

New Philadelphia City Council

Parks and Cemetery Committee

Meeting Notes

September 18, 2017 6:00pm

Present for all or portions of the meeting were the following: committee chairwoman Aimee May and committee member Kelly Ricklic and alternate Cheryl Ramos, council members Dean Holland and John Zucal, Council President Sam Hitchcock; Clerk of Council Julie Courtright; Mayor Joel Day; Law Director Marvin Fete; Service Director Ron McAbier.

ITEMS: To discuss authorizing the Mayor to enter into a land exchange agreement for cemetery land.

The original offer was to pay Kevin Wallick \$150,000.00 from the Evergreen Trust and 33.06 acres of city property (most of which is hillside, approximately 5 acres are usable) located at the end of Donald Dr. SW in exchange for his property located on County Road 25 at 25th St SE.

Mr. McAbier had reported that after talks with Mr. Wallick, he stated that he wanted to get the deal completed in a timely manner and changed the offer to a land exchange only. (Donald Dr. SW exchanged for County Rd 25 at 25th Street SE). Mr. Wallick also gave a deadline of September 25, 2017 to have the agreement approved by council.

The Law Director provided a legal opinion regarding the land exchange and it was determined that the city was completely within its rights to proceed with the land exchange.

The Mayor stated that this is our best shot at acquiring cemetery land and give us an opportunity to meet a need that we've had in the city for a while now.

Mrs. May and Mrs. Ramos both felt that the ordinance should be read three times.

Mr Ricklic made a motion to have Ordinance 20-2017 added to the agenda of the special council meeting being held directly after the committee meeting for first reading. The motion passed 3-0.

With no further business to be discussed by the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee May
Chairwoman