REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026 – 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

President Jim Fodor called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM. City Council convened for a regular meeting in Council Chambers – Courtroom #1.

ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE

Councilpersons Derrick Abney, Lori DiNallo, Jim Fodor, Paul Hach, and Christine Shoop were present. Nick Augustine was not able to attend. Mario Rodriguez arrived at 7:17 PM.

Other City Staff in attendance: City Manager Doug Lewis, Law Director Jim Lyons, Fire Chief Tom Hummel, Police Chief Dan Waterman, Recreation & Public Lands Director Michelle LaPuma, Economic Development Director Susan Crotty, and Clerk of Council Samantha Danielson.

APPROVE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED: AMENDED

Mrs. Shoop made a motion to amend the agenda to remove Item #2 Ordinance from the agenda, seconded by Mr. Hach.

All Council members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried.

Mr. Fodor asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda.

Mrs. Shoop made a motion to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Mr. Hach.

All Council members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried. Amended agenda approved.

INVOCATION was given by Councilperson Christine Shoop.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited.

MINUTES: Regular Meeting 05.18.26

Mr. Fodor asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on May 18, 2026.

Mrs. DiNallo moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on May 18, 2026, seconded by Mrs. Shoop. All Council members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried. Minutes approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Terry Feichtenbiner addressed Council on behalf of the Grand River Railway, of which he identified himself as one of two owners. He clarified that the railroad is not in, nor has it ever filed for, bankruptcy. He informed Council that the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) had opened a 60-day window on April 22 for Ohio short-line railroads to apply for a CRISI Grant — Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements — with a submission deadline of June 22, 2026. Mr. Feichtenbiner requested that Council provide a letter of support to accompany the grant application, noting that demonstrated community support carries weight in the FRA's vetting process. He emphasized that no financial contribution was being sought, only a letter. He distributed a sample letter to Council that could be included in the application to the FRA. He provided background on the railroad's history, noting it was purchased from CSX in 2015 for $1.65 million in cash, and that $1.3 million of the railroad's own funds had been invested in roadbed improvements. The only external funding received to date was from the Ohio Department of Transportation for installation of crossing signals. President Fodor inquired about the deadline for receiving the letter. It was confirmed June 22 as the deadline, suggesting that receiving the letter by approximately June 15, before the June 16 Council meeting, would be sufficient. President Fodor indicated that City's Law Director Mr. Lyons and City Manager Mr. Lewis would review the request and will follow up with him directly. The letter could be delivered electronically; Mr. Feichtenbiner confirmed a scanned PDF via email would be acceptable. In response to Council and Mr. Lyons' questions, Mr. Feichtenbiner described the railroad's current customers — primarily Osborne and Colville/Best Sand out of Chardon — and explained that the specialized sand product is engineered for high-end golf courses and shipped nationally and internationally. It was asked whether the Village of Grand River had been approached for a letter of support. He confirmed he had already made a request to that effect. He noted the railroad operates 2.56 miles of track and functions as a short-line railroad interfacing with CSX. When asked about Painesville-addressed customers, he acknowledged there are currently none with a Painesville address, though the railroad pays local taxes. It was agreed that he would send a copy of the CRISI

grant application to the City Manager so Council could understand the scope of what was being requested. He clarified, however, that the current CRISI grant is strictly for safety and infrastructure continuity. President Fodor thanked the speaker and confirmed that staff would be in touch.

Mr. Rodriguez arrived at the meeting at 7:17 PM.

