District Improvement Program Review Committee
Meeting Minutes – 4/8/2025 at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom

I. Attendees

Voting Members:

- Council President Carrie Hartman
- District Councilmember Theresa Gadus
- Director of Economic Development: Brandon Sehlhorst

Non-Voting Members:

- Director of Parks & Youth Services: Joe Fausnaugh
- Council Chief of Staff: Lucy Frank
- Council Legislative Aide: Evan Snapp

II. Applications

a. Ashley Park Playground Project Application

Fausnaugh provided a comprehensive overview of the overall project which is utilizing CDBG funding to purchase and install a new playground at Ashley Park. This project is a result of a public planning process that was conducted at a local elementary school where the community shared their vision for playground improvements at the park. Fausnaugh explained that the playground will be vertical in nature and will be eye-catching from Interstate 75. The playground equipment has been ordered, but the installation price is overbid. In order to close the gap, DIP funding is being requested to move the project to completion.

Sehlhorst asked when the project will be installed to which Fausnaugh explained that the equipment has been received they're just waiting on funding for installation. If DIP funding is approved, the installation can occur very soon. Hartman requested that the Department do something fun with Councilmember Gadus to cut the ribbon on the new playground. Fausnaugh responded that last year they did free ice cream at several new playgrounds and plan to do the same for the Ashley project. Frank confirmed District 3's DIP balance is $437,823.61 and would have a new balance of $382,823.67 if this funding is approved.

Motion: Motion was made by Sehlhorst and seconded by Hartman to recommend approval of the Ashley Park Playground Project District Improvement Program application to Toledo City Council authorizing the expenditure of an amount not to exceed $50,000 from District 3's available DIP balance to install a playground at Ashley Park.

Vote:

Yeas: Hartman, Gadus and Sehlhorst
Nays: None

b. Ravine Park II Bleachers Project Application

Fausnaugh provided an overview of the project that install four new bleachers at Ravine Park II. Fausnaugh explained that the baseball fields were heavily utilized prior to the demolition of the dilapidated bleachers a few years ago. Since that time, no permits have been requested for use of the fields. The acquisition of the new bleachers will make these fields more attractive for the community's use.

Sehlhorst asked when the bleachers would be installed to which Fausnaugh replied that bids have been received and if approved the bleachers would be installed this summer. Frank confirmed District 3's DIP balance is $382,823.67 and would have a new balance of $332,823.67 if this funding is approved.

Motion: Motion was made by Gadus and seconded by Hartman to recommend approval of the Ravine Park II Bleacher Project District Improvement Program application to Toledo City Council authorizing the expenditure of an amount not to exceed $50,000 from District 3's available DIP balance to install four new bleachers at Ravine Park II.

Vote:

Yeas: Hartman, Gadus and Sehlhorst
Nays: None

c. Yondota Park Playground Project Application

Fausnaugh provided a comprehensive overview of the overall project which is utilizing CDBG funding to purchase and install a new playground at Yondota Park. Despite roadway signage pointing to a playground, the previous playground was removed more than 30 years ago. After a public engagement process, neighbors expressed their excitement about the project and offered great feedback. Fausnaugh explained the community stated that the park should be developed to serve the whole family and that is what the proposed design would accomplish. The equipment has been received, but the quotes for installation came in over budget. The requested DIP funding would fill that gap and allow the project to move forward this year.

Hartman asked if the roadway signage would be removed to which Fausnaugh explained that a new sign will be installed. Gadus explained that this project is special to her because as a kid she played here and is excited to see this project come to fruition. Frank confirmed District 3's DIP balance is $332,823.67 and would have a new balance of $302,823.67 if this funding is approved.

Motion: Motion was made by Sehlhorst and seconded by Gadus to recommend approval of the Yondota Park Playground Project District Improvement Program

application to Toledo City Council authorizing the expenditure of an amount not to exceed $30,000 from District 3's available DIP balance to install a new playground at Yondota Park.

Vote:

Yeas: Hartman, Gadus and Sehlhorst
Nays: None