

NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JULY 11, 2016 WITH PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, SAM HITCHCOCK, PRESIDING. MR. HITCHCOCK OFFERED A PRAYER, AND ALL IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

MR. DEAN HOLLAND
MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER
MR. ROB MAURER
MRS. AIMEE MAY
MRS. CHERYL RAMOS
MR. KELLY RICKLIC

EXCUSED ABSENSE:

MR. JOHN ZUCAL

- MR. HOLLAND MOTIONED TO ADD RESOLUTION 30-2016 TO TONIGHT’S AGENDA
MR. RICKLIC SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
RESOLUTION 30-2016 HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE AGENDA

- MR. LAUTENSCHLEGER MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
THE AGENDA IS ACCEPTED

- MR. ZUCAL MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2016.
MR. HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION
6 YEAS
THE MINUTES ARE ACCEPTED

CORRESPONDENCE CLERK, JULIE COURTRIGHT

1. *To New Philadelphia City Council, Mayor Day, and Safety Director Greg Popham from Fire Chief Jim Parrish, dated July 1, 2016, The Fire Incident Report for June, 2016.*
2. *To Council and Administration from Mayor Joel Day, dated June 30, 2016, The Mayor’s Monthly Statement to Council.*
3. *To Mayor Joel Day from The Ohio Public Works Commission, dated July 6, 2016, this is a Notification of Disbursement Method, The City of New Philadelphia CN26T WWTP Improvement Headworks Upgrade \$480,000 “Please select the appropriate box below, sign, and return this form to the Commission”. You could either send by fax or mail. This letter also contained a sample Resolution that was given to President of Council Sam Hitchcock to assign to the appropriate Committee.*
4. *To President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock from New Philadelphia Safety Director Greg Popham, dated July 7, 2016, it says the following: “Sam, please assign to the appropriate Committee” This is a request from Fire Chief Jim Parrish for a Committee to evaluate International Property Management Code 2015 and recommend any necessary changes.”*
5. *To Clerk of New Philadelphia City Council Julie Courtright from Mike Kelly, President of Walter Drane Professional Codification Services, dated July 7, 2016. This is a letter, invoice and sample Ordinance for changes to the Codified Ordinance Books for 2016 along with 24 sets of 2016 replacement pages. The invoice and sample Ordinance were given to Council President Sam Hitchcock for Committee Assignment.*
6. *To Council and Administration from President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock, dated July 7, 2016. This is an invitation from the Tuscarawas County Chamber of Commerce to join Design Restoration for a Grand Opening and Open House of their*

New Philadelphia facility taking place July 14, 2016 from 11am to 3pm.

7. *To New Philadelphia City Council from Law Director Marvin Fete, dated July 7, 2016. This email was to inform Council that Channel 5 News, WEWS had requested an interview about the Tuscora Park swimming pool situation.*

8. *To New Philadelphia City Council and Administration from Auditor Beth Gundy, dated July 8, 2016. This is the City of New Philadelphia Statement of Cash Position with MTD as of June 30, 2016.*

9. *To Council and Administration from Auditor Beth Gundy, dated July 8, 2016, this is a Budget Report with Encumbrance Details as of June 30, 2016.*

10. *To President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock and Council Clerk Julie Courtright from Councilman John Zucal, dated July 10, 2016.*

Mr. Zucal wrote the following:

"I'm requesting an excused absence from the July 11th meeting of City Council because I will be out of town. Although absent from the meeting I would like to express my gratitude to Mr. Hitchcock and the First Town Days Committee for their efforts with this year's festival. Their contribution to making our community a better place is deeply appreciated. Lastly, my congratulations are extended to the stakeholders at Union Hospital on the opening of the new emergency room. We're blessed to have such great medical care accessible to us."

