WHEREAS, the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (PA DCNR) has a program which provides reimbursement type grants; and

WHEREAS, intending to enter into a joint agreement as a participating municipality, the Reading School District’s Board of School Directors has passed a Resolution authorizing the City of Reading to apply for a Regional Peer-to-Peer Feasibility Study Assistance Grant; and

WHEREAS, the City of Reading, as a participating municipality, desires to also enter into an agreement with the Reading School District re the Regional Peer-to-Peer Feasibility Study on cooperation for municipal parks and community recreation programs, and to create a joint study committee;

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Mayor of the City of Reading is authorized to apply for a Regional Peer-to-Peer Assistance Grant from PA DCNR (reimbursement type grant will provide 90% of the cost of the Feasibility Study (not to exceed $10,000 reimbursement-which must be matched by 10% local cash, not to exceed $1,000). The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all necessary documents to apply for said grant as well as facilitate any coordination and/or administration of same, including, but not limited to, the advance and expending of necessary funds prior to PA DCNR reimbursement.

2. That the Mayor will appoint one elected official and one at-large citizen to the Parks & Recreation Study Committee, which will work in an advisory capacity with the selected Peer Consultant.

3. That the Study Project is expected to last 12-18 months in duration and will include, but not be limited to, the following tasks:

   - Inventory public and private recreation facilities and programs in the Participating Municipality
   - Evaluate citizen interest in and suggestions for the community recreation opportunities (programs & facilities) for all ages
   - Meet with various recreation and sports groups
   - Work with the Reading School District on scheduling policies for community uses of their facilities
   - Recommend possible actions to fund the acquisition, development, and operation of parklands and open spaces
- Recommend options for conducting or improving community recreation programs
- Recommend possible structures for a Municipal Parks and Recreation Organization to coordinate, organize or promote the on-going activities.

4. That the Study Project will provide the City of Reading with a copy of the Final Report that has been approved by PA DCNR.

5. That cooperating in the Study Project and providing the specified local funds does not obligate the Participating Municipality for any future action or to implement any of the recommendations of the Final Report.

Adopted by Council 8/3/2010

Attest:

President of Council

City Clerk