

RECREATION COMMITTEE

AUGUST 10, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Rick Rettig. Committee members present were Jim Matuszak, Rick Rettig and Jonathan Smith. Also present was Doug Dariano, City Engineer.

PERMISSION TO APPLY FOR A TMACOG TAP GRANT FOR MUP ALONG ROACHTON ROAD

Mr. Dariano requested permission to apply for a TMACOG Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant for construction of a 10' wide multi-use path along the south side of Roachton Road between Fort Meigs Road and the eastern terminus of the Canterbury subdivision. This would include a railed multi-use path crossing of the CSX tracks similar to the one on Fort Meigs Road. Grants are capped at 80% of the construction costs and there is \$785,000 available for this round of projects. Approved projects will be funded as soon as state fiscal year 2018 which begins July 1, 2017. Mr. Matuszak asked if Mr. Dariano had an estimate for the project since it is not in the budget. Mr. Dariano said that a ballpark estimate would be \$200,000 and our share would be 20%. Mr. Matuszak asked if this commits us to putting this project into next year's budget. Mr. Smith asked what would happen if City Council decides to not put it in the budget and we have to tell TMACOG no. Mr. Dariano said that with some grants there is a penalty but if we tell TMACOG that we can't work this into the budget until 2019 and we let them know that going in, they may work with us. Mr. Rettig asked Mr. Dariano if in his experience the funds are split up equitably. Mr. Dariano said there are eleven counties included and they try to spread it out as much as possible. Mr. Rettig said that this request is timely because PRAC is asking for more multi-use paths or bicycles lanes and they especially want to connect parks and schools. Mr. Smith said that this path would provide good access for walkers to and from school. Mr. Rettig said that one issue could be the need to acquire property from the Addy's. Mr. Matuszak asked if the grant pays for land acquisition. Mr. Dariano said that it could, but we normally ask for design and construction costs. Mr. Rettig said that he feels this project serves our long range planning and is a good direction for growth. The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend approval of the grant application.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Rettig, Chairman
Recreation Committee

Next regular meeting: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.