

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2017

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRPERSON AND
TREASURER TO ENTER INTO THE AGREEMENT WITH SPIF'S
GARDEN CARE GROUP**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Richfield Joint Recreation District,
County of Summit, State of Ohio:


SECTION 1. That the Chairperson and Treasurer be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with Spif's Garden Care Group, substantially in accordance with the agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein fully as if by reference, the terms of which are specifically approved.

SECTION 2. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

May 22, 2017
Date Passed


Chairperson, Richfield Joint Recreation
District Board of Trustees


Secretary, Richfield Joint Recreation
District Board of Trustees

SPIF'S GARDEN CARE GROUP AGREEMENT

The Spif's Garden Care Group Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into and effective this 22 day of May, 2017 ("Effective Date") between the Richfield Joint Recreation District (hereinafter "RJRD") and Spif's Garden Care Group (hereinafter "the "Care Group"). RJRD and the Care Group collectively shall be referred to as the "Parties".

The RJRD recognizes the long and valuable tradition of philanthropy in the interest of supporting the preservation of park lands to promote public access for recreation and education. It is the intent of the RJRD to preserve the park land and promote public access to the park occupying the property formerly known as Camp Crowell Hilaka (hereinafter the "Park"), located between Broadview Road and Oviatt Road, north of Route 303, and comprised of approximately 336 acres. The Care Group has proposed that it will provide certain annual and ongoing maintenance of existing plantings, planting beds, and nursery stock as well as occasional larger maintenance and improvements within their capability in coordination with RJRD. This document is intended to provide a framework for the coordination of efforts by the Parties to encourage innovation and creativity in support of public access and use of the Park.

I. Background. Formed in June of 2014, through the historic collaboration of the Village of Richfield and Richfield Township, the RJRD is a Joint Recreation District created pursuant to Chapter 755 of the Ohio Revised Code. Its mission is to safeguard, support and maintain the natural properties of Richfield, Ohio, while encouraging recreational and educational opportunities in the community, including but not limited to the Park.

In the spring of 1991 a group of Girl Scouts from Troop 803, after successfully petitioning the Lake Erie Girl Scout Council to set aside an area as a memorial garden, created Spif's Garden ("the Garden") in memory of their friend and sister scout, Lisa Lee Pruett, who had died tragically the previous fall. Spif's Garden is a small, level area of ground just north of the Amity House that has been used a memorial garden. They arranged for a large rock located elsewhere at the Park to be moved to the Garden and then attached a memorial plaque and birdbath. Several bedding areas were roughed out, plants were planted, and a memorial Blue Spruce was planted.

The Garden was named "Spiff" after Lisa's camp nickname that she had adopted while a counselor-in-training. Lisa became known as Spiff because "Calvin and Hobbes" was her favorite comic strip and Calvin's alter-ego was Space Man Spiff.

For the next 20 years, this group of Girl Scouts maintained the area and made moderate improvements until they lost access to the park when the Girl Scout Council closed it in 2011. The Garden has always been a quiet reflection area and has been used for small ceremonies. The Care Group is committed to help and support the RJRD in promoting the Garden's educational, historical, and recreational potential by raising awareness and providing a respite area from the main flow of visitor traffic.

activities set forth in the Proposal submitted to RJRD which is attached as Exhibit A.

IV. Property Utilization.

- A. RJRD-Owned Property: The Care Group shall be permitted use of the space designated as the Garden as described herein. The Care Group shall obtain the written approval of RJRD before holding events or organized activities at the Garden, constructing any structure, or making any improvements at the Garden. The Care Group may use other premises on Park property only with the RJRD's written consent.
- B. Property: The Care Group shall not use any intellectual property of the RJRD, including Park-specific logos, marks, images of RJRD employees in uniform or taglines, unless first approved in writing.

V. Term. This Agreement shall remain in effect for an initial period of one (1) year a period of one (1) year beginning on the Effective Date and shall be automatically extended for successive one (1) year terms thereafter, unless terminated earlier.

VI. Key Contact Persons and Notices.

- A. Key Contact Persons. Each Party shall designate a key contact person(s) to be responsible for coordination and communication between the Care Group and RJRD in connection with the activities to be performed pursuant to this Agreement (the "Key Contact Person"). Upon written notice to the other Party, either Party may designate an alternate to act in the place of the designated Key Contact Person, or designate a new Key Contact Person.

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