RESOLUTION NO. 167-20

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FRIENDS OF THE CEMETERY'S APPLICATION TO ARBNET SEEKING TO DESIGNATE SPRING GROVE CEMETERY AS AN OFFICIAL ARBORETUM.

WHEREAS: The Friends of the Cemetery (the "Friends"), an Ohio not for profit corporation, is interested in the preservation and enhancement of Spring Grove Cemetery; and

WHEREAS: Since 1997, the Friends of the Cemetery have been committed to investing into the preservation, beautification, maintenance, and establishment of the trees and gardens at Spring Grove. In the early part of 2020, the Friends of the Cemetery contracted Bartlett Tree Expert Company to conduct a tree survey and develop a management plan for the collection at Spring Grove. The Friends have discussed applying for Arboretum Accreditation with the Cemetery Commission and have taken the steps necessary to apply for a Level 1 or potentially Level II Arboretum; and

WHEREAS: The Friends have recently spent $14,050.00 for the tree survey and management plan at Spring Grove and are committed to spend approximately $80,000 in 2020/2021 to begin work identified in the management plan; and

WHEREAS: The Parks Department fully supports this request and appreciates the Friends of the Cemetery's ongoing commitment to making Spring Grove a special place for all those who visit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEDINA, OHIO:

SEC. 1: That the City of Medina hereby supports the Friends of the Cemetery's application to ArbNet seeking to designate Spring Grove Cemetery as an official Arboretum.

SEC. 2: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

SEC. 3: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: **September 28, 2020**

SIGNED: **James A. Shields**
President of Council Pro-Tem

ATTEST: **Kathy Patton**
Clerk of Council

APPROVED: **September 28, 2020**

SIGNED: **John M. Coyne, III**
Acting Mayor