RESOLUTION NO. 2016-15

A RESOLUTION FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $18,187.00 THROUGH THE NATUREWORKS GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE REVITALIZATION OF CAMPBELL PARK TENNIS COURTS.

WHEREAS, NatureWorks is a State funded grant program that provides up to 75 percent of project cost assistance to Ohio municipalities, counties, townships, joint recreation districts, park districts and conservancy districts for acquisition or development of public outdoor recreation areas; and

WHEREAS, all grant payments are made on a reimbursement basis and project sponsors must have adequate funds to finance the grant project prior to receiving reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, a minimum 25% match is required for all projects; other federal and state funding programs may be used as a portion of the NatureWorks project sponsor’s match; however, per ORC 1557.06, at least twenty percent (20%) of total project costs must come from non-state and non-federal sources; and

WHEREAS, in-kind project labor (labor by employees of the awarded political subdivision) may be credited toward project match; a full detailed description of other ways to provide a match as well as requirements for funding can be found in the NatureWorks 23rd Round Application, consisting of thirty-three (33) pages, attached hereto as the “Exhibit A”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Mayor’s Interoffice Memo to Council President, Council Clerk and Council Members, dated May 5, 2015 the Mayor respectfully requested legislation to make an application for tennis court repairs through the NatureWorks Grant Program and asked that this be included on the May 12, 2016 Council Agenda for immediate passage as an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City received written notification (letter dated October 25, 2016) from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources informing the City that the Campbell Park Tennis Courts Revitalization Project had been conditionally awarded funding in the amount of $18,187.00 through the twenty-third round of the NatureWorks Grant Program and that said funding is to be awarded on the condition that the State of Ohio Controlling Board approves the NatureWorks grant awards in their upcoming 2016 meeting.

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 funding provided by and through the NatureWorks Grant Program for the revitalization of the Campbell Park Tennis Courts.

SECTION 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute and to provide all information and documentation necessary to secure and administer said funding.

SECTION 3. The City of Willoughby Hills hereby agrees to obligate the funds required to satisfactorily complete the proposed project and become eligible for reimbursement under the terms of the NatureWorks Grant Program.
SECTION 4. 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 5. 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 the municipality, to wit: to allow the City to immediately execute any and provide all documentation that may be necessary to secure and administer the NatureWorks Grant funding for the revitalization of the Campbell Park Tennis Courts; wherefore this Resolution shall be in full force and take effect from and after its adoption and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: November 10, 2016

Submitted to the Mayor for his approval
On this 18 day of November 2016

ATTEST:

Victoria Ann Savage
Clerk of Council

Nancy E. Fellows
President of Council

Robert M. Weger
Mayor

Approved by the Mayor

November 10, 2016