

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SKIP PARK COMMITTEE, DELINEATING THE COMPOSITION, SPECIFYING THE POWERS AND DUTIES THEREOF AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, City of Stow recently razed SKiP Playground formerly located at 3800 Darrow Rd. due to aging infrastructure and safety concerns;

WHEREAS, the City of Stow recognizes a need to rebuild and/or replace SKiP playground with a new park, playground or the like;

WHEREAS, a City Council now desires to create a special SKiP Park Committee comprised of City officials and community members to seek input on the creation of a new park or playground and to create and execute a fundraising plan in support thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOW, COUNTY OF SUMMIT AND STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP. There is hereby created a SKiP Park Committee which shall be composed of no less than nine and no more than fifteen members. Stow City Council President shall appoint three members from City Council to the Committee and the Mayor shall appoint three non-elected members from the City Administration and/or the Parks Board. The remaining three to nine members shall be residents of Stow not otherwise employed by the City and shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council. All community member appointments to the Committee shall reflect membership in a variety of Stow community organizations, to the fullest extent possible, including but not limited to the Stow Munroe Falls Community Foundation, the Stow Munroe Falls Rotary Club, the Stow Munroe Falls Lions Club, the Stow Munroe Falls Kiwanis Club, houses of worship (i.e., clergy), and the various Stow Munroe Falls Parent Teacher Associations.

SECTION 2. CHAIRPERSON, QUORUM, MEETING SCHEDULE. The Committee shall elect a Chairperson from its membership and shall meet and take minutes in accordance with Ohio’s Open Meetings Laws. A majority of committee members shall constitute a quorum. A regular meeting schedule shall be made during the Committee’s first meeting.

SECTION 3. DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION. The SKiP Park Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

Investigate, plan, coordinate, and make recommendations to the City government on how the City should rebuild, replace and/or locate a new park, playground or the like in place of the Skip Playground formerly located at 3800 Darrow Rd.

Create a fundraising plan to attract and collect donations of private funds, labor, and materials necessary to finance and build a new park or playground and report the same to City Council.

Act as a liaison on behalf of the City government and Stow community based organizations to coordinate and accomplish all fundraising goals.

SECTION 4. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any committees or subcommittees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 5. That this Ordinance was adopted pursuant to Section 4.11, Charter, and is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety for the reason that Council wishes to establish this Commission as soon as possible, and, pursuant to Section 4.13, Charter, shall take effect upon its adoption by Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise at the earliest period allowed by law.

ADOPTED BY COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_

Bonnie J. Emahiser  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

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Matt Riehl  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

James M. Costello  
MAYOR

FILED WITH CLERK \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM

EFFECTIVE DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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Amber K. Zibritosky  
LAW DIRECTOR