

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 27**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS, FOR THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (ODNR) RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM (RTP) GRANT AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS AND GRANT DOCUMENTS, IF ANY, TO TAKE ANY ACTIONS IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PROGRAM, TO OBLIGATE NECESSARY FUNDS, AND TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDS, IF AWARDED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Ohio, through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, administers financial assistance for public recreation purposes, through the Recreational Trails Program (RTP), by and through the administration of grant funding up to \$150,000.00 offered to municipalities such as the City of Parma Heights on a reimbursement basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the RTP Grant requires twenty percent (20%) matching funds to be obligated and provided by the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administration has identified the Kurtz Park Trails Project as an eligible project for RTP funding at a total project cost of \$62,570.00, requiring \$12,514.00 as a twenty percent local match by the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Council desires to authorize the City's RTP Grant application and to obligate funds according to grant requirements.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Parma Heights, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio:

Section 1: That the City of Parma Heights approves the filing of a grant application for the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) to be awarded financial assistance for the Kurtz Park Trails Project.

Section 2: That the Administration is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file a RTP grant application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) and to provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for funding assistance.

Section 3: That the City of Parma Heights does agree to obligate funds required to satisfactorily complete the proposed project and become eligible for reimbursement under the terms and conditions of the Recreational Trails Program (RTP), including matching funds from the City of Parma Heights in the amount of 20% of the \$62,570.00 total project cost.

Section 4: That Council hereby authorizes the Administration to execute any further documents and/or contracts and to take any further actions necessary to apply for, receive, and/or expend grant awards.

Section 5: That Council hereby authorizes, in the event of a grant award, the Administration to receive and expend funds in furtherance of this project, in manners consistent with the Charter and Codified Ordinances of the City of Parma Heights, and as outlined in the RTP Grant program.

Section 6: This Council finds and determines that all formal action of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of the Council and of any of its Committees comprised of a majority of the members of the Council that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 7: The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to certify a signed copy of this Resolution and to deliver same to ODNR and to the Administration for submission with the RTP Grant application authorized herein.

Section 8: This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of said City and for the further reason it is necessary to submit required documents for the ODNR-RTP grant application in a timely manner; wherefore, this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its passage by Council and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: March 23, 2026

Thomas Rounds  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: Barbara Allen  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

March 23, 2026  
APPROVED

FILED WITH  
THE MAYOR: March 23, 2026

M. M. Gallo  
MAYOR MARIE GALLO