

## **SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 20, 2015.**

The Council of the City of Strongsville met in the Caucus Room at the Mike Kalinich Sr. City Council Chamber, 18688 Royalton Road, on **Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.**

Present: Council Members: Michael J. Daymut, Joseph C. DeMio, Matthew A. Schonhut, Kenneth M. Dooner and Duke Southworth. Also Present: Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. Administration: Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Assistant Law Director Daniel J. Kolick, Finance Director Joseph Dubovec, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan Bogre, Building Commissioner Tony Biondillo, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, Police Chief James Kobak and Fire Chief Jeff Branic.

Absent: Council Members: Duke Southworth and J. Scott Maloney.

Council President Daymut called the caucus to order at 7:32 p.m.

The following Council Committees met to review legislation on the agenda:

Planning, Zoning and Engineering: Mr. Daymut advised Ordinance No. 2014-229 is set for a public hearing tonight and will then be voted on. This ordinance is to rezone vacant property located near Westwood Drive and Olympus Way (Part of PPN 382-30-006) from R1-75 classification to PF classification. If passed by Council, Resolution No. 2014-007 will also be passed. This is to provide for the submission of Ordinance No. 2014-229 to the electors and establishing an election date, which would be May 5, 2015. Ordinance No. 2015-008 is an ordinance approving and adopting the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update for the City of Strongsville. This will be placed on first reading and referred to Planning Commission for their recommendation. Mr. Daymut suggested that after Council receives the recommendation, that George Smerigan, the City Planner, come to talk to Council and explain the proposal. Mr. DeMio asked for a printed hand copy of the plan. First reading was recommended for Ordinance No. 2015-009. This is an ordinance accepting certain lands within Fieldstone Preserve Subdivision, Phase 2. Ordinance No. 2015-010 is to accept the subdivision plat of Michael Hursky for PPN's 394-32-015 and 394-32-016 located on Boston Road. Councilman Schonhut asked about the sanitary sewers on that land. Mr. Mikula advised this is a lot split and in our code, if there are no public sewers therefore, we have to consider it a subdivision. Mr. Mikula stated there is one house on the lot that he is splitting out into another lot. Mr. Daymut stated the only reason this is being brought before Council is because there are no sanitary sewers located there.

Public Safety and Health Committee: Mr. DeMio recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2015-011; an ordinance to purchase three Lucas Chest Compression Systems for use by the fire department. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Ordinance No. 2015-012. This is an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract to purchase one, 2015 Braun Type I medium duty freightliner M2 super chief ambulance. Ordinance No. 2015-013 is authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase of one Sutphen extreme duty pumper. Mr. DeMio noted that the legislation stated the total cost is not to exceed \$450,000.00. He asked that since the cost came under that amount would Council need to amend the legislation. Mr. Kolick stated they took the base price of the pumper and made an estimate from there as to what else was needed for that vehicle. As long as the cost falls under \$450,000.00, everything is fine. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this ordinance. Mr. Daymut questioned how long it would take to receive the vehicle. Chief Branic advised sometime by this year the fire department will have the pumper. Mr. Daymut commented that he just heard on the news tonight about changes possibly happening with the Downtown juvenile program and discussion occurred as to how this might impact our Community Diversion Program.

Communication and Technology Committee: Mr. Schonhut recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2015-014. This ordinance is a contract with Verizon for the purchase of cellular communication services and equipment for use by various departments of the city. The contract is not to exceed \$125,000.00. Ordinance No. 2015-015 is a contract with Sems and Associates for the purchase of services and support for video processing and surveillance, forensic and fraud prevention, data network engineering and computer maintenance for use by various departments of the city. The cost is not to exceed \$150,000.00 and the recommendation was suspension and adoption. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Ordinance No. 2015-016; an ordinance entering into a contract to purchase computer, printer, and other networking hardware and software supplies to support the city's technology needs. The contract is with CDW Government, LLC and not to exceed \$175,000.00. Ordinance No. 2015-017 is a contract with Motorola Solutions Inc. for the purchase of equipment supplies and other various general radio needs of the city, including the consolidated dispatch center. The contract is not to exceed \$100,000.00 and the recommendation was suspension and adoption. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Ordinance No. 2015-018. This is an ordinance entering into a contract with Advizex Technologies, LLC for the purchase of hardware/software maintenance and system upgrade services in support of the city's data systems. The contract is not to exceed \$100,000.00. Mr. Schonhut stated that all of these are either federal or state bid contracts.

Finance Committee: Mr. Dooner recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2015-019. This is a 2015 appropriations ordinance.

Committee of the Whole: Mr. Daymut briefly reviewed the agenda. Mr. DeMio questioned a rezoning happening for a future Dunkin Donuts at the Royalton Rd./W. 130<sup>th</sup> Street intersection. It was advised that ordinance will be forthcoming. Mr. Daymut distributed a flyer from Brook Park to all councilmen. Mayor Perciak stated this was an indication as to what was happening with some of our suburban neighbors; that our city is very diligent in its budget planning for the future, and that this information was an example of what can happen if there are budget problems.

