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RESOLUTION 2023-26

The Board of Trustees of Miami Township, Clermont County, Ohio met in regular session at the Miami Township Civic Building on July 18, 2023 with the following members present: Ken Tracy, Mary Makley Wolff and Mark Schulte.

Expressing the support of the Trustees of Miami Township, Clermont County, for the Application for a Grant from the 2023 Clean Ohio Conservation Fund, NRAC 10, by the Cardinal Land Conservancy on behalf of The Grail for the purchase of approximately 89 acres in fee title, by the Cardinal Land Conservancy from The Grail, in order to create permanent green space within Miami Township and the City of Loveland and dispensing with the second reading.

WHEREAS, the Cardinal Land Conservancy, formerly known as the Citizen's Land Conservancy of Hamilton County ("the Conservancy"), a non-profit, 501(c)(3) land preservation organization and land trust, has worked since 1999 to preserve land throughout southwest Ohio, for farmland, agricultural use, natural areas and open space, focusing on the preservation of lands within the region with natural, recreational, scenic, historic or agricultural value; and

WHEREAS, the Conservancy seeks a Resolution of support from the Miami Township Trustees for the award of a grant from the State of Ohio 2023 Clean Ohio Greenspace Conservation Program ("the Program"), which would allow the Conservancy to create a permanent nature preserve on approximately 89 acres of land and preserve; and

WHEREAS, The Grail intends to sell certain real property more particularly described as a portion Clermont County, Ohio parcel number 200612012, containing approximately 89 acres and further identified in attachment "A" to this Resolution, to the Conservancy at a reduced price in coordination with the Conservancy's intention to apply for a grant from the Program to help preserve the Property in its natural use state as a preserve; and

WHEREAS, The Trustees have received a request from the Conservancy and The Grail for the support of the Conservancy's Application to the State of Ohio for grant funds to purchase the Property; and

WHEREAS, The Trustees further acknowledges that the requirements of the Fund require at least a 25% match for projects costs to be provided by The Grail; and

WHEREAS, The Trustees finds that the request for the preservation of the property as open space and natural habitat, through nomination of the property for the Program, is compatible with the long-range goals regarding green space preservation for the City; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of Miami Township, Clermont County, State of Ohio:

- SECTION 1. That the Trustees support the Application for a Grant from the 2023 Clean Ohio Conservation Fund, NRAC 10, by the Cardinal Land Conservancy on behalf of The Grail, for the purchase of approximately 89 acres of land by the Cardinal Land Conservancy from The Grail, in order to create permanent green space within Miami Township and the City of Loveland.
- SECTION 2. That the Trustees have determined that the purchase of the nominated land, and its proposed use of the majority of it as permanent green space, is compatible with the long-range land-use goals of Miami Township.
- SECTION 3. That the Trustees acknowledge that as the sponsor, Cardinal Land Conservancy, has agreed to hold, monitor and supervise the land to be purchased with the 2023 Clean Ohio Conservation Program monies, and will do so in conjunction with the rights of the Public Works Commission, according to the terms of the 2023 Clean Ohio Conservation Program.
- SECTION 4. That the Trustees acknowledge that per the 2023 Clean Ohio Conservation Program requirements, The Grail, as the land owner, is required to donate a local match of at least 25% of the appraised property value, and the Council appreciates this commitment by the land owners who voluntarily participate in the program.
- SECTION 5. That this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of Miami Township Trustees and that a copy be sent to Cardinal Land Conservancy, c/o Mr. Andy Dickerson, 790 Garfield Avenue, PO Box 957, Milford, OH 45150.
- SECTION 6. The Board dispenses with the requirement that this Resolution be read on two separate days, pursuant to Section 504.10 of the Ohio Revised Code, and authorizes the adoption of this Resolution upon its first reading.
- SECTION 7. The Board finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of its Committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- SECTION 8. This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the health, safety and well-being of the residents of the Township for the reason that an emergency situation exists whereby certain derelict properties are creating an imminent threat to public health and/or safety.
- SECTION 9. This Resolution shall take effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

Mr. Tracy
Ms. Wolff
Mr. Schulte

The motion was seconded and the resolution was adopted.

Resolution 2023-26 adopted July 18, 2023

ATTEST:

Eric C. Ferry, Fiscal Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Joseph J. Braun, Township Law Director

CERTIFICATION

I, Eric C. Ferry, Fiscal Officer of Miami Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is taken and copied from the Record of the Proceedings of Miami Township; that the same has been compared by me with the Resolution of said Record and that it is a true and correct copy thereof.

Eric C. Ferry, Fiscal Officer