COMMITTEE REPORT: Fairport Senior Board, Finance Committee

Fairport Senior Board

Mrs. Shoop reported on the following items for this committee which was held on May 8, 2026. She first relayed a written response from Director Cristiano regarding the use of the $25,000 appropriation previously provided by Painesville City Council. Director Cristiano reported that in 2025, the Fairport Senior Center launched complimentary healthy joint classes designed to enhance participants' balance, strength, core, and bone health, covering the cost of the instructor. Additionally, the center also offers free computer, cell phone, and tablet assistance two Saturdays per month. Demand for these sessions is high, frequently reaching full capacity. Additionally, complimentary pickleball lessons are offered every Thursday. The director noted continuous growth in membership and daily attendance, and extended the center's gratitude to Painesville City Council for their support. Mrs. Shoop then presented notes from the May 8th Senior Board meeting. The March minutes and the treasurer's financial report were both approved. A notable highlight was the Riverview Project — an effort to clear the area behind the center to restore a view of the river. Trees were cut or trimmed, and 26 Fairport High School students performed the weeding and all surrounding maintenance work. Mrs. Shoop reported that the $25,500 donation from the Painesville Senior Board would be hand-delivered to the Fairport Finance Director for deposit. The property adjacent to the senior center was noted to have gone up for auction on May 18, 2026; no one at the meeting had information on whether Fairport Harbor was interested in acquiring it. The board also approved funds for additional picnic tables for the rear courtyard, now that the Riverview Project is complete, and moving the exterior senior center sign to a more visible location was approved. Having no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

Finance Committee

Mrs. Shoop reported on the following items for this committee which was held on May 26, 2026: The committee discussed and reviewed the 2025 year-end and 2026 year-to-date finances. All major funds were reported to be in good financial shape. After transfers, the City is approximately $4,000,000 ahead of the same period last year. The general fund is on track for the remainder of 2026. A caution was raised that as large construction projects wind down, income tax revenues for 2027 are expected to decline. This caution was communicated to staff for consideration in the 2027 budget planning process. A potential increase in interest rates was also noted as a factor to monitor. Finance Director Bill Parkinson provided an update on the transition to SSI (Software Solutions, Inc.), which is to replace the city's current financial software. The contract has been signed, and the Finance Department is ready to begin work on the project. The estimated timeline for completion is 12 to 18 months. The committee received an update on the 2027 budget calendar, which is on schedule. The first two tasks have been completed and staff is moving forward. The committee also received an update on the staff exempt/non-exempt review and comp time hours. Job descriptions are currently in the City Manager's hands for review to determine exempt or non-exempt status under applicable law. The next step will be an HR review with the expertise of Jeremy Iosue's. The committee was told that a system is now in place to obtain a snapshot of all employees' comp-time status and that the comp-time policy is being enforced. Finally, the committee received an update on the amphitheater's flex comp time policies and reviewed a proposed concert support policy for non-union employees working events. The committee also discussed staffing projections, future retirements, and succession planning. It was noted that support staff have been reluctant to provide personal details regarding retirement timelines. Having no further business to discuss, the committee adjourned the meeting.

LEGISLATION:

ITEM #1 ORDINANCE

***1st Reading* – An Ordinance amending Section 167.07 of the Painesville Code of 1998 relating to the Classification and Compensation Plan reclassing the City Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

City Manager Doug Lewis spoke on this piece of legislation. He explained that the ordinance authorizes the reclassification of the City Engineer position from Grade 23 to Grade 25. He stated that the reclassification would take effect upon passage and that the administration believes the adjustment is both appropriate and affordable. He requested that Council suspend the three-reading rule and adopt the legislation the same evening.

Mrs. DiNallo moved to suspend, seconded by Mrs. Shoop.

On roll call, Mr. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, Mrs. DiNallo, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Rodriguez moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Hach.

On roll call, Mr. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, Mrs. DiNallo, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE 15-26 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #2 ORDINANCE – REMOVED

***1st Reading* – An Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of not to exceed $9,500,000 of Notes, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of paying the costs of the acquisition of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and the design, engineering, and installation of BESS related to electric power generation, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto and related site improvements therefor, and declaring an emergency.**

This item was removed from the agenda at the start of the meeting by a vote of Council.

ITEM #3 RESOLUTION

***1st Reading* – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to apply for and accept funding from the FEMA S.A.F.E.R. Grant, for the purpose of hiring additional fire personnel, and declaring an emergency.**

