



**City of Parma Heights
Council Minutes
May 9, 2022**

PRESENT: Council President Rounds, Council Members Maruschak, DeSouza, Haase, Durichko, Stavole, Walsh and Clerk of Council Allen

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Gallo, Director of Finance Iaconis, Director of Law Schneider, Director of Safety Heffernan, Director of Public Service Sepik, and Director of Recreation Allen.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Rounds at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL MINUTES

April 25, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes

Councilman Stavole motioned; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to approve the Council Minutes

Aye: Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Haase, Rounds

Nay: None

Minutes Approved

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND DIRECTORS

Recreation Director Allen: We had 38 people with us bowling on Mother’s Day. We are going to do more activities at Yorktown again for Father’s Day on June 19th. The Service Department has been helping us get the pool ready to open for Memorial Day weekend. We now have a good number of summer staff on board, we have gotten a few calls regarding the rate increase, just so council is aware there has not been an increase, but we have gone back to the before Covid pricing. During Covid the hours were reduced and we are now back to regular hours and pre-Covid pricing. We are planning a full schedule of swim lessons, adult swim lap times, swim teams, activities and special events for each age group including two free Wednesday’s a month for Seniors who live within Parma Heights during the hours of 11:00 – 3:00 p.m. if they’d like to stay the rest of the day they will be asked for a membership or to pay for a pass as well as transportation from the Senior Center to the pool will be included. If you live outside the city there will be a small fee for those individuals. We are still planning our summer concerts and there will be family activities throughout the summer at the Commons and on the Greens. We have been lucky to have the sponsors of youth sports to have more sponsors than we had teams so some have chosen to sponsor the swim teams and also the concerts.

Councilwoman DeSouza asked if there needs to be a special membership for the seniors to be able to use the pool on those Wednesdays and what was the times? Director Allen responded that no additional registration is needed if they just come on those Wednesdays from 11:00 to 3:00 p.m. any Parma Heights resident that is 60 years or older can come for free. If they wanted to stay for the rest of the day, they will

then need either a pass or a membership. Councilwoman Walsh asked how much is it for a family membership? Director Allen responded that it is \$200 for a resident and \$350 for a non-resident for a family pass. Councilwoman DeSouza also wanted to thank the director for mentioning the non-increase from pre-Covid rates. I'm sure the question will come up.

Safety Director Heffernan: We have added the National Testing Network link to the Public Safety webpage as well as to police and fire. Saturday at noon at the gazebo we will be holding the "Blessing of Badges" by Father Byrne for police and fire.

Service Director Sepik: The campaign sign collection will be at the service garage, on May 14th from (9:00 to noon), Community Shred Day will be on May 28th. We will be assisting with the planting of trees during the week of May 16th on Parma Park, Greenleaf, Blossom, Commonwealth, Appleton, Barrington and Lawndale. Hoping to begin road construction soon on the streets we've talked about earlier.

Councilwoman DeSouza thanked the Director for having the debris cleaned up in the cul-de-sac and Ackley just past Pearl Road it was in terrible shape, but after your guys got it filled and as smooth as you did is fantastic, so, thank you. Director Sepik responded that the guys are working hard and they will be starting on the Snow Road area next.

Finance Director Iaconis: Grant applications, there has been some grant opportunities come up so, I'm working with Joe Sebes on those. Currently I am in contract negotiations with the Police Sergeant's and Captains, and I am also working with the Fire Department. I will be asking for a one reading at the last meeting in June to pass the tax budget before council goes on recess because it is due to the county by the end of July.

Mayor Gallo: As Director Heffernan stated earlier Father Byrne the first Chaplain that the Police and Fire Department has had, will be handling the "Blessing of the Badges" at the gazebo this Saturday at noon, if it gets rained out it will be held at St. John Bosco, all are welcome to attend. I want to thank council for their support on the street improvements that we're going to be starting next month off Snow Road and Stumph Road. The Senior Center's staff served and delivered 1,230 meals in the past two weeks. We are teaming with the Recreation Department to bring new exercise programs to the Senior Center hopefully starting in June. One example is Seniors Swims, as Director Allen stated and the Nautica Trip, it's a huge event and well received now that we are getting back to normal. The 155th Memorial Day Ceremony is Monday, May 30th at 9:30 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church and we will be providing transportation for Veterans and seniors, to and from the Cemetery. The City Newsletter hit the stands last week we are encouraging the residents to take the Deer Culling Survey, if all goes well, we will be providing legislation before council to amend our code that will add language to allow our police department to manage and handle the culling of the deer. On the agenda before you, is legislation authorizing Dan Neff to prepare plan specs, and estimated costs for the Nathan Hale Basin, we hope to start this project within the next 6 months. It will be good to see some relief to the residents and even in areas of Parma where the residents have been affected by the flooding. The property maintenance inspectors are out at this time, so if you get any comments from the residents, please refer them to the Service Department. Director Iaconis is working with our Grant Specialist, and right now our County Councilman who represents Parma, Parma Heights and Middleburg has \$6 million dollars available. We are working on putting some ideas together that will end up being approximately \$2 million dollars of grant funding to be used throughout the community. Thank you.

Councilwoman Walsh wanted to know if we do send the grant request in for the \$2 million, is it marked to be used for only certain projects? Mayor Gallo responded that we are looking at the funding to be used for our streets, but perhaps towards the basin, we are looking at all options right now.

Councilwoman Maruschak asked the current work scheduled on the streets, when will the residents be notified? Mayor Gallo responded that letters will be going out and they would probably have a few days' notice. Councilwoman Maruschak asked a follow up question regarding the street repairs, how long are they planning on keeping the streets closed, are they closing them one at a time? Director Sepik responded that the crews are going to work in that section and once they get done milling it, the next crew will step in and the milling crew will move on to the next section and keep right on going. It's all weather permitting but once they get started, it should move rather quickly.

