

CITY OF OAKWOOD

STATE OF OHIO

MAY 5, 2008

The Council of the city of Oakwood, State of Ohio, met in a work session at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room of the city of Oakwood, 30 Park Avenue, Dayton, Ohio, 45419. Council then met in a regular session at 7:30 p.m., in the council chambers of the city of Oakwood. The Mayor, Mrs. Judy Cook, presided, and the Clerk of Council, Ms. Cathy Blum, recorded. Mayor Cook opened the meeting by asking all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon call of the roll, the following members of council responded to their names:

MRS. JUDY COOK.....PRESENT  
MR. CARLO C. McGINNIS.....PRESENT  
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON.....PRESENT  
MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....ABSENT  
MR. STANLEY CASTLEMAN.....PRESENT

Officers of the city present were the following:

Mr. Norbert S. Klopsch, City Manager  
Ms. Dalma C. Grandjean, City Attorney  
Mr. Jay A. Weiskircher, Assistant City Manager

The press this evening was represented by the editor of the *Oakwood Register*, Mr. Lance Winkler and *Dayton Daily News* staff writer Kelli Wynn.

The following visitors registered:

Joseph Koussa, Kettering  
Allan Rinzler, 105 Sugar Camp Circle  
Herold Williams, Versant  
Dan Janning, 318 Volusia Avenue  
Jim Bauman, Englewood  
Faye Wenner, 1900 Coolidge Drive  
Carolyn Rice, Montgomery County Treasurer  
Alex & Larry Drummy, 415 Far Hills Avenue  
Phil Chick, 256 Beverly Place  
Jeff Shulman, 1000 Harman Avenue  
Jim Judge, 108 Lonsdale Avenue  
Sandy & Gene Burbey, 284 W. Schantz Avenue  
Mary Jo & Jack Thoma, 326 Spirea Drive  
John Webber, Englewood  
John Haley, 246 W. Thruston Boulevard  
Robert Sills, 314 Volusia Avenue  
Mary Jo Scalzo, Oakwood School Superintendent  
Paul Vanderburgh, School Board President

Mayor Cook asked for a motion to excuse Mr. Duncan. Motion by Mr. Castleman, seconded by Mr. Byington. Upon a viva voce vote on the question of the motion, same passed unanimously and it was so ordered.

Mr. McGinnis, Member of the Council Committee on Minutes, advised council he had read the minutes of the regular and work sessions of council held April 7, 2008 and of the work session held April 21, 2008. Mr. McGinnis reported he found the minutes correct and complete. Therefore, it was moved by Mr. McGinnis and seconded by Mr. Byington that the minutes of the sessions of council aforementioned be approved as written and the reading thereof at this session be dispensed with. Upon a viva voce vote on the question of the motion, same passed unanimously and it was so ordered.

STATUS REPORTS

Mayor Cook reported on two events she recently attended at WPAFB, the first related to consolidated aerospace which will bring new residents and ancillary businesses and she commended the Oakwood resident who won the contract for the major construction work. The second related to MESA and her opportunity to attend the intelligence forum with friend and resident Joe Fulford.

Mayor Cook reported yesterday she was part of the dedication of the Beth Abraham Synagogue, an extraordinarily beautiful building and gathering place, great addition to the community. She indicated Mr. Byington and Mr. Weiskircher were also in attendance and Mr. Weiskircher was recognized for being instrumental in the project. Mr. Byington is extremely glad the synagogue is

in the community and the ceremony was beautiful with incredible music. He was awed at the architecture and how much has been accomplished in such a short time with complementary materials and color schemes. Mayor Cook noted they moved some of the stain glass windows from their prior location and it was a delightful event.

Mayor Cook announced next week, as part of the Centennial celebration, the city will be selling flags for \$20 and banners for \$15 at the city building, community center and Oakwood Florist.

Mayor Cook announced this Saturday is the 7<sup>th</sup> annual CARE Walk thanks to a group of dedicated Oakwood citizens and if it's raining will be held inside the gym. She indicated the walk begins at 9 a.m., but she suggested everyone arrive earlier as this fun event is for a good purpose and includes a health fair.

Mr. Castleman reported at the April 21 work session, council met with the city's investment advisor Roger Cox, Bond Tech, who has worked with the city for ten years. They evaluated investments which include 90% with strong federal agencies, everything is very stable and safe, and 10% of the liquid assets are with STAR Ohio.