Fire Chief Tom Hummel spoke on this piece of legislation. He explained he received notification that FEMA had opened the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant application window. The application period runs from May 19 through June 22, 2026. The grant would fund three additional firefighters, which would increase daily available staffing from six to seven personnel per shift. This would help with their workload, help with overtime, and help with the wear and tear on the personnel. He noted that since moving to 8-person shifts, responses have doubled with no increase in personnel. The grant structure mirrors the prior year's terms: 75% federal funding in Years 1 and 2, and 25% in Year 3. The City's cost for three firefighters would be approximately $86,000 in Year 1, $90,000 in Year 2, and $247,000 in Year 3 — less than the cost of a single firefighter for the first two years. With respect to writing the application, the Chief noted that the department has engaged Lexipol, a firm with specific experience in successfully writing and winning SAFER grants, rather than McCauley and Company, which the department has used previously for general grants. He explained that SAFER is an extremely competitive grant with an anticipated 110 awards out of thousands of applications, and that using a firm with a track record of SAFER awards specifically was an intentional strategic decision. The cost of the grant writer was already budgeted within his department's budget. He also noted that PPE, uniforms, and turnout gear are budgeted from levy funds, with no impact to the general fund. Mrs. DiNallo asked whether there is adequate space in the fire station to house the additional personnel. The Chief confirmed that the station can accommodate up to 10 sleeping positions and that due to Kelly days, vacation, and holidays, the full occupancy is never present simultaneously. Mrs. DiNallo also asked why the department was not using its standing grant-writing agency (McCauley and Company) for this application. The Chief and the City Manager both explained that while McCauley performs excellent general grant writing, SAFER is a uniquely complex and competitive federal grant that benefits from specialists with demonstrated success in that specific program. Mr. Lewis added that they specifically sought a firm that has written SAFER applications and received awards for other communities. Chief Hummel requested that Council suspend the three-reading rule due to the grant's deadline.

Mr. Hach moved to suspend, seconded by Mrs. Shoop.

On roll call, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, Mrs. DiNallo, Mr. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Hach moved to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Shoop.

On roll call, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, Mrs. DiNallo, Mr. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION 33-26 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #4 RESOLUTION

***1st Reading* – A Resolution authorizing the payment of a specific invoice with "Then and Now" Certificates, and declaring an emergency.**

City Manager Doug Lewis spoke on this piece of legislation. He noted that this addressed two separate then-and-now certificates. The first involved the fire department's contract with a

vendor for the maintenance and repair of EMS cots and cot load systems. Historically this contract has been initiated in July; however, this year both the contract and the associated invoice were dated May 1, 2026, in the amount of $18,182.50. The contract was budgeted for, but the fire department failed to initiate the required purchase order. The second then-and-now involved Leppo Rentals for parts and supplies purchased for the sidewalk plows without a purchase order, in the amount of $2,914.60. The City Manager requested Council authorize both payments with the then-and-now certificates so to move forward with final payment.

Mrs. Shoop moved to suspend, seconded by Mr. Hach.

On roll call, Mr. Abney, Mrs. DiNallo, Mr. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried.

Mrs. Shoop moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Hach.

On roll call, Mr. Abney, Mrs. DiNallo, Mr. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION 34-26 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #5 RESOLUTION

***1st Reading* – A Resolution adopting the 2027 Tax Budget for the City of Painesville, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.**

City Manager Doug Lewis spoke on this piece of legislation. He explained that this is an annual requirement under Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.28. The County Budget Commission — comprised of the County Auditor, County Treasurer, and County Prosecutor — is responsible for verifying that tax levies are properly authorized and allocated to local governments and libraries, and requires taxing authorities to submit supporting information, accordingly, including dividing the rates of each of the subdivision's or taxing unit's tax levies. The tax budget will be filed with the county on the next business day following the July Council meeting. Mr. Lewis noted this resolution must go through three readings, as a public hearing is required 15 minutes prior to the start of the July 20, 2026 Council meeting. Council President Fodor reminded the public that in July, only one Council meeting is held, noting it falls on July 20.

This will go to second reading.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Appointment of Parks and Recreation Commission New Member; Skate Park Update

Appointment of Parks and Recreation Commission New Member

Mrs. Shoop explained that a vacancy arose in December 2025 when Commission Member Brianna Tavares relocated outside of the city limits, rendering her ineligible to continue serving. The vacancy was advertised on the City's website during March and April 2026, several resumes were received, and interviews were conducted beginning April 29, 2026.

Mrs. Shoop made a motion to appoint Jacob Thomas to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a 3-year term beginning June 1, 2026 to June 1, 2029, seconded by Mrs. DiNallo.

On roll call, Mr. Abney, Mrs. DiNallo, Mr. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried.

