

CITY OF GROVEPORT
REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

March 12, 2018

ADMINISTRATION – Marsha Hall

Legislation

Ord. 18-004 Franchise Agreement with Ohio Power Company (AEP) (3rd Reading)

The 25 year franchise agreement with Ohio Power Company to maintain its services within its service area of Groveport terminated on October 23 2017. The new agreement will also be for a term of 25 years, but carry language to allow for automatic one year renewals.

Ord. 18-008 Revise Golf Rates (3rd Reading)

Tom Walker has recommended as part of their effort to grow the game and institute programs for player development the following for consideration: In the months May through August on Saturdays after 1:00pm all players 14 and under play for free when accompanied by a paying adult. Limit 2 juniors per paying adult. If approved, the staff is planning on having additional tee options 150 yards, 200 yards, and 250 yards out to accommodate players of different ages and skill levels. They have also discussed offering a free junior clinic on a Saturday each of those months to also increase junior interest and to help those beginning the game.

Ord. 18-009 Groveport Special Olympics Collection (2nd Reading)

This is the Groveport Special Olympics' annual request to allow collection of donations on Main Street.

Ord. 18-010 Authorize the Construction of Five Tennis Courts at Groveport Park (1st Reading)

This ordinance would approve the construction of five tennis courts in Groveport Park. If adopted, legislation will then need approved to amend the 2018 Appropriations.

Ord. 18-011 Net Profits Centralized Collection Provision of Income Tax Ordinance (1st Reading)

Franklin County Court of Common Pleas had issued a preliminary injunction related to the centralized collection of municipal net profit tax portion of HB49 on December 21st. A permanent injunction hearing resulted in Judge Cain siding with the state. The ruling means the provision allowing businesses to opt-in to file their net profit filings through the Ohio Business Gateway will remain in place. While an appeal is being considered, required legislation must be enacted. Since it is already past the state's original required deadline for this legislation, the ordinance should be adopted as an emergency action.

Ord. 012 Bixford Green Trail Project (1st Reading)

This ordinance authorizes an application to the Ohio NatureWorks Grant Program and any contracts for the Bixford Green Trail project approved by Council in the 2018 Appropriations. \$207,400 was appropriated. This path will connect Phillips Run to the Blacklick Trail, with the path being located in a reserve owned by Bixford Green Association. We are currently working with the association, and a future ordinance for a lease agreement for the path will come before Council in the near future.

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The grant program will award up to 75% of the cost. The last round of funding awarded two projects in Franklin County totaling \$179,959. The application is due June 1st.

Ord. 18-013 A Note for Water Projects (1st Reading)

This ordinance authorizes a note to pay for the Hanstein Water Main Improvement project and the Miscellaneous Water Service Replacements project approved by Council in the 2018 Appropriations.

Miscellaneous

Share the LOVE Food Drive

I am happy to report that the food drive sponsored by the City was very successful. We were able to provide 2822 items to the Groveport Food Pantry. We had several businesses participate this year which helped us increase our donations from last year's drive.

Meetings; Events

Meetings/Events Attended

- 02/28 CIC meeting
- 03/01 Meeting with Franklin County Engineers re. Toy Road area
- 03/12 MB staff meeting
- 03/12 Trees and Decorations Committee meeting