11. *To New Philadelphia City Council and Administration from Auditor Beth Gundy, dated July 8, 2016. The Auditor's Financial Statement for the Month of June 2016.*

12. *To New Philadelphia City Council and Administration from Income Tax Administrator Vicki Daniels, dated July 11, 2016. This is the June 2016 Report of Month End Tax Revenue by Year.*

13. *To New Philadelphia City Council and Administration from Mayor Joel Day, dated July 11, 2016. The Mayor's Report to Council.*

14. *To New Philadelphia City Council and Administration from Treasurer Tom Gerber, dated July 11, 2016. Investments and Savings Program for June 2016.*

Presentation by the New Philadelphia Rotary.....

President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock gave the following introduction:

I've been a proud Rotarian for probably about 18 years now starting while I was on the police department. Rotarians are normally businessmen but they accepted me into membership while I was on the police department as a public servant. Over these past 18 years I've been very proud to serve alongside these people who do wonderful things for the Community and I'm sure everyone is aware of some of the projects that Rotary has been involved in, specifically the many things that happen at Tuscora Park. The presentation tonight is going to be something about Tuscora Park. We have Rotarians among us tonight. We have the president Travis Albert, also Rich Geib, Tom Police and the past president Carey Gardner who's giving the presentation for us tonight. We also have my good friend and neighbor Joe Croft who has volunteered to help us with the project and oversee the construction when it comes to pass.

Carey Gardner gave the following presentation:

For many people the New Philadelphia Rotary Club is synonymous with Tuscora Park. Since the Rotary dedicated the Rotary Amphitheater more than 80 years ago the club has had a close working relationship with our City park. A little over 30 years ago the situation arose that the City was unable to obtain liability insurance. That threatened to keep the amusement rides at the park in mothballs for the summer. The New Philadelphia Rotary Club stepped in at that time with a solution and got the rides open just a few weeks late and kept them open and operating every since for the enjoyment of tens of thousands of people. That solution 30 years ago was the formation of RTY Incorporated. This is a not-for-profit organization governed by members of the New Philadelphia Rotary Club. RTY's operations now include, in addition to the rides, concessions, catering, the Park Place Teen Center, and the Summer Showcase Concerts at the amphitheater. As a result of this great partnership between the Rotary Club, the City's Park Board, the Park Director Rod Miller and his staff we enjoy the wonderful park we have today and I'm sure we'll all be enjoying well into the future. The future has been made more secure by RTY Inc. Since the Rotary Club established RTY we returned more than \$1 million dollars to the park in profits from rides and concessions. As a conduit for donations from community organizations, foundations, and individuals more than \$3 million in park improvements have come through RTY and resulted in

more rides, expanded playgrounds, The Park Place Teen Center, and many other structures and improvements within the park. The Rotary Club is nothing if not visionary. We look for opportunities to improve our City and then jump right in. Last year it was the creation of the Rotary Heritage Fund. As a result our downtown business district is better and brighter than ever, thanks to partnerships with The Quaker Cinema and Coffman Optical. More partnerships with other downtown business owners are in the works. Being visionary brings us to our presentation this evening. Our vision is all about water. Water is a compelling attraction wherever we find it. We love the lakes and rivers in our region. Many local families vacation at the ocean. At home we install ponds and fountains in our backyards. We love to see the water, hear the water, see the birds living at the water and we just like to relax in the water. Tuscora Park's largest feature is water. The park pond is surrounded by the picnic areas, amusement rides and playgrounds. Many family visits to the park include a walk around the pond to feed the ducks, tossing a fishing line, or just to stop and look. The water is a great attraction. Not so attractive though are some of the areas surrounding the pond. Between the rocks and the grass is a strip of gravel or dirt or mud, depending on the weather. During the day visitors come to the park and buy lunch at the concession stand or brown bag it, and do the best they can sitting on the grass or sitting on one of the two benches near the pond or just in their car looking out through the windshield. So, the Rotary Club has this vision, an idea to make the Tuscora Park Pond more accessible to visitors, a much nicer place to come and relax, feed the ducks or just be near the water. Our vision is The Tuscora Park Boardwalk.