Skate Park Update

City Manager Doug Lewis gave an update on the Skate Park project. He outlined the funding sources assembled for the project: An Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) grant contributed $237,000 for construction. Lake County Commissioners committed $100,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. The City of Painesville budgeted $125,000 from the general fund for design and construction. PCIC committed $30,000 for construction. The Painesville Skateboard Association contributed $14,000 for concept plan development and an additional $5,400 for construction. The total available funding stands at $561,000 of which $497,000 remains available specifically for construction after accounting for design, engineering, and concept plan expenditures. The City Manager reviewed the project timeline. A Request for Qualifications for design and engineering firms was issued in July 2025, and the contract was awarded to Grindline Skate Parks in September 2025. From September 2025 through March 2026, Grindline completed the design and engineering for Phase 1. Legislation to authorize the bidding and award of the skate park contract was passed in April 2026. Bids were received in April and the award was made in late May 2026. Construction is anticipated to begin early-to mid-August 2026, with an expected completion date of November 2026 at Morse Avenue. Four bids were received; Catamount Skate Parks Inc. of Vermont submitted the lowest base bid of $424,074.00 with an alternate addition bringing the total to $514,236. Given the available $497,000 and the need to allow

for potential change orders, the base bid was awarded to Catamount Skate Parks, and a preconstruction meeting will be scheduled in the near future. He described the Phase 1 elements, which include a 10-foot bowl, various curbs and ledges, a flat rail and handrail, and kicker and jump ramps — a range of features designed to serve both novice and experienced skaters. During discussion, it was asked whether the construction timeline was standard or accelerated. Mr. Lewis confirmed it is somewhat accelerated, noting that ARPA funding from Lake County and the ODNR grant both carry year-end deadlines, having already obtained one extension. He added that the bidders were aware of the timeline when they submitted their proposals, and noted the convenient proximity of a concrete supplier within half a mile of the project site. Mrs. Shoop inquired about liability, and Mr. Lewis confirmed that appropriate signage will be posted indicating that users assume personal risk. It was also noted that the City has applied for state capital funding to develop pickleball courts, a zip line, an amphitheater speaker system, and a shelter at Recreation Park — potentially at the site of the former skate park. Mr. Rodriguez asked whether the new facility would be or has officially been named. The City Manager stated that the naming will come back before Council.

CONTRIBUTORS TO PAINESVILLE SKATEPARK

Ohio Department of Natural Resources:	**$237,500 – Construction**
Lake County Commissioners	**$150,000 – Construction**
City of Painesville	**$125,000 – Design and Construction**
PCIC	**$30,000 – Construction**
Painesville Skateboard Association/PCIC:	**$14,000 – Concept Plan Development**
	$5,400 – Construction

Total Available Funding: $561,900
Total Construction Funding: $497,900

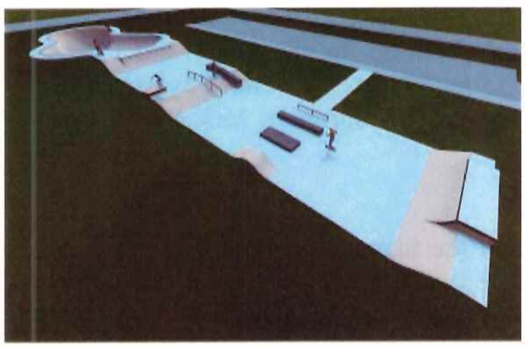
TIMELINE FOR PAINESVILLE SKATE PARK

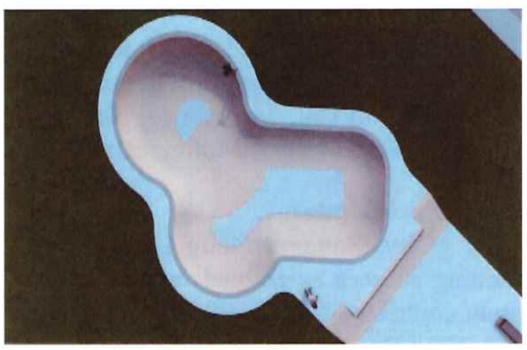
Request RFQ for Design and Engineering Services	July, 2025
-- Awarded to Grindline Skateparks	September, 2025
Design and Engineering	September, 2025 – March, 2026
Legislation to Bid and Award Skatepark	April, 2026
Bid Project	April, 2026
Award Project	May, 2026
Anticipated Start	August, 2026
Completion	November, 2026

