

Cuyahoga Falls City Council
Minutes of the Public & Industrial Improvements Committee

September 16, 2024

Members: Meika Penta, Chair
Frank Stams, Vice Chair
Gary DeRemer, Jerry James, Rachel Loza

Mr. Stams called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Mrs. Penta was absent.

The minutes of the September 3, 2024 Public Improvements Committee meeting were approved as written.

Legislation Discussed:

Temp. Ord. A-78

Discussion:

Temp. Ord. A-78

An ordinance authorizing the Parks and Recreation Board to enter into a contract or contracts for the installation of two (2) pre-fabricated ADA compliant restrooms for Indian Mountain and Kennedy Parks, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Sara Kline, Parks and Recreation Superintendent, presented Temporary Ordinance A-78 to Council. The purchase by contract of the equipment, services, materials or supplies identified herein is through participation in a contract between the vendor and Sourcewell, a cooperative purchasing group, and is thus exempt from competitive bidding requirements pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §125.04.

The Parks and Recreation Board will be authorized to enter into a contract or contracts with Johnson-Laux Construction Ohio LLC, for the installation of two (2) pre-fabricated ADA compliant restrooms for Indian Mountain and Kennedy Parks. The Director of Finance will be authorized to make payment for same from Recreation Levy Fund, Line Item Capital Outlay.

Ms. Kline stated that they were able to purchase two prefabricated restroom buildings that meet ADA standards. The legislation before Council is for the installation of those two restrooms. One is slated to go to Indian Mountain Park and one to Kennedy Park. The one at Kennedy Park is additional and the one at Indian Mountain Park will replace the current restroom. They are grateful to have this opportunity. The installer is sourced from a State bid, so they did not need to go out for competitive bidding.

Mr. Stams stated that this is a wonderful piece of legislation. Parks and Recreation is only as good as their restrooms. There is nothing worse than going to the park and not having a good restroom.

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Ms. Loza stated that they cannot talk about Indian Mountain Park without hearing from her. She thanked Ms. Kline for making this a reality. They are grateful to have restrooms at these two parks.

Mr. James stated that although the restrooms are not in as bad shape at Kennedy Park, it is nice to have an addition that is ADA compliant, so the people of Ward 7 say thank you. Ms. Kline stated that the one at Kennedy Park will be on the other side of the park from where the current ones are.

Mr. James moved to bring out Temp. Ord. A-78 with a favorable recommendation, second Ms. Loza. Motion passed (4-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.