This structure would be located along the pond between the Park Place Teen Center and the Tuscora Avenue Parking Lot Entrance. The Boardwalk would be 12 ft. across and 140 ft. from end to end. At the end there is the Teen Center. The Boardwalk would expand to include a 34 ft. by 34 ft. covered gazebo. While the deck would be open on the parking lot side, the long side facing the water and the ends would have decorative railing and there will be umbrella tables and chairs along the length of the Boardwalk. Decorative and functional lighting is also part of this design. The Boardwalk's steel structure will cantilever over the shoreline rocks giving us an unobstructed view of the water, adding to the attractive view from the deck and enhancing the feeling of being close to the water. The project would be completed with a 40 ft. lowered extension, a near lake level plaza with a stone floor would be accessible from the gazebo and from the area up the gravel path that surrounds the pond. The Rotary Club's vision is that the Boardwalk would be utilized by people of all ages. In the heat of the day the gazebo provides a shaded retreat. When evening approaches and the lights come on the Boardwalk would be a great place to enjoy your ice cream, cold drink, or your last hot dog of the day. The Boardwalk would be a great meeting point for community groups, elementary class visits, or wedding parties looking for a beautiful place to take pictures. The Rotary Club's vision has been designed by Brad Bower at MKC Architects. Joe Croft is the volunteer project manager and has received bids for the job and put together a construction budget and does have a few options. To help us get to this point the New Philadelphia Rotary Club is funding a site work by Diversified Engineering and the architect's drawings. That initial development cost has been \$5400. Fully realize that the budget for the Tuscora Park Boardwalk Project is \$182,000. The use of composite decking instead of wood would add about \$11,000 to the project cost. The City's Park Board has viewed and approved these plans and with the endorsement of City Council the Rotary Club will seek grants, donations of cash, donations of material, and in-kind services. RTY Inc., which is a 501C3 tax-exempt organization, will accept the donations and apply them to the project cost. When fundraising is successfully completed the Tuscora Park Boardwalk will be built either this fall or early next spring. The Rotary Club next year is going to be celebrating its centennial year. We'd like to see the Tuscora Park Boardwalk to mark our 100th anniversary of service above self, which is the Rotary's motto. As Mr. Hitchcock said, Travis Alberts is our Club President. Several other members are here, Joe Croft is here, and we would be glad to answer your questions.

Mrs. Ramos had the following question:

I have elderly parents and they love going the park and feeding the ducks. My parents along with other members of our elderly population are mobility impaired. Is there going to be a way to come from the parking lot to the Boardwalk area that would be safe for a wheelchair or people with mobility impairments to get down to the Boardwalk.

Mr. Joe Croft had the following reply:

The Boardwalk is open from the parking lot side. It's level across there and there will be strips every so often. We want to maintain some of the grass between there, the trees that are there, trying to maintain as much of that as we can. The gazebo is actually designed so that there's a walkway from the Park Place Teen Center and it's very accessible for people in wheelchairs.

Mayor Day had the following question:

The composite decking makes more sense, doesn't it?

Mr. Croft had the following response:

I like lead myself, I really do. From a maintenance standpoint if you go to a higher end composite it does make more sense.

Law Director Fete had the following question:

Do you have any thoughts of going all the way around?

President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock had the following response:

This has taken about 3 years from the original idea to get to where we are today. We're not asking the City for any money, we're just asking for Council's blessings on fundraising activities so we can add something to a park that is already a beautiful venue and make it a little bit more user friendly for people who want to enjoy it and be a little bit closer to the lake.

ROLL CALL ON APPROVAL OF THIS PROJECT BY ROTARY

6 YEAS

COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THE ROTARY'S TUSCORA PARK BOARDWALK PROJECT

Administrative Reports.....

MAYOR'S REPORT/REQUESTSMAYOR JOEL B. DAY

The Mayor reported the following:

➤ **The Tuscora Park Boardwalk Project**

Thank you, Council for giving your blessing to the Boardwalk Project. It will be a huge asset to Tuscora Park and it's something new. That's always good.