Mayor Cook welcomed the visitors and recognized Centennial Co-Chairs Dick Good and Madeline Iseli. Ms. Iseli explained the Centennial action board has been in action for many months and things are falling into place. She shared a Power Point presentation outlining final plans for the five key events throughout the summer. They will begin with "That Day in May" on May 17, in partnership with Oakwood Rotary, including a bigger and better parade down Far Hills rather than Shafor. At last report, there are 60 units in the parade and she recognized and thanked sponsorship from National City Bank, LCNB, Arrow Wine, Routsong Funeral Home, White Allen, and Sebaly, Shillito & Dyer. Ms. Iseli indicated another asset of Oakwood is the learning environment which is part of the "Excellence in Learning" events co-chaired by Dr. Mary Jo Scalzo and Wright Librarian Ann Snively. The first event, American Dream Symposium, was held on April 30 where high school students were awarded scholarships for their essays and cookies from every decade were shared. On June 8, there will be a time capsule presentation at Smith School with local author Ann Hagedorn; and on June 9, behind the library, story teller Tom Scheidt. The next two weeks include a memoir writing workshop on June 17 and 25 by Trudy Krisher. Sponsors of these activities are the University of Dayton and Sinclair.

Ms. Iseli announced on June 22, they will celebrate the natural environment and fitness aspect with a "Hike to Houk" starting at the woods behind the Library, a 1.3 mile hike through Houk and other natural areas and at 2:30 they will dedicate the new pedestrian bridge at Centennial Park. These events are sponsored by Vectren. In mid-July, they will celebrate history and have made available tours of Hawthorn Hill. Although the slots have been filled, names are on a waiting list for additional tour times. That weekend will also include the premier of the Oakwood historical film to be shown in the High School auditorium. She recognized NCR who is sponsoring those events. Ms. Iseli reviewed the planned closing event scheduled for August 17 at the High School Stadium and building on the annual "Ice Cream Social". They will also have a talent show, the High School band and a concert by the United States Air Force Band of Flight sponsored by White-Allen.

Ms. Iseli referenced the Centennial Park and extended thanks to council for helping preserve acreage adjacent to Houk Stream. She also extended thanks to Oakwood Rotary for cleaning up the site, including removal of honeysuckle. This will be a nice place for reflection and education, the master plan is underway, and this is a wonderful legacy. She also extended thanks to the Oakwood Rotary for installation of the abutments and bridge, all of which was donated. She announced there is a Centennial Club and special residents have been recognized with a centennial pin if their age and years of residency equal 100 or more. She thanked Sally Riffle, class of 1943 and Dick Cummings on their work and mentioned there are over 500 members. Ms. Iseli extended thanks to the city for help with the banners on Far Hills, information on the website, and the two extra large banners that will span Far Hills, one near Monterey, the other near Spirea. She also referenced the Centennial flags and banners that will be on sale next week. Ms. Iseli announced that the centennial book, a great legacy that every household and city/school/library employee, plus each members of the graduating class of 2008 will receive. She indicated it's a gorgeous coffee table book that will be delivered this coming weekend. Ms. Iseli extended thanks to Mayor Cook, Mr. Klopsch and his staff, Oakwood Centennial Board volunteers, sponsors Kettering Medical Center, Oakwood Rotary Club, Library and Schools for these team efforts.

Mr. Good also thanked the city for their support and indicated two years ago, Mayor Cook asked them to put together a celebration of the city's assets, volunteerism and to have fun. He indicated it has been a lot of fun and hopes everyone will enjoy the celebration. Mayor Cook noted DP&L has also been a major sponsor. Discussion ensued in regard to the upcoming talent show, auditions, etc.

Mr. Klopsch noted Sally Solarek and Becky Butler are co-chairing the closing event. Mayor Cook extended thanks to Ms. Iseli and Mr. Good.

Mayor Cook recognized Carolyn Rice, Montgomery County Treasurer. Mrs. Rice updated council on the Treasurer’s office, and explained although their offices are on the second floor of the county administration building there is a payment center on the first floor. She explained the second half of taxes due in mid-July are upcoming; owners still have until June 1 to apply for the homestead reduction; and active duty military may receive time extensions. Mrs. Rice is pleased that Oakwood doesn’t have much tax delinquency, \$336,640 for only 58 parcels, 49 of which are residential, and 28% are on a delinquent payment plan. She indicated they are willing to work with property owners and although they are aggressive in collecting taxes, they understand some people are hurting. She noted they cross train with the United Way 211 program to help residents.

