



**Ravenna City Council
Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes
August 10th, 2020**

The public meeting was held via Zoom and live streamed via YouTube. A video recording of the meeting can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Q8jGZfJLFY>

Council present via Zoom: Council President Andrew Kluge, Amy Michael, Rob Kairis, Paul Moskun, Cheryl Wood, Tim Calfee, Christina West, and Matt Harper.

Also attending the meeting via Zoom: Mayor Frank Seman; Police Chief, Jeff Wallis; Acting Fire Chief, Mark Chapple; Finance Director, Brian Huff; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Service Director, Kay Dubinsky; and Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor

Utility Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:07 P.M. by Chairperson, Paul Moskun.

The first discussion item was the Ravenna High School Stormwater Education Grant.

Mr. Moskun stated that the education grant is requested by the EPA which requires some stormwater money to be used for educational purposes. The grant funds will go towards a trail and possible observation deck at the high school property. The project has the potential to be used for day camp trips for the City in the future. Mr. Moskun stated that EPA requirements have been met in the past but in a different fashion. A \$5,000 contribution towards the cost of the total \$30,000.00 project is being requested, which will include invasive vegetation removal and educational materials.

Mr. Kairis stated that he did not understand all the specifics of the grant and the project.

Mr. Finney stated that Portage County Soil and Water (PCSW) applies for grants, such as this, and in this case, they received the grant. For this project he stated that the City had spoken to the high school and PCSW a few years ago. The City wanted to donate the boardwalk boards to the school but unfortunately, they were not usable after construction. As part of the stormwater permit with the EPA the County provides education as part of the components of the stormwater permit. The City pays about \$1,500 a year to PCSW and the stormwater permit is in conjunction with Portage County. However, the next round, which is a five-year cycle, the City is going to end up applying for the permit on its own which is based on what the EPA is mandating. A component to building the nature trail on the Ravenna High School property is that the City will be able to use it as the educational component for its stormwater permitting.

- The item was moved forward

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

**Paul Moskun, Chairperson
Utility Committee**