

**SPECIAL AND CONTACT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
October15th, 2014**

The Special and Contact Committee met Wednesday, October 15th, 2014 at 6:30 PM in the Tuscora Park Pavilion In attendance were Special and Contact Committee Member, Mr. Rob Maurer, Committee Chair Mr. Dan Lanzer Committee Member Ms. Walker and the alternate Committee Member Mr. Zucal had excused absences.

Guests were President of Council Sam Hitchcock, Council Clerk Patti McKay, Councilperson Sandy Cox, Councilperson Cheryl Ramos, and, and City Residents, Mark Cox, Dan Rice, Ohio and Erie Canalway Coalition and Creston (Chip) Stephan, W.E. Quicksall & Associates

Chairperson Mr. Lanzer called the Special & Contact Committee Meeting to order Wednesday October 15th, 2014 at 6:30 PM at the Tuscora Park Pavilion. (Prior to the Public Hearing, which was held immediately following the 6:30 PM Special and Contact Committee Meeting on the NP2R Trail.)

On the agenda there were three proposed resolutions: Proposed Resolution 31-2014, Proposed Resolution 32-2014, and Proposed Resolution 33-2014. They are for three different grants for the NP2R Trail.

Proposed Resolution 31- 2014

A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE NATUREWORKS PROGRAM FOR THE NEW PHILADELPHIA (NP2R TRAIL) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Proposed Resolution 32- 2014

A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND FOR THE NEW PHILADELPHIA (NP2R)TRAIL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Proposed Resolution 33- 2014

A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM FOR THE NEW PHILADELPHIA (NP2R) TRAIL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Lanzer reported:

All three of the proposed resolutions are grants that you get where you have to have the money up front to pay for the grant.

Mr. Lanzer has been in contact with our Auditor, Beth Gundy as to how our budget looks.

"Right now we can't do that directly with the funds that are in there now.

We have to come up with a way to get a preapproval for a loan.

With that loan we can use some of the Bed Tax funds to pay for the loan. We wouldn't actually take the loan out until the grants would be approved by the three different grant applications."

1. We would apply for the grant
2. Get the pre approval for the loan
3. Show that we can cover the cost
(We would just wait and see)
4. If we are approved for the grants we would take the loan out and pay by the Bed Tax Fund once the project is completed and local share raised we would get reimbursed so the City would not have a dime in it.

Comment from Committee Member Mr. Maurer:

Mr. Maurer spoke with Mr. Dan Rice prior to the meeting

Daniel M. Rice is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition, headquartered in Akron, Ohio.

As far as applying for the grants,

Mr. Rice didn't want us applying for the same ones that the Tow Path was interested in.

Comment from Committee Chair Mr. Lanzer's

Mr. Lanzer realized that there were a number of Trails out there who will be applying for grants.
Mr. Lanzer's opinion, "I think the NP2R trail is just as important as any of the other trails."

Comment from Mr. Rice reminded the committee:

That there are limited funds for trails and it is very competitive.
Mr. Rice suggested that we step away from Proposed Resolution 33-2014.
(We all don't want to fish in the same pond.)

Mr. Rice said it takes a lot of time and energy to put in for an application.
Mr. Lanzer informed Mr. Rice that we do have Chip at W.E. Quicksall & Associates who is assisting us.

Councilperson Ms. Cox concern was the cost and suggested that we do the project in phases.

Comment from Committee Chair Mr. Lanzer:

Mr. Lanzer did speak with Ms. Gundy. The Auditor said it was feasible.

The total cost at this time is \$800,000

80% \$640,000

20% \$160,000 would be paid by Bed Tax and private and public sectors

Mr. Rice reminded all of the policy for the grants

"If you don't complete the project you are penalized you have to give back the money."

CONCLUSION

Chairperson Dan Lanzer Announced:

The Committee decided to re-evaluate the issue, schedule another meeting after collecting more information, and have the necessary numbers in place for review to do the project in phases.

(This meeting was prior to the Public Hearing for the NP2R Trail (New Philadelphia to Roswell Trail)

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Lanzer, Committee Chairperson
Special and Contact Committee