



District Improvement Program Internal Review Committee

Meeting Minutes – 12/10/2024 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom

I. Attendees

Voting Members:

- Lucy Frank Toledo City Council Chief of Staff (Proxy for Council President Carrie Hartman)
- District Councilmember: John Hobbs
- Director of Economic Development: Brandon Sehlhorst

Non-Voting Members:

- Director of Parks and Youth Services: Joe Fausnaugh

II. Applications

a. Ottawa Park Ice Rink Roof Application

Fausnaugh provided an overview of the Ottawa Park Ice Rink project, highlighting its uniqueness as the only publicly-owned open-air hockey rink in the country. However, operating the rink has been challenging due to its lack of a roof, which leaves the ice vulnerable to sun and rain. As an example, Fausnaugh noted that the recent tree lighting ceremony could not utilize the rink because of unseasonably warm and sunny weather.

The project received funding from the State of Ohio's One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund, which will be used to install a new flush restroom and a roof over the rink. While the restroom portion was recently bid, costs exceeded the budget due to the poor condition of the utility infrastructure needed to service it. As a result, funding was reallocated from the roof project to cover the restroom cost gap.

Fausnaugh explained that funding from the DIP is being used to restore the roof project budget. The roof is expected to extend the rink's usability by an additional 30 days annually. The project is currently in the design phase, which is set to be completed in early 2025, with construction bidding anticipated by mid-2025.

Sehlhorst and Councilmember Hobbs inquired whether the combination of DIP and State funding would be sufficient to advance the project. Fausnaugh responded that while he is optimistic, certainty won't be achieved until the design is finalized and the project is bid out. Hobbs also asked about other restroom facilities in the park, to which Fausnaugh explained that the consultant is evaluating the park's restroom needs comprehensively.

Motion: Motion was made by Hobbs and seconded by Frank to recommend approval of the Ottawa Park Ice Rink Roof District Improvement Program application to Toledo City Council authorizing the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$100,000 from District 1's available DIP balance.

Vote:

Yeas: Frank, Hobbs and Sehlhorst

Nays: None

Abstentions: None