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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL Mayfield Village Civic Hall Monday, May 7, 2012 – Immediately following Caucus

The Council of Mayfield Village met in special session immediately following Caucus on Monday, May 7, 2012 at Mayfield Village Civic Hall. Council President Buckholtz called the meeting to order at 8:21 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mr. Buckholtz, Mrs. Cinco, Mr. Marquardt, Mrs. Mills, Dr. Parker, Mr. Marrie and Mr. Delguyd

Also Present: Mayor Rinker, Mr. Wynne, Ms. Calta, Chief Edelman
Mr. Marrelli, Mr. Metzung, Chief Mohr, Mr. Dinardo
Mr. Cappello, Mr. Thomas, Ms. Wolgamuth
and Mrs. Betsa

Absent: Mr. Esborn

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

- **Presentation to Detective Sergeant Donald J. Smith**

Mayor Rinker read and presented to Detective Sergeant Donald J. Smith a Resolution of Appreciation for his service to the Mayfield Village Police Department.

- **Resolution No. 2012-14**, entitled, “A resolution of appreciation to Detective Sergeant Donald J. Smith for over fifty years of dedication and service to the Mayfield Village Police Department and congratulating him on his retirement.”
Introduced by Mayor Rinker and Council as a Whole.

Mrs. Mills, seconded by Mr. Marrie, made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-14.

ROLL CALL: AYES: All

NAYS: None

Motion Carried

Resolution Adopted

Mayor Rinker also presented Detective Sergeant Donald J. Smith with an Outstanding Citizen Award for Mayfield Village.

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Council took a break for refreshments at 8:25 p.m.

Council reconvened at 8:36 p.m.

OPEN PORTION

5-minute limit imposed by Chair. Those who wish to speak must first state their name and address. (The public is requested to limit their discussion to agenda items only.)

Laura Lynch
934 Beech Hill

I have a concern about the field diagonally across from my house where the holding tank used to be. I don't know how long it has been a field. 15 years?

Last year some utility came in and was doing some backhoe practice in the field for about a week. They left the field in a big disrepair with big ruts. They did not cover it over or fill it back in. In the Fall, I did call the Service Department and I really don't know who I spoke to. She said, we will get right on it. Usually you do get right on it. Mayfield Village gets right on it. I have nothing but good things to say about the Service Department. But nothing happened.

My neighbor, Kim Levac, called in March. I think she spoke to you. You said it was too wet. Now it's May. The field is still rutted over, but now we have grass on top of that. I have some pictures. It is rutted over and is filled with grass. It is becoming a safety hazard. We have a lot of children in the area now. There's an awful lot of people that walk their dogs through there. It's a very big safety hazard. Nothing happened with our calls, so that's why we are here today with this issue. We need it leveled and mowed. I have called in the past about mowing the field. Usually, you get it done in a week or a couple days later. That's another concern that we need to call sometimes to have that field mowed. In the beginning, you used to mow all over. Now it's just the front of the field. That's another concern. There's no scheduled maintenance with that field in mowing it.

Another thought came up too about maybe doing something with that field. We have a lot of children like I said before. It would be great for a playground or just the maintenance. I know you are doing a lot of other things in the Village, but that has been empty for quite some time. It does need to be kept up and maybe now might be a good idea to think of doing something.

We can get other members of our area there to come and talk about it.

Mayor Rinker stated, first of all, I truly am sorry you had to come forward to let us know, but I appreciate the fact that you have given us that report. I will let Doug respond to that as far as the immediate restoration as you requested which certainly sounds reasonable in just a couple of pictures that I have seen. It makes sense.

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I would say, historically, when we acquired the property, and I think it was 17 years ago if memory serves. We had tried to get from the neighborhood some kind of consensus on what to do, maybe a playground and at the end of the day, I think it was a draw, a Mexican standoff. We didn't do anything. That was quite a while ago.

Ms. Lynch stated, right. But the neighborhood has changed.

Mayor Rinker thinks it is a great idea. We definitely should encourage it. Between the Parks and Rec Department anything we can do to encourage that kind of discussion, I would love to see some proposals and do something more than just mow the lawn and keep it passive greenspace. If it's something that would serve the neighborhood, by all means we would like to talk.

Ms. Lynch agreed. It has changed. It's nice to see the young children. There's an awful lot of young children that would use it. Back 17 years ago we did not have that.

Mayor Rinker agreed. This is a great head's up.

Ms. Lynch continued, I can canvass the neighborhood also.

Council President Buckholtz asked, do you have a homeowner's association there?

Ms. Lynch replied, no.

Mayor Rinker stated, there's always a time to start.

Ms. Lynch stated, we do have some other people unbeknownst to us who incriminate us. We have a mixed neighborhood. We have senior citizens. We have transitional. We have a lot of young people coming in. There's a lot of people walking their dogs from other communities, Mayfield Heights, because it's a nice place to walk the dog. There's not a lot of traffic. Maybe we can get together and talk about this. At the very least, we do need the ruts fixed and the scheduled maintenance.