Mrs. Rice explained they had three tax lien sales last year, the last resort before foreclosure and of the 6,000; they sold liens on only 875 homes since many came forward and paid or went on a payment plan. She reported over the past several years, delinquent property tax collections have yielded \$83,000 for the city; \$675,000 to the schools and \$10,000 to the library. Mrs. Rice reviewed behind the scenes work and the project of looking into returned mail with the success of collecting \$1.2M. She indicated it’s an honor to serve everyone and invited people to call with questions. Mr. Castleman asked about county-wide delinquencies. Mrs. Rice didn’t have that information but reported last year they collected 92%. Mr. McGinnis thanked her for her report.

Mr. Koussa extended prayers to the troops and urged parents to help save their children by calling law enforcement if the child is doing something illegal. He also noted this month is police memorial month and commended the profession on their work.

ORDINANCE

BY MR. CASTLEMAN

NO 4649

TO AMEND SECTION I, 2008 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 4640 AND SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 4648, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF: 1) AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$2,500 TO BE EXPENDED FROM THE MLK COMMUNITY RECOGNITION FUND FOR PURPOSES OF DONATING FUNDS FOR WEEKLY EDUCATION FIELD TRIPS FOR CHILDREN PARTICIPATING IN THE FREE “CAMP FUNTASTIC” SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM BEING PROVIDED TO QUALIFYING INCOME FAMILIES IN THE KETTERING COMMUNITY AND IMPLEMENTED BY THE CITY OF KETTERING PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL ARTS DEPARTMENT; AND 2) AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$150,000 TO BE EXPENDED FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE SUGAR CAMP REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of council prior to introduction, was read by title. Mr. Castleman explained these relate to pass through transfers.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Castleman and seconded by Mr. Byington that the ordinance be passed with the second reading waived.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

- MRS. JUDY COOK.....YEA
- MR. CARLO C. MCGINNIS.....YEA
- MR. STEVEN BYINGTON.....YEA
- MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....ABSENT
- MR. STANLEY CASTLEMAN.....YEA

There being four (4) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said ordinance was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

ORDINANCE

BY MR. BYINGTON

NO 4650

DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE REPAIRING OF SIDEWALKS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO ON PATTERSON ROAD AND CERTAIN OTHER STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI, IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, PROVIDING THAT ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS REPAIR THE SAME, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of council prior to introduction, was read by title. Mr. Byington indicated at the last meeting they approved the Resolution to repair the walks and appurtenances, this allows the city to proceed with the repairs.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Byington and seconded by Mr. Castleman that the ordinance be passed as an emergency measure.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MRS. JUDY COOK.....YEA  
MR. CARLO C. McGINNIS.....YEA  
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON.....YEA  
MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....ABSENT  
MR. STANLEY CASTLEMAN.....YEA

There being four (4) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said ordinance was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

#### RESOLUTION

BY MR. BYINGTON NO 1672

TO GRANT APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED MASTER PLAN SUBMITTED BY THE OAKWOOD INVESTMENT GROUP AND VERSANT GROUP FOR THE RESIDENTIAL PORTION OF THE SUGAR CAMP DEVELOPMENT.

A copy of the resolution, having been placed on the desks of each member of council prior to introduction, was read by title. Mr. Byington deferred to Mr. Weiskircher.

Mr. Weiskircher referenced a PowerPoint, explained that Mr. Williams, Versant; Mr. Rinzler, OIG and their professional team are in attendance; and Dr. Scalzo will address the issue about whether the school system could absorb more students. Versant and Oakwood Investment Group (OIG) have requested to amend the previously approved Residential Master Plan at the Sugar Camp development. In April 2007, council approved a Master Development Plan for the entire 36+ acres encompassing Sugar Camp and the surrounding area. The Master Plan included both the commercial and residential portions of the site. Within that legislation was the requirement that if the residential portion of the plan exceeds 6 units per acre (24 acres), or 130 units, whichever is less, an amended plan must be approved by council. The developers have submitted an amended Residential Master Plan to: 1) relocate the mid-rise condo buildings from the northeast to the northwest; 2) reduce the number of condo buildings from four to two but increase the height of the buildings from four to seven stories; 3) change the use of the approximate 2-acre parcel north of the main entrance from business to residential; and 4) increase the density of the development from 125 units up to a maximum of 147 units.

