

City of Willoughby Hills

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-14

A RESOLUTION IN CONTINUED SUPPORT OF AND FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE LAKE COUNTY PLAN4HEALTH ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDING TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE ROEMISCH COMPLEX WELLNESS REVITALIZATION BY AND THROUGH THE COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS OF CLEVELAND METROPARKS, LAKE COUNTY PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CHAGRIN RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, ACHIEVE Wellness Lake County has received \$150,000 from the American Planning Association's Plan4Health program to combat two determinants of chronic disease: lack of physical activity and lack of access to nutritious foods; and

WHEREAS, ACHIEVE – which stands for Action Communities for Health, Innovation, and Environmental Change – Wellness Lake County brings local leaders and stakeholders together to build a healthy community by developing and implementing policy and environmental change strategies that focus on **physical activity, nutrition, chronic disease management, and leadership**; and

WHEREAS, Plan4Health is a multi-year program that strengthens the connection between planning and public health with seventy-five percent of the program's funding supporting local and state collation's working to advance public health through better planning and partnerships, specifically through leveraging skills and evidence-based strategies; and

WHEREAS, the program is implemented in partnership with the American Public Health Association and represents a major new collaboration between planners and health professionals with funding provided through an award from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

WHEREAS, the following thirteen communities in the county will be given \$10,000 grants: Willoughby Hills, Willowick, Wickliffe, Eastlake, Willoughby, Mentor-on-the Lake, Mentor, Painesville Township, Painesville City, Fairport Harbor, Grand River, Perry Township and Madison; and

WHEREAS, it is the City's intention to refurbish the Roemisch Complex, which currently consists of seven baseball fields, a pavilion, a concession stand, restrooms, and football field; the Willoughby Hills Community Center is also on the property and consists of a branch of the Willoughby-Eastlake Library, four rooms that are rented for parties and events, and the Willoughby Hills Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, it is the City's vision to develop Roemisch Complex into a "community wellness" area by upgrading the fields by providing proper drainage for optimum play, equipment boxes and fencing, add playground equipment to the complex and include a walking trail; and

WHEREAS, the City has already reached out to Cleveland Metroparks to discuss connecting the walking path to North Chagrin Reservation, which is adjacent to Roemisch Complex and in April 2016, will meet with Cleveland Metroparks as well as Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Inc. (CRWP) to discuss this opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2016-6 adopted by Council on April 14, 2016 supported the use of Plan4Health Grant Funding to develop a plan for the Roemisch Complex Wellness Revitalization by and through the collaborative efforts of Cleveland Metroparks, Lake County Planning & Community Development and Chagrin River Watershed Partners; and

WHEREAS, the City received written notification (letter dated October 31, 2016) from the Lake County Planning & Community Development on October 31, 2016 stating that the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CD) and the American Planning Association (APA) had increased the funding for the Lake County Plan4Health grant and changed the deadline; each community will now receive an additional \$2,000 to complete what had been proposed or complete additional items of the Local Healthy Community Plan with a new deadline for the projects being January 27, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF OHIO THAT:

SECTION 1. The Council of the City of Willoughby Hills hereby supports the use of Plan4Health Funding to develop a plan for Roemisch Complex to develop Roemisch Complex into a "community wellness" area by and through the collaborative efforts of Cleveland Metroparks, Lake County Planning & Community Development and the Chagrin River Watershed Partners.

SECTION 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and provide all documentation that may be necessary to secure and administer such funding.

SECTION 3. The actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this legislation were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were held in compliance with all legal requirements including Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willoughby Hills.

SECTION 4. This Resolution constitutes an emergency measure in that the same provides for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Willoughby Hills; insofar as it provides for the usual daily operation of a Municipal department, to wit: to allow the City to immediately execute any all documentation that may be necessary to secure and administer the Lake County Plan4Health additional grant funding to develop a plan for the Roemisch Complex Wellness Revitalization by and through the collaborative efforts of Cleveland Metroparks, Lake County Planning & Community Development and Chagrin River Watershed Partners; wherefore this Resolution shall be in full force and take effect immediately upon its adoption by Council and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: November 10, 2016

Nancy E. Fellows
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President of Council

Submitted to the Mayor for his approval
On this 10 day of November 2016

Approved by the Mayor
November 10, 2016

ATTEST:
Victoria Ann Savage
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Clerk of Council

Robert M. Weger
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Mayor