

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD
Public Hearing
March 9, 2015
6:00 p.m.
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CITY OF BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Bloomfield held this public hearing at the Northeast Nelson Firehouse to provide a forum for discussion for the potential application for the Recreational Trails Program funding on behalf of the City of Bloomfield for the Bloomfield Memorial Park trail improvements. LTADD's Ashley Willoughby, writer of the application, described the origin of the federal funds from the Federal Highway Administration for "non-traditional" transportation projects. The annual state appropriation totals approximately \$400,000 for Kentucky. A grant maximum of \$75,000 and a minimum of \$5,000 is allowed to be requested, provided applicants match the same.

Those attending were Rhonda Hagan, Jim and Nancy Glisson, Denny Howard, Laura Barnett, Amanda Deaton, Janet Graves, Sue Ann Case, Christy Thompson, Kenny Downs, Ricky Jewell, Jennifer Grote, and Jean Jury.

Discussion was lead by Mayor Hagan and joined by Willoughby who described the scope of work which included extending the existing trail into the wooded area around the lake. He said it would be a compacted 5 to 6 foot clearing with a prepared base of lime or mulch. Only about three scrub trees and other non-native plants would have to be removed and some grading would need to be done. Three foot wooden bridges, benches and signage would be part of the project.

Howard weighed in asking Clerk Jury the balance of funds in the Bloomfield Park Fund in regard to a city match. Willoughby said that "in-kind" work, calculated according to the permissible rates, would be acceptable if the City chose to do a portion of the work. Nancy Glisson asked if it had to be handicap accessible. Willoughby said no, but a portion of the trail could be constructed for that purpose out of respect for the handicap individual.

Willoughby stated the deadline for the application is March 27, 2015. Consensus was to have Mayor Hagan forward him the plan and cost estimates. He would be sending letters to the State Clearing House, Environmental Protection Agency and Kentucky Heritage Council for their requirements in regard to the application.

Clerk Jury reported that the City is employing Surveyor Tim Phipps to survey the Bloomfield Memorial Park to stake the property lines in regard to the project. Willoughby asked all attendees to fill out a "Project Concurrence" to show support of the project. He also said the grant is a reimbursable grant and that the City would have to follow the *Local Public Agency Guide* in regard to the grant process. Clerk Jury stated that she could possibly administer the grant according to the Guide.

The public hearing concluded at 6:30 p.m.

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Jean M. Jury, City Clerk