



SHAKER HEIGHTS

Memorandum

To: Members of Council

From: Joyce G. Braverman, Director, Planning
Dan Feinstein, Senior Planner, Planning

cc: Mayor David E. Weiss
Chief Administrative Officer Jeri E. Chaikin

Date: January 22, 2019

Re: Improvements to Public Land
The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes—2600 South Park Boulevard

The City Planning Commission recommended approval of improvements to public land for The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes in order to replace the All People's Trail.

- The enclosed ordinance approves the improvements proposed to the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes.
- The City Planning Commission recommended approval of Improvements to Public Land at their January 8, 2019 meeting with the following condition:
 - The height of the gazebo roof is no more than 25 feet above existing grade.

The Nature Center proposes to reconstruct the All People's Trail in essentially the same layout. This includes the wood boardwalk trail structure, a trailhead feature, a pergola and a gazebo. The pergola and gazebo are proposed on platforms within the boardwalk trail system. The one-of-a-kind gazebo design is 16 feet tall. The Board of Zoning Appeals approved the gazebo height variance up to 25 feet from grade, taking into account the level of the boardwalk above the ground. The Architectural Board of Review approved the design of the structures at their December 17, 2018 meeting. Council approval of improvements to public land is required.

Below are links to the material presented at the City Planning Commission meeting.

01/08/2019 planning Commission Agenda and packet:

<https://documents.shakeronline.com/egov/apps/document/center.egov?view=item:id=1825>

It is requested that this ordinance be passed on first reading so that the project can proceed with design, bidding and construction.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or refer to the action sheet and meeting packet for the January 8, 2019 City Planning Commission meeting.

ORDINANCE NO.

BY:

Administrative approval of improvements to public land as recommended by the City Planning Commission for the purpose of improvements at the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, 2600 South Park Boulevard, pursuant to Section 1212.02 (I) of the City's Zoning Code.

WHEREAS, the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes proposes to replace the All People's Trail; and

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2019, the City Planning Commission, pursuant to Section 1212.03(A)(2)(i) of the Zoning Code, recommended that Council approve improvements to public land proposed by the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes for improvements on the All People's Trail.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Shaker Heights, State of Ohio:

Section 1. This Council hereby approves the improvements to public land at the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, 2600 South Park Boulevard, as recommended by the City Planning Commission at its meeting on January 8, 2019, pursuant to Section 1212.03(A)(2)(i) of the City's Zoning Code. The approval is based on the following condition:

- a. The height of the gazebo roof is no more than 25 feet above existing grade.

Section 2. This ordinance is hereby adopted pursuant to Section 1212.02 (I) of the Zoning Code of the City of Shaker Heights as an administrative measure not subject to referendum, and therefore this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its enactment and approval by the Mayor, or otherwise as set forth in Article IV, Section 3 of the City's Charter.

Enacted _____.

Approved this ___ day of _____, 2019.

DAVID E. WEISS, Mayor

Attest:

JERI E. CHAIKIN
Clerk of Council

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