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RESOLUTION 05-16

APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF LAND NEAR GRIFFY LAKE

WHEREAS, Griffy Lake Nature Preserve ("Griffy") is owned by the City of Bloomington Utilities Service Board and administered by the Parks and Recreation Department, and the City dedicated it as a nature preserve in 1991 by granting a conservation easement to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, Griffy is a unique asset to the Bloomington community and serves important recreational, aesthetic and environmental purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Department has identified two parcels of land adjoining or near Griffy that are currently for sale, the acquisition of which would enhance Griffy by adding land for recreational use and greenspace protection; providing protection for approximately 1000 feet of Griffy Creek and for the Griffy watershed; and facilitating a connection between Cascades Park and Griffy; and

WHEREAS, the property consists of two parcels, one containing approximately 12.47 acres located at the southeast corner of North Walnut Street and Old State Road 37, and the other containing approximately 14.79 acres and located on both sides of North Walnut Street between Blue Ridge Estates and Lower Cascades Park; and

WHEREAS, the average of two appraisals for the 12.47 acre parcel is $58,500, and the property owner has agreed to sell both parcels for $58,500; and

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2005 the Board of Park Commissioners approved acquisition of the property described above; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with I.C. 36-1-10.5-5(1), the Common Council wishes to adopt a resolution which expresses interest in purchasing these specified parcels;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

1. The acquisition of the above-described properties adjoining or near the Griffy Lake Nature Preserve serves a public purpose and furthers the public welfare by increasing recreational opportunities and greenspace and providing additional watershed protection to Griffy Lake.

2. The Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department is authorized to proceed with acquisition of the above-described properties, subject to applicable Indiana law and the availability of funds for the purchases.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 5th day of OCTOBER, 2005

ANDY RUFF, President
Bloomington Common Council

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 6th day of OCTOBER, 2005.

MARK KRUZAN, Mayor
City of Bloomington

ATTEST:

REGINA MOORE, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution approves the purchase of two parcels of land near Griffy Lake Nature Preserve.

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