

RESOLUTION NO. R-22-22

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE
IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
NATUREWORKS GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE EXPANSION
OF EVERY CHILD’S PLAYGROUND AT THE AVON AQUATIC CENTER
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the establishment and growth of Every Child’s Playground at the Avon Aquatic Center has brought all the Avon Community together through the enjoyment of “Play” and the pride of “Inclusiveness” and in a manner that shows the best of all that is Avon; and

WHEREAS, the Avon City Council and the Avon City Administration desire to expand Every Child’s Playground with additional playground equipment, surfaces, and amenities that will increase the inclusiveness and enjoyment that the park brings to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Every Child’s Playground Expansion Project is a multi-phased approach to enlarging the scope and inclusive nature of the current facility; and

WHEREAS, the Avon Parks Recreation Coordinator has identified specific playground equipment, safety minded ground surfaces and amenities that are available through the state bid process that would be the basis for the next phase of the playground expansion; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (“ODNR”), provides financial assistance to political subdivisions for the purpose of providing and/or expanding public recreation through the State of Ohio NatureWorks Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, Avon City Council finds and determines that it would be in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Avon to seek and obtain financial assistance from ODNR NatureWorks Grant Program for the purpose of funding a portion of the Every Child’s Playground expansion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUCNIL OF THE CITY OF AVON, COUNTY OF LORAIN AND STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1 - That the Mayor for the City of Avon be, and he is hereby authorized and directed, to execute and file an application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the next round of grant funding associated with the NatureWorks Grant Program and to provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for possible funding assistance for the Every Child’s Playground Expansion Project at the Avon Aquatic Center.

Section 2 – The City of Avon does agree to obligate the funds required to satisfactorily complete the proposed project and become eligible for reimbursement under the terms of the NatureWorks Grant Program.

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Section 3 – That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council of the City of Avon concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Council of the City of Avon and that all deliberations of this City’s Council and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4 – That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Avon, the immediate emergency being the necessity to support an application to the State of Ohio’s NatureWorks Grant Program, prior to its predetermined deadlines; therefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: _____ DATE SIGNED: _____

By: _____
Brian Fischer, Council President

DATE APPROVED BY THE MAYOR: _____

Bryan K. Jensen, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

John A. Gasior, Law Director

ATTEST:

Barbara Brooks, Clerk of Council

Posted: _____
In Five Places, as
Provided by Council

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