

A RESOLUTION

BY MR. EPLEY NO 1806

SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTI-PURPOSE ARTIFICIAL TURF ATHLETIC FIELD AND TRACK TO BE LOCATED AT THE OLD RIVER SPORTS COMPLEX.

WHEREAS, the city of Oakwood (the "City") acquired the Old River Sports Complex from NCR Corporation in 2006 for \$2.3 million, and invested approximately \$1 million in additional funds to build Old River Trail and the connector roadway that provides access to the Old River Sports Complex, and other infrastructure improvements necessary for its use as a public athletic facility; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the City commissioned MSA Sport to analyze the local market and seek substantial public input in developing recommendations for the future use of community athletic facilities, which resulted in the 2010 Athletics & Recreation Master Plan (the "2010 Master Plan"); and

WHEREAS, consistent with the 2010 Master Plan and observations of the Oakwood City School District (the "School"), there is an identified need to expand Oakwood athletic facilities to serve both school purposes and the broader athletic and recreational needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, based on citizen input and on market surveys and other analyses, the 2010 Master Plan specifically identified, among other things, the need for a multi-purpose artificial turf athletic field and track with spectator seating, which could be accommodated at the Old River Sports Complex, while retaining existing grass playing fields; and

WHEREAS, owing to current economic realities, including elimination of the Ohio estate tax and state budget cuts imposed upon municipalities and school districts, neither the City nor the School is in a financial position to pursue expansion of existing athletic facilities without private funding; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 the Oakwood Athletic Boosters, Inc. (the "Boosters"), approached the School to discuss ideas for privately-funded construction of an artificial turf field facility; and

WHEREAS, as a result of those initial discussions, the School formed a ten (10) member Turf Task Force in 2015 which included representatives of the School, City, and Boosters, to formally examine the feasibility and desired scope and approach for constructing an artificial turf field facility with private funding; and

WHEREAS, the Turf Task Force held ten (10) formal meetings between April and August 2015, and as a result of those meetings, has appeared before Council to recommend a course of action regarding a proposed artificial turf athletic field and track facility; and

WHEREAS, the recommended course of action involves the design and construction of a shared-use multi-purpose artificial turf athletic field and regulation size track facility on City-owned property at the Old River Sports Complex (the "Project"), with the Project to be funded by the Boosters through private donations; and

WHEREAS, Council acknowledges the potential public benefit of the Project and the opportunity to meet a community need through private funding, and desires to support and explore the same, but is mindful of the need to protect and preserve vital City interests in a number of areas; and

WHEREAS, among these vital City interests, Council is particularly concerned that careful consideration must be given to the following:

- Public access to the facility from River Park Drive;
- Projected traffic flow, traffic volumes, and the impact on the adjacent Pointe Oakwood residential development;

- The impact of the Project on the assisted living center proposed for construction in the Pointe Oakwood development at the northwest corner of Far Hills Avenue and Old River Trail;
- Because a majority of the Project will likely encompass the existing parking area at the Old River Sports Complex, every effort must be made to not only address facility parking requirements through agreements for shared use of existing adjacent parking lots owned by the University of Dayton and Cox Media Group, but to pursue other opportunities which could enhance parking availability;
- The City's existing agreement with the University of Dayton, whereby the City and Schools have unrestricted access to the UD owned tennis courts north of the Project site and UD has rights to use the City's Old River Sports Complex; and

WHEREAS, to weigh these considerations and provide adequate protections for these and other vital City interests throughout the design, construction, and post-construction facility operation and maintenance phases of the Project, and to ensure a proper balance of responsibility and control for the Project, and above all to ensure construction of the Project without the use of public funds, an Old River Athletic Facility Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit A, has been prepared and is to be entered into between the City and the School; and

WHEREAS, Council has determined that with this agreement in place, the Project merits further exploration and wishes to authorize the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION I:

Council wishes to commend the Turf Task Force and all involved representatives of the City, School, and Boosters, for their hard work, dedication, and effort in furtherance of this Project for the benefit of the Oakwood community.

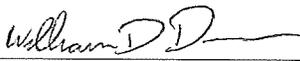
SECTION II:

For the reasons set forth in the foregoing recitals, which are incorporated herein by reference, Council hereby expresses its support for the multi-purpose artificial turf athletic field and track project proposed by the Turf Task Force.

SECTION III:

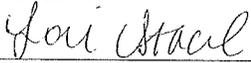
The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to enter into the Old River Athletic Facility Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A, and to take such further steps as may be necessary to implement the City's participation in this Project.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD this 21st day of September, 2015.



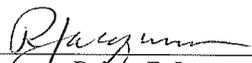
 Mayor William D. Duncan

ATTEST:



 Clerk of Council

TO THE CLERK:
 Publication is not required.



 City Attorney Robert F. Jacques