➤ **Dedication of the new Lauren Emergency Medical Center at Union Hospital**

(The ribbon cutting ceremony was at 3 pm) This afternoon I presented a mayoral proclamation to Union Hospital at the ribbon-cutting ceremony that officially opened the new Lauren Emergency Center. We are truly blessed to have such a fine emergency medical facility serving the residents of our community. Even though he is no longer with us, Dale Foland's legacy continues to improve the lives of others and fulfill a need in our community.

➤ **Another Successful Downtown Second Saturday Event**

Measured by the attendance and enthusiasm of the crowd, I would say the New Philadelphia Business and Community Association had another successful Second Saturday event over the weekend. The history theme seemed to be a big hit. It reminded us of the vibrant downtown we grew up with and how it's time to bring it back.

➤ **Congratulations to the First Town Days Festival Committee**

Thank you and congratulations go out to the First Town Days Festival Committee for another fun-filled festival weekend. The fact that this was the 39th annual festival is a testament to the commitment of the committee members to bring our community together each year to celebrate Tuscora Park and living in New Philadelphia. And I would like to thank all the area businesses who sponsor festival events. Your support is vital to the success of the festival

➤ **Tuscora Park Carousel Receives a National Award**

This past Thursday I had the honor of attending the presentation of a Historic Carousel Award to Tuscora Park and RTY, Inc. for the restoration and preservation of the 1928 Spillman Engineering carousel. Director Patrick Wentzel of the National Carousel Association came from Parkersburg West Virginia to present the award. He praised RTY for its commitment to keep the carousel as the centerpiece attraction at Tuscora Park.

➤ **Finance Committee Assignment of Pay Increases for City Non-Bargaining Personnel and Elected Officials**

Mr. President, I request that you assign to the Finance Committee the budgeted three-percent wage increases for the city's non-bargaining department heads and supervisory personnel and elected officials. Now that the bargaining units' contracts have been approved, it's time to turn our attention to the people who supervise and direct the city's workers.

➤ **Updates on the Foreclosures of the Eagle Gas Station and the home at 368 4th Street NW**

The Tuscarawas County Prosecutor's office has filed formal foreclosure complaints against the owner of the former Eagle gas station on South Broadway and the owner of the house at 368 4th Street NW. The Prosecutor's office informed me that it may take 4 to 6 months before both properties come up for a Sheriff's sale.

➤ **City Police Detectives are Available to Talk with Business Owners and Their Staffs About Safety**

Last Thursday NPPD detectives Chaz Willet and Shawn Nelson gave a very informative and eye-opening presentation about crime and safety to members of the New Philadelphia Business and Community Association. I would urge all business owners to invite detectives Willet and Nelson to give similar presentations to employees, so they are aware of the types of crimes being committed and how to prevent them. It's important to remember that our safety forces have committed their lives to protect and serve us. Ask for their help. As a community, we must all look after each other.

**President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock asked Mr. Lautenschleger to take the Mayor's request for the 3 percent non-bargaining into the Finance Committee.*

SERVICE DIRECTORMR. RON MCABIER

Mr. McAbier had the following report:

- I'd like to thank publicly all the departments for the success of First Town Days. The Water Department for putting their services out there to all vendors, the Street Department, the Sanitation Department for handling the trash, we also had the Traffic Department. The parade route was all patched and junk piles were removed. A lot of work was done there.
- Paving started today on South Broadway. Mr. President, I'd like to yield some of my time to introduce Mike Scolati, the Building and Code Administrator. I'd like to have him talk for a couple minutes.

Mr. Scolati had the following report:

Most of you know me and have seen me around City Hall. If you haven't met me I'd like to invite you upstairs to the mapping office. Right now, Mr. McAbier brought me in we're looking to update City Ordinances and I need your input. I already met with Mr. Holland. We already rewrote the high grass Ordinance which will be in effect for next Spring. We're trying to streamline some things and get things done quicker when residents call with a problem. Any ideas are welcome. Please give me everything you can give me.