The base bid estimate is $499,243.22 and the Alternate Bid estimate is $107,901.81

Company	Base Bid	Alt. Add	Total
Catamount Skateparks Inc.	**$424,674.00**	**$89,562.00**	**$514,236.00**
TFR Construction	**$485,150.50**	**$103,848.50**	
Grindline Skateparks, Inc.	**$499,343.12**	**$99,496.27**	
Spohn Ranch, Inc.	**$628,865.00**	**$99462.00**	

Phase 1 has a variety of obstacles for both the novice and beginners from a 10-foot bowl, various curb and ledges, a flatrail and a handrail, and kicker and jump ramps.









DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATIONS: Public Lands and Recreation

Recreation & Public Lands Director Michelle LaPuma presented an overview of the Parks and Cemeteries Division, focusing on staff and operations. She provided the mission statement of the department and introduced the division's supervisory team: Stephen Hubbell, Brian Lambo, and Jesse Kuhns. The division includes 3 supervisors, 10 maintenance workers, and a mechanic. She outlined cemetery operations at Riverside and Evergreen Cemeteries, including mowing, string trimming, headstone foundation work with over 100 foundations installed per year, and approximately 200 burials and cremations per year. She also described the breadth of park maintenance responsibilities across 12 City parks and additional City properties, including ball diamond upkeep, playground safety inspections, dog park maintenance, splash pad cleaning, maintenance of play structures and swing sets, and floral installations throughout the season. She also outlined their assistance with a wide range of community events and winter responsibilities include clearing city sidewalks and the downtown business district. The Painesville City's Grand Amphitheater will now also fall under the division's maintenance responsibilities. Council expressed appreciation for the division's work and the overall appearance of the City's parks. Discussion touched on the dog park — noted as well-maintained and in regular use — cemetery operations, headstone approval procedures, and the potential for a future fundraiser to add benches to the dog park. See slide presentation.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Law Director and City Manager

Law Director Jim Lyons had no report at this time.

City Manager Doug Lewis reported on the following items: On May 22, 2026, he attended the ribbon cutting and grand opening of the TownPlace Suites by Marriott, located off Brookstone Boulevard behind Home Depot. He extended congratulations to Aash and his partners at Sunrise Hospitality and to Lakeland Construction, praising both the quality of the construction and the amenities within the facility; Several Council Members and City staff attended the ribbon cutting for EZ Go Ship N Print on Richmond Street, adjacent to Ready Go. Mr. Lewis welcomed the new business to Painesville and noted that residents would no longer need to travel to Mentor to ship packages; He recently toured the Grand River Walk Development with the Marous team. The project is progressing and occupancy is anticipated sometime in October 2026. Prospective tenants may visit the project's website, where leasing for various units has begun; The opening day of the Farmer's Market occurred the prior week and was reported to have gone very well, with thanks extended to Justin Golin and Michelle LaPuma and her team; Mr. Lewis announced that the City is transitioning from Republic Services to Major Waste for refuse and recycling collection. The new service will begin on Monday, June 29, 2026. Major Waste will begin delivering refuse and recycling containers to residents starting June 15, 2026. Residents are asked to leave their Republic Services containers at the curb following the final Republic pickup during the week of June 22–26, 2026, as Republic will make one pass through to collect those containers. Information on the transition will be posted to the City's website and in the News Herald; He announced that Jesse Gao began her internship with the City of Painesville that day. She will be working with Community Development, Parks and Recreation, and in the City Manager's office. An introduction to City Council is planned for the next Council meeting on June 15, 2026; The final seating blocks were installed that day at the amphitheater. He reported that the amphitheater is anticipated to be completed by Friday, June 17, 2026. Due to the construction delay, the early portion of the summer concert schedule has been adjusted: the concerts originally scheduled for June 17 and June 24 will now take place at the gazebo in the square, before the series moves to the Painesville City's Grand Amphitheater in July. The first concert at the amphitheater will be on July 1, featuring Rumors, a Fleetwood Mac tribute band. July 17 will feature Revolutionary Pie, a Beatles tribute band, and July 24 will feature the Chardon Polka Band at the gazebo; Mr. Lewis advised that to accommodate the installation of HVAC units at Victoria Place, several short-term road closures were planned. South Park Place on the west side of the square was closed from 7:00 to 10:00 AM that day, after which the closure was repositioned to Main Street between St. Clair Street and Park Place. That closure will remain in effect through Thursday, June 4, 2026. On Friday, June 5, a short segment of South St. Clair Street will be closed from 6:00 AM to 3:00 PM, with sidewalk access to F.A.T.S. remaining open and vehicles retaining access to Dollar Bank, though the drive-through will not be accessible; It was reported that the electric distribution tree crew completed the removal of trees from Main Street the prior week, noting the crew completed all removals from 7:00 to approximately 8:30 AM. He commended their efficiency and acknowledged Parks and Recreation staff who subsequently cleaned the street and removed remaining debris. Parks and Cemeteries staff will be removing stumps and planting replacement trees the following week, and affected businesses will be notified accordingly; The City received notice that they needed to order the batteries by June 15, 2026 for the BESS Project in order to move the project forward. He explained the reason Ordinance Item #2 was removed from the agenda. After working with the City's attorneys, it was determined that the full $27,000,000 grant is available for the BESS Project, rendering the issuance of notes unnecessary at this time. He noted, however, that an additional $10