Council President Rounds inquired about the dirt being potentially sellable from the Nathan Hale project? Mayor Gallo responded, we are hoping to find someone local that might be interested in purchasing the dirt and that would cut down on our costs because we are liable for transporting the land. Council President then asked a follow up question, have we heard anything about the indoor soccer facility? Mayor Gallo responded that we have not. Hopefully we will be hearing something this month and as soon as I do, I will advise all of council.

COMMUNICATIONS

Council Clerk Allen read: OHIO DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL: GAME ON PARMA HTS LLC, 6425 PEARL RD & PATIO, PARMA HEIGHTS, OHIO 44130

Council Clerk Allen read the letter from the Chief of Police, Steve Scharschmidt: Dear Councilman Rounds, an investigation and records check of the listed stockholder provided by the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control in regards to a transfer of an existing license, Bistecca Corp, DBA Parma Heights Harry Buffalo, 6425 Pearl Rd & Patio, Parma Heights, Ohio to Game On Parma Hts. LLC, 6425 Pearl Rd & Patio, Parma Heights, Ohio has been completed. The Parma Heights Police Department is offering no objections to this application. The names associated with this permit are Kurt DeFavero, Michael DeFavero and Julie Jensen DeFavero. The address is 6425 Pearl Rd. & Patio, Parma Heights, Ohio 44130. And that is signed by Chief Scharschmidt.

Council President Rounds: If we have no objection from council, we will then forward this on to the Ohio Department of Liquor Control, is there any objection. Seeing none.

LEGISLATION

2022 – 10: RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Councilwoman Maruschak motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Walsh to read the following resolution by title only.

Aye: DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Haase, Maruschak, Rounds

Nay: None

Clerk Allen read: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO PURCHASE TWENTY (20) PORTABLE RADIOS FROM CLEVELAND COMMUNICATIONS AT A STATE PURCHASE PRICE OF \$98,482.80, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilwoman Maruschak moved to suspend the rules; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza

Aye: Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, Rounds

Nay: None

Council President Rounds are there any comments or questions? Seeing none.

Councilwoman Maruschak moved for passage; seconded by Councilman Stavole

Aye: Walsh, Stavole, Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Rounds

Nay: None

Resolution passes.

2022 – 11: RESOLUTION TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY.

Councilwoman Durichko motioned; seconded by Councilwoman Walsh to read the following resolution by title only.

Aye: Stavole, Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Rounds

Nay: None

Clerk Allen read: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING D.J. NEFF ENTERPRISES, INC., DBA NEFF & ASSOCIATES, NUNC PRO TUNC, TO PREPARE THE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ESTIMATE OF COST, AND AUTHORIZING EUTHENICS, INC., MUNICIPAL ENGINEER, TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE NATHAN HALE STORMWATER BASIN PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilwoman Durichko moves to suspend the rules; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza

Aye: Haase, Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Rounds

Nay: None

Council President Rounds any comments or questions? Seeing none.

Councilwoman Durichko moved for passage; seconded by Councilman Stavole

Aye: Maruschak, DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Haase, Rounds

Nay: None

Resolution passes.

PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Rounds: Please stand, state your name and address and please direct all comments to me and you have 3 minutes to speak.

Mr. Koch: Fred Koch, 11687 Woodview Boulevard. Council President you stated that you are holding a Ward meeting. You said it's on your Facebook page, perhaps you could get it posted earlier so that everyone has time to see it. Service Department does a great job filling the potholes, maybe they could put signage up like the Fire Department does when they flush the hydrants when they are doing roadwork?

Mr. Grasnik: Ray Grasnik, 10006 Ackley Road. I have concerns about the service drive that runs from Ackley back into the parking lot for Parma Presbyterian Church, safety concerns, the drive was put in, in the 1950's, and there is no separation from the playground equipment. There are preschoolers from the day care and the Constellation Schools goes up to 3rd Grade, they are running all around back there and there are vehicles constantly going up and down the drive, it's not shut down while the kids are out on the playground. There is also rubbish, food trucks and school buses using that drive. There used to be a chain to stop traffic from entering from off of Ackley, but it has since been removed. I'll send pictures to Councilwoman Maruschak. I think something needs to be done before school starts again.

Ms. Reahm: Phyllis Reahm, 6240 Stratford. I agree with the property maintenance but is that for everybody in the City of Parma Heights or is it just for the residents and are you talking about commercial property too?

Mayor Gallo responded yes; it is for everyone.

Ms. Reahm: Okay, the Constellation School behind us in 2016 there was a chain linked fence, in 2015 there was a tree guy that did some trimming on the house south of me and the oak tree on the schools property was half dead then, the oak tree is now dead and nothing has been done to take it down and we get broken branches on our property and there was one tree that branched out to be two trees and it needs to come down, and the one next to it has rot in it. Years ago, when Parma Schools would come to mow the yard, there was a man that weed wacked right up to the property lines all the way around the property, nothing like that is currently being done. Deer are now hiding in the tall grass. There is a house on the street with shingles coming off it. People are going to complain because the schools not doing anything, and they don't pay taxes like we do.

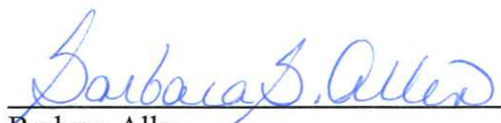
ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Stavole motioned; seconded by Councilwoman DeSouza to adjourn the meeting.

Aye: DeSouza, Durichko, Walsh, Stavole, Haase, Maruschak, Rounds

Nay: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



Barbara Allen
Clerk of Council



Tom Rounds
President of Council