**President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock asked Mr. McAbier to please pass on to the workers in the Service Department his thanks for keeping everything in order at Tuscora Park during the First Town Days Festival. Mr. Hitchcock also thanked Mayor Day for his cooperation in opening the festival. Mr. Hitchcock said Without the valuable city services a festival the size of First Town Days would not be able to happen.*

AUDITORMS. BETH GUNDY

Ms. Gundy had the following report:

- Two representatives from Rea and Associates will be here next Council meeting at 7:30.

SAFETY DIRECTORGREG POPHAM

Mr. Popham had the following report:

- I too would like to echo your sentiment and commend the city employees, Safety and Service. Like Sam said without everyone pulling together we wouldn't be able to pull off the First Town Days Festival. I would also like to remind everyone that if you would like

to watch the progress of the building of the new fire station it's www.newphiladelphiafire and there's a live link that allows you to watch the progress as it takes place.

TREASURER MR. TOM GERBER.....NO REPORT

LAW DIRECTOR MR. MARVIN FETE

Mr. Fete had the following report:

➤ I recently had a phone conference with Attorney David Hipp regarding the Mayor's Proposal to transfer some real estate for a museum to the City of New Philadelphia. He had some concerns and I'm researching it now that municipalities aren't allowed to transfer land to anyone outside of another government entity without putting it up for bid. I'm looking into that and finding out whether or not that's the case or if there's a loophole for charitable contributions for something that's already going to benefit the City as it is in this case. That's something I'm looking at right now. The other project I'm working on you probably read in the paper or on tv, but I had a very nice conversation with Mr. Tiara Thomas who called me last Friday. The Mayor, myself, and our HR person are going to be meeting with Mr. Thomas and his wife to get their input with regards to what happened at Tuscora Park on June 18th. They're willing to go on the record, be recorded and submit written statements identical to what our other two witnesses did. Once that's done I'll make an evaluation, make a full report and recommendation to the Mayor.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION.....MAYOR JOEL DAY

The Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, July 12 at 1pm in Council Chambers. We have a full slate on our agenda.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.....MR. RON MCABIER

The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet Tuesday, July 12 at 5p in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT COMMISSION.....MR. JOHN ZUCAL

The Airport Commission will meet Tuesday July 12th at 6pm at the Airport Meeting Room at Harry Clever Field.

PARK BOARD.....MR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

The Park Board will meet on Wednesday, July 20 at Noon at the Tuscora Park Pavillion

HEALTH BOARD..... MR. KELLY RICKLIC

The Health Board will meet Wednesday, July 13 at Noon in the Health Department

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEEMR. DARRIN LAUTENSCHLEGER

Mr. Lautenschleger had the following report:

The Finance Committee is scheduled to meet on July 25, 2016 at 6:45pm here in Council Chambers. We have two items now, one will be the request placed in the Committee this evening for pay increases that were approved in the budget for this year for non-bargaining personnel. The second item will be to discuss the request from the Fire Department for purchase of a new Fire Tanker Truck. The most recent budget meeting that I attend on behalf of Council which also includes the Mayor, Auditor, Service Director, and Fire Chief was held last week. We had a few items we discussed. Overall the Auditor reported that she's pleased with the current budget status. There are no major areas of concern at this point regarding expenditures including such things as overtime, services, all of those types of things. There are a couple things that she did report on. One is that the Service Director and Mayor are looking at potential for installing our own tanks at more than one location for fuel as a cost saving measure. They are weighing that to determine if that's something worthwhile. Some State Highway Funds that were awarded to the City cannot be used for some of our City paving. Also, the current procedure of preparing for the 2017 Budget is actually underway right now. Department heads have been requested that they provide their initial budgets for 2017 by the end of July. The Administration will start to review those,