Mr. Weiskircher reviewed the components of the amended plan. In regard to relocating the mid-rise condo units from the northeast to the northwest corner; the original plan had four-4 story structures with a total of 32 units; the amended plan has two-7 story structures with a total of 40 units. In regard to changing the use of the 2-acre parcel north of the main entrance from business to residential; the original plan had a 3-story-30,000 s.f. professional building with surface parking and the amended plan has four-6 unit, 2 and 3-story townhomes with underground parking. He then reviewed a change in density of the residential development; the original plan had 125 units, the amended plan has 147 units. Mr. Weiskircher referenced the originally approved density plan and explained after the developers talked with perspective residents, it was evident they preferred single rather than attached homes based on square footage and privacy. The mid-rise condo buildings by the new entrance interfered with the views of the single-family homes so they amended the plan from four to two buildings, more stories and relocated to the northwest corner of the site. Based on the economy, the developer believed the professional building is not needed and in order to preserve the residential corridor abutting Far Hills, that area will be residential. Mr. Weiskircher reviewed the proposed density plan which has the attached units clustered to the north side of the property and the condo buildings relocated. He referenced the master site plan which shows the residential single units abutting Far Hills. He noted in the past two weeks there has been a lot of tree clearing that is primarily for building lots and road systems. He reviewed the western side of the site where the trees will be preserved. Mr. Weiskircher explained the tree clearing was approved with the original plan and the developer plans to install many new trees additional landscaping.

Mr. Weiskircher reviewed the architectural style of the townhome villas and the West Pointe mid-rise building which has a maximum of three units per floor at approximately 7,000 s.f. on each floor. In response to an issue raised during preliminary review of relocating the condo buildings and that it be 10 stories, the sight line was reviewed and he referenced a sketch of the view from Schantz toward the seven story building. He noted the top of the high rise is only visible from the synagogue. The next several slides depicted a balloon at a six-story height level to view the impact and even in the winter, it was difficult to see the balloon. Mr. Weiskircher reviewed the target market and explained in the January 17, 2007 report to council entitled "Sugar Camp Master Plan Proposal Oakwood Planning Commission Findings and Recommendations" it was noted that: "While the development is not geared towards younger families with school-age children, school

officials have indicated there is sufficient class room space available to accommodate school-age children residing within the development, or those families with school-age children who may move into the development as current residents sell their homes and move to Sugar Camp.” Even though the developers are now amending the previously approved plan to include more single residence units, the target market for the development remains empty nesters and retirees as is evidenced by the following features: •) The residence units will be organized and managed under a homeowner’s association. •) All exterior maintenance will be performed under the direction of the homeowner’s association. •) All residence floor plans will have features including first floor master suites and optional elevators. •) With the possible exception of some units within the condo building, residence units will be priced in excess of \$400,000.

Mr. Weiskircher stated “The Planning Commission unanimously recommended to City Council that the application to amend the Sugar Camp Residential Master Plan be approved subject to a meeting between the developer, staff, Mr. Byington (as a member of the Planning Commission and City Council), School Superintendent and Harman School Principal to assess any potential impact the added density might have on the schools and to report those findings to Council.” Mr. Weiskircher indicated that meeting was held with he, Mr. Klopsch, Mr. Williams, Mr. Harnish representing Gem Real Estate, Dr. Scalzo, Kevin Philo and School Board President Paul Vanderburg.

Ms. Grandjean asked that anyone who will be giving testimony to please stand and be sworn in, several in the audience did so.

Mr. Williams referenced the amended plan and explained based on inquiries and potential condo buyers who wanted a view, they decided to shift the location of the building to the west and with the displacement of that building, they decided to have town homes abutting Far Hills rather than a business. Mr. Williams believes the character and quality of those architectural buildings make a high quality statement at the entrance rather than the commercial building. As discussed at the meeting with the school officials, they have no reconsideration in marketing this other than to empty nesters and through the Master Plan process, it’s better to make modifications now rather than later. Mr. Williams explained they have obtained inquiries from 35 unsolicited buyers and only one party has elementary children. He referenced the clearing of the property which is a bit shocking but planning has gone into that work with a professional group including Mr. Bunker, professional arborist who has done a complete analysis of the trees and managed the clearing. He pointed out the area beyond the rise in the hill, which isn’t visible from Far Hills, includes dense trees, green space that will remain intact as the grades are changed. Mr. Williams indicated prior to any building, they will submit the final landscape plan to the city for review which includes planting of mature trees along Far Hills and the internal roadway, i.e., over 200 6” caliper, 25’ high trees.

