

**CITY OF PARMA HEIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 9, 2011
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The meeting was called to order by President Robert Sepik at 8:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Kolasinski, Koch, Verdile, Sepik, DeSouza, Gallo, present, McCall, absent.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Sepik motioned seconded by DeSouza to excuse Councilman McCall.

Roll Call: Koch, Verdile, Sepik, DeSouza, Gallo, Kolasinski, all yes.

COUNCILMAN MCCALL EXCUSED.

The meeting was paused and Mayor Byrne promoted Detective Steve Scharschmidt to Sergeant.

The meeting resumed Sepik motioned seconded by DeSouza to approve the April 25, 2011 Council Meeting Minutes.

Roll Call: Verdile, Sepik, DeSouza, Gallo, Kolasinski, Koch, all yes.

APRIL 25, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED.

The Finance Committee reviewed expenses in the amount of \$37,760.87.

Due to extending circumstances there has been very little activity but we will be catching up shortly.

Verdile reported the Planning Commission met on May 4, 2011 at 5:00P.M.

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consideration of new business, Internet Sweepstakes Café; 6370 York Road. Application made by Hiep Tram. APPROVED FOR A MAXIMUM OF 35 MACHINES
4. Adjournment.

REPORTS FROM DIRECTORS

Tom Moran, Recreation Director reported that the City has entered into an agreement with the City of Brooklyn to use their Rec. Center. Some of the rates are \$ 395.00 for a family for a year and senior couple is \$ 235.00 for the year. The pool sign ups are going well and baseball is getting ready to get started. The Community Garden is getting prepared, and some of the cities classes will be restarting so keep an eye on the web-site.

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DeSouza asked if Parma Heights residents were paying the same as Brooklyn residents.

Moran answered if a Brooklyn resident pays \$ 100.00 and a non-resident pays \$ 200.00 we would pay \$ 150.00.

Judy McLaughlin, Senior Center Director not in attendance.

Joe Sebes, Community and Economic Development Director reported an update on the Colombo Park. They are still doing testing, but they are done with all the clean-up.

Dan Neff, City Engineer no report.

Michelle Teresi, Service Director no report.

DeSouza thanked Teresi for dealing with the problem house on Springwood so promptly.

Kolasinski wanted an update on the tree lawns that need to be repaired from the work done by the Water Department.

Teresi stated that Dan Neff has been making a punch list and as soon as the weather clears they will be working on that.

Terry Hickey, Personnel and Finance Director reported we completed income tax season on April 30th and we are about 2% ahead of what we budgeted.

Mayor Byrne, no report.

PUBLIC SESSION

Gary Holodnak, 6030 Pearl wants to make sure the City is doing everything it can to save Pearl Road Elementary School it has been put on a plan to close with the schools consolidating. Holodnak explained the importance of keeping the school open and the problems the city could face with that building being empty.

Mayor commented that the city wants the school to remain open that was a decision made by the School Board. The Mayor has spoken to the School Board and suggests Holodnak also tell the School Board how he feels.

Holodnak stated that he had looked at places in Cleveland where the school closed and everything else went with it and then it is a double hit. The Real Estate agents refer to Parma Heights as 25th Street.

Mayor and Sebes want to know what agent said that because the City is getting the exact opposite response. The Cities occupancy rate has gone up since the Mayor took office last year. Mayor realizes how hard Holodnak has worked to help the City so the hope is that whomever this agent was Holodnak stood up for Parma Heights.

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Holodnak does want the City to prosper and does want to make sure the City does not turn into 25th street and that is why he is here to talk about this, and will approach the School Board.

Sepik thanked Holodnak for his comments and believes everyone on Council agrees that Pearl Road School is vital to the City.

Verdile stated this Council has always stood firm for this community and for the kids. The concern is the children being shuffled around and will be talking to the Superintendent in regard to this situation.

Holodnak would like to accompany Verdile to that meeting.

Moran wanted to mention he does have the rates for the Brooklyn Rec. for all people if anyone is interested in looking at them.

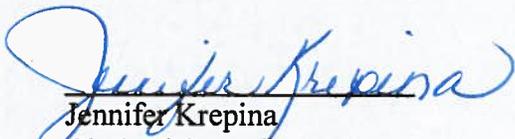
Verdile stated that in all sincerity Mayor Byrne and Joe Sebes have really been doing a wonderful job and wanted to make that clear.

Holodnak wanted to say that he does see a positive difference in the City under Byrne's administration.

DeSouza motioned seconded by Sepik to adjourn.

Roll Call: Sepik, DeSouza, Gallo, Kolasinski, Koch, Verdile, all yes.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:25 P.M.


Jennifer Krepina
Clerk of Council


Robert P. Sepik
Council President