to $11 million may ultimately be needed for the battery project and that attorneys are working to determine whether that amount is covered by the grant or will require bond or note issuance. Council will be informed as soon as that determination is made; Summer camp began that day at Chestnut Street School and will run for nine weeks. Enrollment was reported as full; and a preconstruction meeting for the street improvement program was held that day. Milling is expected to begin within one to two days. President Fodor noted the impact this would have on access in several parts of the city, with Mr. Lewis confirming that the program includes State Street, Walnut Street, and — as an addition — St. Clair Street.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk of Council

The next regular Council meeting will be held on Monday, June 15th at 7:00 PM; Farmers Market is every Thursday and will continue through September 17th from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Square; and Car Cruise Friday will continue through September 18th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the Square, weather permitting; Youth Fishing Derby will be Saturday, June 6th starting at 8:00 AM at Rec Park fishing pond. This event is free, just bring your bait/tackle. There will be raffles, prizes and games for the kids; and Painesville Safety Town starts Monday, June 8th through Friday, June 12th at Maple Elementary School.

CLOSING COMMENTS: Members of Council

Mr. Rodriguez thanked all who attended the meeting and those watching at home, with a special acknowledgment to all Painesville City graduates from Lake Erie and Harvey.

Mr. Abney dittoed everything that everyone said.

Mrs. Shoop, speaking as a resident, raised the issue of the Republic Services contract termination and the potential for a $50-per-can retrieval fee. Mr. Lewis clarified that the $50 fee was originally negotiated to apply only in cases of individual service cancellation for non-payment — specifically, if Republic had to remove containers from an individual resident's property due to that resident's failure to pay their bill and subsequently reinstate service. It was not intended as a contract termination fee applicable to the city's transition to a new hauler, as the City is ending the contract on its own terms, not for non-payment — and that residents are not expected to be charged. Mr. Lyons concurred and noted that Republic doing so would constitute a contract violation subject to legal action by the City. Mrs. Shoop advised residents to cancel any automatic payment arrangements with Republic Services and remove stored payment methods from their accounts, so that any disputed billing would require Republic to issue a paper bill before any payment is made. Residents were reminded to leave their Republic cans out for the final collection pass. Mr. Lewis additionally noted that Republic has communicated it will make one pass to collect containers. Any containers not placed at the curb for that collection will remain the resident's responsibility to dispose of. Residents on vacation or otherwise unable to place containers at the curb should plan accordingly.

Mr. Hach thanked Mrs. Shoop for bringing the issue up and noted that his own Republic bill was due the following day.

Mrs. DiNallo had no comments at this time.

Mr. Fodor had no comments at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fodor asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

Mrs. Shoop moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez. All Council Members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:16 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Samantha Danielson
Clerk of Council

Jim Fodor
President of Council

PUBLIC LANDS & RECREATON

Cemeteries and Parks Division

June 2026

CEMETERIES AND PARKS DIVISION

Mission Statement:

To provide a diverse and broad range of leisure activities, parks, facilities, and services to improve our community's quality of life.



DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS:



- **Stephen Hubbell – Parks and Cemeteries Supervisor**
  - Steve has been with the City for over 27 years.
  He holds a Certified Arborist License and Pesticide License.
- **Brian Lambo – Maintenance Supervisor**
  - Brian has been with the City for over 26 years.
  He previously owned his own nursery.



- **Jesse Kuhns – Maintenance Supervisor**
  - Jesse came to the City with 18 years of experience with Shaker Heights.
  He has been with the City for 3 years. Jesse is our inhouse CDL trainer.



The Division of Parks and Cemeteries consists of three (3) Supervisors, ten (10) maintenance workers and a mechanic to service equipment and vehicles.



We maintain the two (2) City Cemeteries – Riverside and Evergreen. Maintenance includes regular mowing, string trimming around all headstones, beds maintenance, road maintenance, waterline repairs and additional maintenance when trees come down during high winds and storms. This occurs mostly at Evergreen Cemetery due to the age of the cemetery and the trees there. It takes our entire staff (10 maintenance workers) two (2) mornings to string trim Riverside Cemetery and four (4) mornings to string trim Evergreen Cemetery. This is done bi-weekly. We schedule in the morning when it is cooler and the staff isn't as tired.



We also perform all full burials and inurnments which is approximately 200 per year. Inground burials require overseeding of the burial site. Foundations for headstones are poured three (3) times during the season. Monument companies submit requests, supervisors verify the location can allow the headstone requested, approval is given to the monument companies to proceed. A foundation is required for every monument. These foundations are poured in April, July and October. Once foundations are poured, monument companies are notified that headstones may be delivered. Staff installs 100+ foundations a year.













Staff maintains the 12 Parks in the City along with other City Properties.

Maintenance includes but is not limited to, mowing, tree removal and clean up, string trimming, ball diamond maintenance and repair, structure repairs, painting of dug outs, benches and picnic tables, maintenance of dog park, maintenance of futsal court, basketball court and skate park, pond maintenance, maintenance of play structures and swing sets throughout the City and install holiday displays. These Parks include:

- Kiwanis Recreation Park
  - Includes 8 Ball Diamonds
  - Soccer Field
  - Futsal Court
  - Basketball Court
  - Dog Park
  - Two Play Structures and one swing set
  - Splash Pad
  - Three Pavilions













- Veteran's Park









- Grand River Conservation Park



- Huntington Park
  - Includes Play Structure, swing set, climbing wall and pavilion
- Lathrop Park
  - Includes Play Structure, swing set and pavilion
- State Street Park
  - Includes Play Structure and swing set
  - This location is also a stop for the PCLS Lunchbox Truck during Summer Vacation
- Ella Mae Shaw Park
- Morse Avenue Community Center Park
- Marine Park
- Charter Oaks Park
- Trailwood Park
- Rotary Park

Assist with Community Events:

- Staff assists with Cinco de Mayo set up and removal.
- Staff assists with set up and removal for Party in the Park.
- Assist with National Night Out – set up and removal and staff at event for trash control.
- Assist with Art in the Park –set up and removal and staff at event for trash control.
- Assist with Recreation Events –
  - Fall Fest -- all displays are set up by Parks and Cemetery Staff plus they work the event.
  - and Spirit of the Season.





- Work with Daughters of the American Revolution in hosting Wreaths Across America at both Evergreen and Riverside Cemeteries.

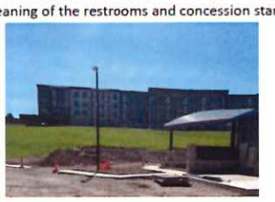


- Assist with any other events added such as HOLAS Taco Fest, America250 Memorial Tree Celebration, America250 Fireworks and Grand Opening of the Amphitheater on July 1st.



New addition, staff is responsible for clearing all City sidewalks in the winter months when there is 4" or more of snow. They also clear the Downtown Business District when there is 2" or more of snow.

A new responsibility will be the Painesville City's Grand Amphitheater. Staff will be responsible for regular cleaning of the restrooms and concession stand and all maintenance.



The Division of Cemeteries and Parks is fortunate to have a dedicated staff that takes deep pride in serving our community. Despite a heavy workload, they labor tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the City of Painesville always looks its best.



THANK YOU