees would need to consider deeding over the property to the Park District.

Mr. Parks stated that he feels this Agreement is simple, is in the best interest of the Township and the entire community, and still gives the voters of Beavercreek the opportunity to have the parks they want.

Discussion occurred regarding: Mr. Surdyk will have someone look for the Rotary Park Agreement and its restrictions; and whether the $1.00 lease is per park or for all the parks, the Agreement does not say. Mr. Parks stated he believes the $1.00 lease is collective for all parks. Mr. Surdyk will look into the language regarding the possible TIF Beavercreek Township is pursuing and how it pertains to this Agreement.

Mr. Parks recommended to the Board of Trustees that they approve this Agreement at the next Regular Trustee meeting; and move forward in order to find out what voters want from their parks.

**2012-093** Mr. Paxson made a motion to Adjourn at 3:01 P.M. Ms. Graff seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Paxson, yes; Ms. Graff, yes; and Mr. Glaser, yes.

Trustee: _____

Fiscal Officer: _____