## MINUTES OF RAVENNA CITY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING April 23, 2012

The Meeting of the Ravenna City Planning Committee was called to order by Chairman, Frank Seman, sitting in for Chairman Scott Rainone at 6:45 P.M. Present were: Sharon Spencer (sitting in for Amy Michael), Fred Berry, Jack Ferguson and Bruce Ribelin. Also in attendance were City Engineer, Bob Finney and Parks and Recreation Supervisor, Elaine Van Hoose.

Ms. Van Hoose said the request tonight is to apply for a grant through the Ohio EPA. Karen Schulz, the stormwater coordinator, found a grant for surface water improvements. The dollars they would like to use for a project with this grant is at Chestnut Hills Playground. A couple of years ago they tried for an ODNR grant for a parking lot. This is what they would like to use this grant for, to apply for up to \$100,000.00, if they award that much. It would be a new, larger parking lot. The same as it was presented to ODNR except the type of surface.

Mr. Finney said they want to incorporate some type of stormwater improvement facets in the project. For instance, rain gardens, permeable pavements, some type of design to incorporate stormwater management rather than just a standard retention basin with a standard parking lot. What they are looking at is there is an existing ditch. They are going to turn that into a rain garden and then build another rain garden over the hill. The middle of the parking lot, they are going to put permeable pavers. These are basically like bricks except they have holes in the corners. The corners are left out of the pavers so that water can filter down in. That will be collected in an underground system and send it to the rain garden. On the outside of the parking lot, the way it is currently designed, they'll have a rock burm and the rest of the water from the parking lot will flow into that and will have a chance to infiltrate into the ground before it is sent to the rain garden. They certainly hope they are successful. They are not only hopeful in receiving some grant money, that it is able to offset the cost of the actual parking lot. If they are awarded some money, they may decide not to accept it. If they give them \$5,000.00, they may not accept the grant because it's not enough to really help with the parking lot.

Ms. Van Hoose said the other part of that if X amount of dollars is awarded by the grant and the city is willing to kick in another X amount of dollars, it may not be the entire parking lot. It might be done in phases. The hope is to get something out there to get this grant to mesh with dollars from the city. There is nothing that talks about matching. It's more about how much you are willing to put in as a city and you get points. If you application meets the criteria of these points, it could be awarded. I believe the whole entire grant they are giving out is \$1.5 million. The request tonight is to apply for the grant which has to be submitted by May 1.

Mr. Seman asked how much water are the rain gardens going to hold.

Mr. Finney responded that the actual ponding water will be six inches. Then there is a media that will be 12" deep. That media will be topsoil, mulch, gravel, sand and it's to sustain plant life but it's like a giant sponge. At some point, it needs to be able to hold six inches of water and the thought is that it should hold it no longer than 72 hours. At that point, it should infiltrate into the ground, plants should suck it up or it will pass through the system. There is an underground system to the rain garden also that will pass out to a ditch.

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- Mr. Seman said he just didn't want to see something with six feet of water in it.
- Mr. Ribelin said that would be a liability issue.
- Ms. Van Hoose said the plans from the ODNR grant are being modified. They are not recreating the wheel. They've known about this grant since the early part of April. They've been working on it for quite some time.
- Mr. Finney said they are almost finished with the plans. It fits the master plan of the park.

There being no further questions or comments, it was decided by those present that a tracking sheet would be submitted for Finance Committee approval.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

ATTEST:	
Clerk of Council	Scott Rainone, Chairman
	Planning Committee