Mr. Metzger replied, the history of that piece of property is it is always very wet. It will be a while before we can get in there and straighten anything out.

Ms. Lynch stated, it's not wet now.

Mr. Metzger continued, we did use it. It was the Service Department that had the training there for the backhoe. The area continues to be wet. When we do mow it, we typically don't get in there until fairly the middle of summer. We have only mowed the front 30 feet or so.

Ms. Lynch stated, I have been living there for, in the past, you have mowed it. Right now it is very dry.

Mr. Metzger stated, we will take a look at that.

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Ms. Lynch asked, can you give me a timeframe? It's a hazard.

Mayor Rinker stated, I think we should make it a priority and get it done so we are not debating that issue. Then we can look at if there are drainage issues, if we are going to do some other more park-like development rather than just leaving it fallow, that would be the next step. Let's follow up with that. Right now we have to get in and try to get it straightened out as much as we can weather permitting and the soil condition permitting. Thank you.

Council President Buckholtz thanked Ms. Lynch.

Council President Buckholtz asked if there were any other public comment.

Kerri Setlock

6818 Bonnieview

I live right by Ms. Lynch. In our backyard, we have been having issues as well. We have a retention basin kind of from the condos. There's standing water back there. You can't even sit in our backyard. There's snakes, there's all kinds of critters back there which I understand comes with the area we live in.

What's happening with the retention basin in my backyard is the edge of the creek that's in our backyard, the road, there's trees laying against other trees now. They built up the neighbor's yard with stone and rock so there are no flooding issues in his backyard and never did anything to our backyard. We can't even go back there.

Mayor Rinker asked, who's they? Do you know they are, who did that?

Ms. Setlock replied, whoever the development company was. I have pictures of our backyard. I have small children. I can't even let them go back there and play on the swingset because I am afraid of a tree falling on them. I don't know where to go with it. I don't know who to contact or how to get help with it. As much money as we put in to fixing it, it just gets washed away. I have so much debris and garbage in my backyard that I can't let my kids go back there. My daughter was just in the hospital getting stitches because she cut her hand on a glass bottle. There's rebar sticking out. It's just awful.

Mayor Rinker asked, on your property? Or this is what is washed downstream?

Ms. Setlock replied. This is on my property. Her cutting her hand happened because of it.

Mayor Rinker asked, you said the rebar and all those things are getting washed down on to your property?

Ms. Setlock replied, yes. And the rebar is sticking out of the crick. I brought pictures.

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Mayor Rinker replied, two things. One, we will get our law department to follow up with the adjacent property owner. In the short term, Mrs. Cinco chairs the infrastructure committee and so get with Mary Beth and follow up. From that standpoint, the Village tries to assist.

Mrs. Cinco confirmed, they are on the agenda.

Ms. Setlock replied, I called about two weeks and spoke. I sent e-mails to everyone.

Mayor Rinker asked, there's a meeting coming up?

Mrs. Cinco stated to Ms. Setlock, I e-mailed you today. There's a meeting coming up. It's scheduled for the 21st at 5:30.

Ms. Setlock stated, okay. I just figured that since there was a Council meeting, I would come up here and bring it up.

Mayor Rinker replied, that's good.

Ms. Setlock added, I love our backyard. I love our neighborhood. I want my kids to have joy in it. They can't right now. Do you want to see the pictures?

Mayor Rinker replied, certainly hand those in.

Council President Buckholtz stated, I am sure there is an immediate clean up that we can do and then a long term solution.

Mayor Rinker confirmed, you are also on the agenda for Drainage and Infrastructure.

Council President Buckholtz asked, do we have anyone else who would like to speak? There were no further comments.

- **Motion to authorize expenditure in the amount of \$5,000 to Chagrin Valley Nursery for the purchase of trees for Spring planting.**

Mrs. Mills, seconded by Dr. Parker, made a motion to authorize expenditure in the amount of \$5,000 to Chagrin Valley Nursery for the purchase of trees for Spring planting.

Council President Buckholtz asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Roll Call: AYES: All
 NAYS: None

Motion Carried
Expenditure Authorized

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

. Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss imminent litigation.

Mrs. Mills, seconded by Mrs. Cinco, made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss imminent litigation.

ROLL CALL: AYES: All
 NAYS: None

Motion Carried
Executive Session approved

Council President Buckholtz stated to the audience that there's no further voting on any items. You are welcome stay. Thank you for coming. Feel free to go. Department heads may also leave if they wish.

Council went into Executive Session at approximately 8:55 p.m.

Council reconvened at approximately 9:25 p.m.

ANY OTHER MATTERS:

Council President Buckholtz asked if there were any other comments.

There were no other matters before Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Marrie, made a motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m. The next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 21, 2012 at 8:00 p.m.