Dr. Scalzo explained when Mr. Klopsch contacted her to meet again on the potential impact, she was happy to answer any questions and noted the schools have been in the loop on this project for the past couple years. She explained an enrollment projection study was conducted in 2001 and showed an immediate gain and then leveling off for the next couple years which occurred, with a slight difference of 11 students. Dr. Scalzo indicated minus the Sugar Camp development, there are approximately 39% of households with children, so if they use the same percentage for Sugar Camp, that would be 60 households; however, she understands the development is primarily for empty nesters. She explained there are generally two children per household so that would be 120 and given the next three to six year time period to develop the property, the schools are able to accommodate. Dr. Scalzo also based that 120 on a similar distribution throughout all grade levels. She explained with the recent bond issues, they have pre-planned for growth. She discussed potential added personnel and explained as they have in the past, they handle any unusual ebb and flow. Dr. Scalzo indicated they are looking at a new study which should project the next ten years and will be completed within the next couple months.

Mayor Cook opened the public hearing and asked visitors to speak at the podium, give their name and only address the topic council is currently discussing.

Mr. George Houk, 310 W. Schantz, referenced the tree removal and repeated request to change the density. He noticed on April 23 the city celebrated its 26<sup>th</sup> year as a Tree City USA with 164 other visitors, just in time before the deforestation of Sugar Camp. He noted the commission and council supported the Master Plan, now there is stormwater erosion and they have allowed the developer to make changes. Mr. Houk indicated citizens have expressed concerns regarding density, infrastructure costs, etc., and citizens have been ignored. Once again, he called upon council to put a hold on this until the city can partner in and save the 100 year old trees.

Mr. Dan Janning, 318 Volusia, urged rejection of the amended plan. He thanked Dr. Scalzo for her report but took issue with only 39%, as he thought growth was higher. He also expressed concern

with property values, in particular at the north end of the city with 80 year old homes versus new homes with amenities and doesn't believe additional homes are needed. He and his wife recently asked themselves if they would have moved in four years ago if they knew a new development would be that close and the answer was no.

Mayor Cook asked if there were any comments. There being none, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Byington referenced the comment that the developer has been before them repeatedly and explained this is the first request to amend the original Master Plan. He indicated he has sat through all the commission meetings on this proposal, the commission asked that they obtain input from the school district which was done and the worse case scenario, based on potential numbers, is that the school could handle it. He noted Mr. Williams has also stated that plan marketing has not been changed, it is for empty nesters.

Mayor Cook asked about water runoff concerns. Mr. Oxner, professional consultant and engineer, explained with a project of this magnitude and ways to control erosion, now is not the time to install those controls. Those controls will be installed after the clearing and they are sensitive to that issue. Mayor Cook asked if they will continue to monitor throughout. Mr. Oxner concurred.

Mr. Castleman indicated the removal of trees is for the eventual grading for the lots and roads and he believes the amended plan provides more green space with homes rather than a commercial building and parking lot. He also noted the condos to the west are into the hillside. Mr. Castleman was intrigued by the demographics that only 39% of households have school age children, that there are 2.52 persons per household and he too doesn't foresee 120 students from Sugar Camp. Mayor Cook asked about the percentage not going to Oakwood schools. Mr. Byington responded 5-10% go to other schools.

Mr. McGinnis referenced the commission's request that they work on the school issue and indicated Mr. Harnish was also included in that meeting. He asked his professional opinion based on the facts and research, whether this amendment will have any impact on the schools. Mr. Harnish explained his 30 years experience in real estate, as an appraiser, banker and consultant. The city currently has 3,800 residents - the original plan added 125 homes, only a 3% increase, the amended request for an additional 22 is minimal. He noted 61 out of 100 properties in Oakwood have no children so realistically there should be no significant impact on the schools and added this project targets empty nesters. He indicated demographics are changing, people are aging and the number of school aged children is declining. Mr. Harnish noted the amended plan has a mix of units geared toward empty nesters and doesn't believe a family would want a free-standing home with a master suite bedroom on the first floor, a typical step down home. Mr. McGinnis noted all this will be managed by a home owners association. Mayor Cook indicated she has many friends who are empty nesters and they chose to move out of a neighborhood with families where children are being raised and into a planned development.