start making some recommendations. So, what I want to alert you to is that the Budget process for the 2017 Budget will actually take place earlier than usual. We'll start doing that in the fall of 2016 with the hopes that we'll have a budget ready to go by January 1, 2017. In addition the Fire Chief prepared some information that he distributed that day. I want to give a copy to each member of Council. Basically what you'll find is a summary of the new station construction contracts which total a little over \$4 million which have been reported on to you before. Second sheet will include a calendar which is extremely helpful. Obviously as Chief Parrish would probably tell all of us, please do not hold the one you have in your hand today as the end-all-be-all. As we would anticipate there may be changes, but if this schedule would stay intact as it stands here as dated June 27, 2016, by the end of May the staff would be preparing for a June move of 2017 or basically in 11 months into the new Fire Station which is under construction. On your third sheet in the packet I handed out there's a current audit process or basically your statement of expenses today, what's been budgeted, where it's going to go, and some tracking on that. I want to thank Chief Parrish for preparing this, it actually is a nice synopsis. He'll be attending regular monthly meetings of the budget group and providing updates. These things are helpful and so you want to probably stash these away and we'll watch the progress. Especially the calendar, I'm very interested in construction projects and how they stay on schedule, sometimes don't. This contractor has been very aggressive right from the start and I'm really excited to see this underway.

SALARY COMMITTEEMR. JOHN ZUCAL.....EXCUSED ABSENSE

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.....MR. DEAN HOLLAND

Mr. Holland had the following report:

The Public Works and Economic Development Committee met this evening at 6:03 in Council Chambers. The purpose was to review Resolution 30-2016. The General Services Director Mr. McAbier explained the program and costs related to the construction under this Resolution. The City will be partnering with the City school system on a 50/50 basis. The maximum exposure for the City is approximately \$15,000 which may be offset by local grants. Mr. Ricklic made the motion to forward the Resolution to full Council for consideration and place on tonight's agenda. The motion passed and we concluded at 6:10pm.

SAFETY HEALTH & SERVICE COMMITTEE.....MR. ROB MAURER.....NO REPORT

**President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock asked Mr. Maurer to evaluate the Ordinance in his Committee for the Ohio Fire Code.*

ZONING & ANNEXATION COMMITTEEMRS. CHERYL RAMOS

Mrs. Ramos had the following report:

The Committee met tonight to discuss proposed Ordinance 9-2016 and we had a discussion about that. This is concerning the medical marijuana cultivated processors and retail dispensaries in the City. Since this is a zoning change we have to take this to the Planning Commission to have that approved. It will then come back to City Council for 3 readings. Because again it is a zoning change there has to be a Public Hearing and the public has to be notified 30 days in advance of that Public Hearing which I anticipate to be held at the 3rd Reading. Just a reminder too there is a Public Hearing on August 8, 2016 to rezone 233 Fair Avenue from residential to business. Those notices have been sent out.

Mr. Holland had the following question:

Is there a time constraint in that whether this Resolution or action taken by City Council must take place prior to the new statutes come into effect?

Mrs. Ramos had the following response:

I don't think so. The new statute comes into effect September 8, 2016 so we're not confined because we're committed under House Bill 523 to do this, correct?

SPECIAL & CONTACT COMMITTEEMR KELLY RICKLIC

Mr. Ricklic had the following report:

The Special and Contact Committee met tonight at 6:30 in Council Chambers to discuss the recommendation of hangar space at Harry Clever Field. Mr. Don Kennedy spoke on the history and the proposal. The biggest thing I noticed was in 2007 the FAA gave money for the pad. The pad is still sitting there. His recommendation is to build a 12 hangar storage facility on that space. Mr. Bauer also spoke in favor of it. The 30 percent increase of activity would be enormous

to that size of an airport. Mr. Kennedy also noted that 7 owners of airplanes have shown interest in relocating or locating their planes in New Philadelphia's airport which is approximately \$200 per month per person to pay the loan for this facility. There currently is about \$70,000 which has been verified with Mrs. Gundy. A motion was made to send a Resolution to full Council to allow the Administration to look at bids for that hangar and to see if it is budgetary for the project that goes with that. Mrs. May made a motion, Mrs. Ramos seconded it. It passed 3-0. We did table the matter that was brought to us about renaming McDonald Dr. SW to Garland Drive. I will renotify Mrs. Riffle about that.

