

RESOLUTION NO. T- 2021-04-006R

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF URBANA FOR 202 WOOD ST, URBANA FOR USE AS A SOLIDARITY GARDEN

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana owns a vacant parcel located at 202 Wood Street, Urbana, Illinois, Permanent Index Number 91-21-08-384-003 (hereinafter “the property”) which is approximately one third of an acre; and

WHEREAS, the City having acquired the property with the intent of future expansion of the Boneyard Creek Crossing, but which is temporarily not needed for this purposes or other proprietary activity of the city; and

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana seeks to provide for an interim use of the property until such time that expansion of the Boneyard Creek Crossing is feasible; and

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana released a public request for proposals and selected the proposal submitted by Solidarity Gardens CU, a collaboration of Cunningham Township, Sola Gratia, the Channing Murray Foundation, the Urbana Park District, the Urbana Free Library and other organizations dedicated to reducing food insecurity in Champaign-Urbana by turning private and public land into gardens--one square foot at a time (see www.solidarity-gardens-cu.org); and

WHEREAS, Solidarity Gardens CU desires to work with SG volunteers, neighbors, township participants, and stakeholders to design and implement a community garden; and

WHEREAS, Cunningham Township desires to be the lease holder and responsible party for the Solidarity Gardens CU collaboration and pledges to maintain the garden even in the event that the collaboration dissolves; and

WHEREAS, The Township is please to maintain at least nine square feet of monarch and pollinator supportive plantings including at least one milkweed (asclepias) species and reserve a three foot by three foot space for the exclusive use of the Public Arts Program for art installations, as requested by the city.

WHEREAS, The City of Urbana and Cunningham Township staff have drafted a lease agreement for use of the space which is currently under review by City of Urbana legal staff,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Board of The Town of Cunningham that the Resolution Authorizing the Township Supervisor to Execute a Lease Agreement with the City of Urbana for 202 Wood St, Urbana for use as a Solidarity Garden at an amount not to exceed \$1 per year is approved and authorizes the Supervisor of the Town of Cunningham to sign said Agreement.

Approved this 12th Day of April, 2021 by the Township Board of the Town of Cunningham, Champaign County, State of Illinois.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

Phyllis D. Clark, Town Clerk

Diane Wolfe Marlin, Chair