

MINUTES OF RAVENNA CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
April 22, 2019

The Meeting of the Ravenna City Planning Committee was called to order by Chairperson Rob Kairis at 6:22 P.M. Present were: Amy Michael, Andrew Kluge, Bruce Ribelin, Paul Moskun, and Matt Harper. Also attending the meeting were Mayor Frank Seman; Finance Director, Kimble Cecora; Law Director, Frank Cimino; Director of Public Service, Kay Dubinsky; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Tim Calfee of 910 Murray Avenue, Ravenna, Ohio and ; Greg Francis of 558 Coolman Avenue, Ravenna, Ohio.

Mr. Kairis said the first item on the agenda is the ODOT Salt Shed. From what he understands, Council needs to approve the mayor bidding on the property. The State has given the first option to purchase it. They need to authorize the mayor to make that offer. It was his understanding ODOT wanted the legislation needs to state the amount.

Mr. Finney explained they wanted an ordinance where City Council approves the offer and agrees to the purchase.

Mr. Kairis asked if that legislation is to include the amount of the offer.

Mr. Finney said he would imagine so.

Mayor Seman said that the offer would have to match up with the bid.

Mr. Finney explained that the dollar amount for the salt is not negotiable. It is set on last year's price, this year's price, etc. The property has 19.798 acres. That would include the salt shed and all of the cleanup. The City has a first seat at the table. His understanding is that ODOT would be willing to take payments for sixty months. He was told if the City makes an offer and continue on into negotiations, they are locked in to utilize the property as it is, and the salt as long as they agree to pay for the salt. That's a very least what they are committing to. If they are going to buy the salt, then the City can utilize the property through the winter. He would expect that an ordinance would be needed once the purchase agreement is worked out. There should be an ordinance by the beginning of May so that an offer can be submitted by the end of May and continue negotiations from that point forward.

There being no further discussion, it was decided by those present the issue will be forwarded to the Committee of the Whole for further action.

Mr. Kairis said the next item on the agenda is the Healthy Kids Running Series. This just came up and it doesn't cost the City anything, there is a \$250.00 deposit, which the City will get back. The reason they are pushing it forward quickly is because the organization will not have more than one of these events within ten miles in one year. They are trying to beat a couple other communities to it.

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Mr. Kluge said the deposit is \$250.00, which will be returned to the City and there is a 15% split of the net income of any funds raised. The organization will provide snacks, materials, national sponsors, etc. The Parks & Recreation Department will have to provide volunteers. The event will be five weeks, consecutively, on Saturdays and Sundays. His daughter takes part in it; they've gone to Twinsburg for it. There are a lot of people who participate which is why he is asking to bring it to Ravenna. It's pretty much a 50 yard dash the participating kids ages are from zero to 12 or 14. It's a different take on the 5K series they see.

There being no further discussion, it was decided by those present the issue will be forwarded to the Committee of the Whole for further action.

There being no further business to discuss, this meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Robert Kairis, Chairman
Planning Committee