**President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock asked Mr. Ricklic to take into his Committee the request from the Walter Drane Company to approve adopting the current replacement pages to the Codified Ordinance book.*

PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEEMRS. AIMEE MAY

Mrs. May had the following report:

The Cemetery Board will meet this Thursday, July 14 at 9am in the Service Director's Conference Room.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

Director of the New Philadelphia Business and Community Association Julie Levensgood Stephon made the following comment:

We had our Second Saturday last Saturday, it was the second one in the series. A lot of new faces. Very nice sized crowd. Food vendors and Gavins reported great sales. Actually one of our food vendors sold out and had to leave early. So, we were very please. We're getting a lot of clients and we're gearing up for our 3rd and final Second Saturday which will be on August 13th. We're going back to the Art Walk theme, but this last History Walk was very well received. The courthouse was gracious enough to open their doors to allow people to look at the murals and they brought down the heads. There was actually a line to get in there at one point so it was just very well received. It was a gorgeous evening and that always helps as well. In speaking of history, coming up at the end of this month is the 61st Annual Sidewalk Sales Downtown. You might think, okay that's just sales but 61 years is a long time. It's another of our community events. You have activities going on on the square. We're inviting people down to the square on their lunch hour Thursday and Friday we'll have some live music, weather permitting. It's another great opportunity to come out and enjoy our downtown area. I wanted to take a minute to direct to Mr. McAbier. You touched on earlier our General Services and I have to say anytime I call Ray Grewell he is always very accommodating and very helpful. Second Saturday can't happen without our City workers. From the sanitation to the guys coming out and closing the roads down and opening them back up in a timely manner. They're always so wonderful. Anything I need Ray said just call him, and as an organization and speaking as myself personally, please extend our gratitude. The downtown is looking great

and part of that is from some community service workers. We have a program going on with the probation department. Last month we had over 40 man hours of cleaning downtown. Sometimes you might not notice it but they're down there sweeping , pulling weeds, picking up cigarette butts. I know when you have large crowds coming downtown they're going to notice things like that.

**President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock thanked Mrs. Levensgood for all her hard work and said on behalf of the First Town Days Committee he would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Levensgood for their sponsorship of the printing of the program book for the City/ County Softball Game.*

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. Holland made the following comment:

Last Thursday I had an opportunity to ride with a patrol officer in the police department. I just wanted to comment on what I observed. For the most part the shift was uneventful. Very little happened. I had an opportunity to share a great deal of discussion about everything under the sun. I really enjoyed the opportunity to speak with the patrol officer. Toward the end of the shift there was a call that went out for an actual real bad guy. He attempted to flee. He was apprehended quickly. The thing that I observed was the high degree of professionalism and courtesy and grace that was extended to the man that they arrested. I, for one, am very proud of what I observed in the police department and I think our community ought to be proud, especially in light of all the circumstances that have been happening across our nation. We've got a police department that we ought to be proud of. The second item I wanted to discuss, and unfortunately I didn't get to comment before Travis left. Travis Alberts has been selected as the new Chief Operating Officer for New Philadelphia Schools. I just wanted to congratulate him and recognize him. He's been very active in the community and the downtown business

district and the beautification project and he is presently the President of the New Philadelphia Rotary.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCES:

7-2016 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO PERMANENTLY REZONE 233 FAIR AVENUE FROM RESIDENTIAL TO CENTRAL BUSINESS.
3rd Reading

8-2016 AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO MODIFY CHAPTER 313.01 TO ADDRESS DRIVING UPON PRIVATE PROPERTY TO AVOID TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES.
1st Reading

RESOLUTIONS:

30-2016 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA TO EXECUTE AND FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE CLEAN OHIO TRAILS FUND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE CRIDER AVENUE NATUREWORKS.
1st Reading

32-2016 A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO APPROVING AND SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF U.S. BICYCLE ROUTE 50 THROUGH THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO.
2nd Reading

UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MR. MAURER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:26 PM

CLERK OF COUNCIL _____
Julie Courtright

APPROVED _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL _____
Sam R. Hitchcock