

Land Development Committee Minutes
September 27, 2016

Attendees: Elida Kamine (Committee Member), Natalie Wolf (Committee Member), Scot Lahrmer, Ed Hattenbach, Ray Warren, Bill Doering, Merrie Stillpass, Nancy Sunnenberg and Tom Muething (Committee Chair).

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. The minutes from the meeting of September 7, 2016 were reviewed and approved.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed grant agreement with The Greater Cincinnati Port Authority related to the former Gibson Greeting Cards property. Mr. Lahrmer reviewed the history of the stormwater plan that the Port Authority has developed for the property. The original plan involved swales along the eastern, northern and western boundaries of the property for the back half of the property. The revised plan replaces the swales along the eastern and western boundaries with below ground pipes. This plan was developed after feedback from Amberley residents and after further discussions between Amberley Village Administration and the Port Authority. The revised plan will increase the cost of the project by approximately \$360,000 but provides significant benefits to both Amberley Village and the Port Authority. The proposed grant agreement would share this incremental cost 50/50 between Amberley Village and the Port Authority.

After discussion, the following benefits to Amberley Village and its residents were identified:

- The below ground pipes along the western boundary will substantially ease the work that will be necessary to create and exit out the back of the property. This exit should ease any traffic issues along Section after the property is developed.
- The exit out the back of the property will give the Amberley fire team better access to the Amberley businesses on Sunnybrook Drive.
- This layout of the stormwater facility should make the property more attractive to the ultimate end user.
- The below ground pipes along the eastern boundary will allow the maintenance of 20 feet of trees and other natural screening behind the houses along Elbrook.
- Amberley Village has been working closely with the Port Authority to develop the best plan for this property which should mean that we get an appropriate end user for this property. The grant agreement extends this partnership.

After further discussion, Ms. Wolf moved that the Committee recommend to Council that the Village enter into the proposed grant agreement which will commit Amberley Village to the expenditure of \$180,000. This motion was seconded by Ms. Kamine and the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Tom Muething