

North Canton City Council  
Parks and Recreation Committee

ORDINANCE 51- 2021

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of North Canton to enter into a Capital Improvement Community Park, Recreation/Conservation Project Pass-Through Agreement (Agreement) with the State of Ohio, Department of Natural Resources, to provide the City with a \$500,000 grant for 'North Canton Parks Upgrades', a project to develop recreation facilities at Maple Street Park, Bitzer Park, and the Dogwood Park, all more fully described in Exhibit A to the Agreement, both attached hereto and incorporated herein, and declaring the same to be an emergency.

WHEREAS, the City wishes to enter into the Agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to obtain a \$500,000 pass-through grant for the renovation/improvement project of three City parks: Bitzer, Dogwood, and East Maple; and

WHEREAS, this project shall include an outdoor stage/event center at Bitzer Park, a fully inclusive adaptive playground for children with special needs at Dogwood Park, and an Arts District/Amphitheater at the East Maple Park; and

WHEREAS, all parks shall receive upgrades to parking, including handicapped parking, ADA compliant bathrooms, and other park amenities for safety and enjoyment such as fencing and bench seating.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH CANTON, COUNTY OF STARK, AND STATE OF OHIO:

- Section 1. That the Mayor of the City of North Canton, be, and is hereby authorized to enter into the Agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural resources to provide the City with a \$500,000 pass-through grant for 'North Canton Parks Upgrades,' a project to develop recreation facilities at Maple Street Park, Bitzer Park, and the Dogwood Park.
- Section 2. That if a provision of this ordinance is or becomes illegal, invalid, or unenforceable, it shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this ordinance.
- Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.
- Section 4. That this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the health, safety, and peace of the City of North Canton, and further necessary to promptly begin planning, permitting, and construction; wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of six or more members of Council elected thereto, this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon its adoption by Council and approval by the Mayor.

Passed in Council this 23rd day of August, 2021.

Attest: Benjamin R. Young  
Benjamin R. Young, Clerk of Council

Stephan B. Wilder  
Stephan B. Wilder, Mayor

Signed on: 23 August 2021