Mr. McGinnis noted the original plan included the city horticulturist's review and he asked that this amended plan include the same stipulation. Mr. Byington agreed, they need to look at the possibility of saving mature trees and suggested the amended areas have a walk through, and the other areas are still consistent with the original plan. Mr. Williams indicated Ms. Collins has been involved with the original plan and just prior to the current clearing there was a walk through. The cleared area will be filled so lots can be built on. He added that trees were tagged and Mr. Bunker has been and is on site to make sure the remaining trees are protected. Mr. Byington referenced the comment about the city's honor of being a Tree City USA. He indicated they have lived on Triangle, are into historic preservation and researched their home that was built in 1923. The poster and photos from the developer in 1923 show everything from Peach Orchard to Dorothy Lane with no trees and now those streets are tree lined. He agrees the city respects trees but also has a need for empty nesters and this Sugar Camp site will provide that. He indicated in another 80 years another new development will be in place and the same issue of tree preservation will be raised. Mr. Byington expressed his alarm at statements that citizens aren't listened to. He has been at all the commission meetings, read all the documents and stressed that council does listen to what is said – however, there is a difference between listening and disagreeing and council represents the entire community.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Byington and seconded by Mr. Castleman that the resolution be passed.

Mr. McGinnis asked that a condition be added which requires the city horticulturist to review the modified areas so as to preserve the green area. Mr. Klopsch indicated that is part of the original approval and it may be applied to the amended area. Mr. McGinnis concurred.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MRS. JUDY COOK.....YEA  
MR. CARLO C. McGINNIS.....YEA  
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON.....YEA  
MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....ABSENT  
MR. STANLEY CASTLEMAN.....YEA

There being four (4) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said resolution was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

There was no staff report.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORTS

Giving Strings. Mr. Klopsch referenced a request he received from the 2008 Giving Strings planners requesting that the event be held at Shafor Park rather than on Lonsdale. He reported the Zoning Code permits the city manager to approve the use of the park for temporary use which he has done. Mayor Cook commended the fundraising efforts of this event.

Emerald Ash Borer. Mr. Klopsch reported that Ms. Collins is working on control of the insect and its impact on ash trees. Fortunately, there have been no cases in the city; last year the city treated about 100 trees in public areas. This year they plan to continue treating trees and to provide access to the city tree maintenance contractor to residents for treatment of trees on private property. A media release was distributed earlier in the day about the program.

Centennial Bridge. Mr. Klopsch announced the first bridge in Oakwood has been installed, 8’ x 35’ across Houk Stream thanks to donations by Oakwood Rotary and private companies. He indicated a wonderful christening is planned during the June 22 “Hike to Houk” event.

Finance Director. Mr. Klopsch reported he and Mr. Weiskircher are interviewing 12 of the 41 applicants and he is pleased there are several strong candidates. He indicated that Alice Young, in her 31<sup>st</sup> year with the city, has been holding down the fort as Acting Finance Director, is on the job seven days a week and loves her work. He appreciates her efforts and hopes to have someone on board by mid-June.

Orchardly Park. Mr. Klopsch indicated renovation of the park is underway with a ribbon cutting planned in June for the new play equipment and restroom facility.

Oakwood Rotary Club Hazardous Waste Pickup. Mr. Klopsch reported the Club conducted its second hazardous waste pickup. Mr. Byington indicated at the first event they picked up waste from 15-20 homes, this past weekend 80 households. They had 7-8 truckloads and the Montgomery County Waste Department was shocked at the amount. He noted they received \$250 in donations.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Castleman recently was in Washington DC during the cherry blossom season but noted nothing was as beautiful as it’s been on Shafor Boulevard this spring season.

Mr. Byington reported the city hosted the First Tier Suburbs group of 12 local municipalities working on regional cooperation issues including foreclosures. He indicated two groups of UD students attended and spoke about green technology and reducing urban sprawl.

Mr. Byington extended thanks to the schools for participating in the Sugar Camp discussion and wished everyone a Happy Cinco Di Mayo.

Mayor Cook extended thanks to the camera operators.

Council adjourned. The public meeting concluded at 9:53 p.m.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CLERK OF COUNCIL