## **MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 20, 2015 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Council President Daymut called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### **CERTIFICATION OF POSTING:**

The Clerk of Council certified that the meeting had been posted in accordance with Ordinance No. 2004-273.

### **ROLL CALL:**

**Present: Council Members:** Matthew A. Schonhut, Joseph C. DeMio, Michael J. Daymut, Kenneth M. Dooner and James E. Carbone. Also Present: Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Assistant Law Director Daniel J. Kolick, Finance Director Joseph Dubovec, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, Building Commissioner Tony Biondillo, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, Recreation and Senior Service Director Bryan Bogre, Police Chief James Kobak, and Fire Chief Jeff Branic.

**Absent:** Councilmen Duke Southworth and J. Scott Maloney.

***\*Motion was made by Mr. Dooner, seconded by Mr. DeMio to excuse Councilmen Duke Southworth and J. Scott Maloney from tonight's meeting for just cause. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.\****

**COMMENTS ON MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 5, 2015 were approved as submitted.

**APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS:**

(None)

***\*Mr. Daymut advised that the Council Committee selection has been assigned for 2015. All Councilmen received a copy of the Committee assignments.\****

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Ordinance No. 2014-229** by Mr. Maloney. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE ADOPTED BY SECTION 1250.03 OF TITLE SIX, PART TWELVE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF STRONGSVILLE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN VACANT REAL ESTATE LOCATED NEAR WESTWOOD DRIVE AND OLYMPUS WAY (PART OF PPN 392-30-006) IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE FROM R1-75 (ONE FAMILY 75) CLASSIFICATION TO PF (PUBLIC FACILITIES) CLASSIFICATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. First reading and referred to Planning Commission 12-01-14. Favorable recommendation by Planning Commission 12-04-14. Second reading 12-15-14.

Council President Daymut opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2014-229 and invited anyone wishing to speak ***IN FAVOR*** of the Ordinance to approach the podium and address Council at this time.

Mark Donnelly, 4441 Lakeview Glen, Medina, OH 44256 – Good evening City Council, Mark Donnelly from Strongsville City Schools. My home address is 4441 Lakeview Glen, Medina, OH. As the business manager for Strongsville City Schools, I'm here to let you know some small parcels in back of Center Middle School currently we've purchased to go along with the new middle school site to use as physical education space and football practice fields; maybe where they throw the shot and disc during track season...provided green space- any questions?

Mr. Daymut – Gentlemen, do you have any questions for Mark this evening? Thank you very much. Is there anybody else in the audience that would like to speak in favor of this ordinance? Please step to the podium and state your name and address for the record.

Tom Dease, 13081, Olympus Way, Strongsville, OH 44149 – Tom Dease, 13081 Olympus Way, Strongsville. I just want to speak to let you all know that the people of Olympia have been advised and it has all been explained. There are no problems; they are all in favor of it, thank you.

Mr. Daymut then invited anyone wishing to speak ***IN OPPOSITION*** of the Ordinance to approach the podium and address Council.

(No Comments)

Hearing no further comments in regard to Ordinance No. 2014-229, Council President Daymut closed the Public Hearing on said Ordinance.

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

**SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Southworth:**

Mr. Daymut – Mr. Southworth is not here this evening. There will be no report.

**SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone:** Thank you Mr. Daymut, at the last work session, the Board continued to have Carl Naso as the School Board President, Richard Micko, who is in the audience, as the Vice President. A step in the right direction, the school's negotiated with OPSE (Ohio Association of Public School Employees). OPSE contracts bus drivers, aides, custodians and cafeteria workers for a two percent raise. Then they pay a little bit more in their medical costs. Also, there are a couple more days left- they really want the community's input on how they can communicate better with parents of students, but also people in the community. So it is very important, if you can, take a couple of minutes and look at that, give your suggestions. The School Board and the School Administration really want to communicate better, so this is a real good step in the right direction. Also, I thought it was pretty neat and I was impressed that we have professors from Baldwin Wallace coming to our high school, working with our students with writing labs; but then also we have teachers going to Baldwin Wallace and they are learning how to teach. They are getting some insight at the collegiate level so they can bring that to their classroom. I thought that was pretty neat and I think it is a great partnership there, especially when they are right down the street from us. It was pretty impressive. I will try to make some of the Board meeting this Thursday, because I will be the bingo reader at Surrarrer Elementary. I will be heading that way right afterwards. That concludes my report.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mr. Carbone, any questions for Mr. Carbone this evening?

(None)

**BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Schonhut:**

\* See Communications and Technology Committee below\*

**COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Schonhut:** Thank you Mr. Daymut, Building and Utilities has no ordinances or resolutions on the agenda tonight. However, Communications and Technology has Ordinance Nos. 2015-014, 2015-015, 2015-016, 2015-017 and 2015-018. We discussed these in caucus. A lot of these have to do with technology, whether it be for printer and scanners or radio technology for our safety services. I ask that we suspend and adopt all of those tonight. Lastly, I would like to report I was browsing our city app last night as I was trying to put myself to bed and found something very interesting. Our new animal warden who just took over started a new thing where he is putting it on the city's website-if you lose your dog and it happens to end up at our city pound, you can go on the website and see if it has been kept safely there by our animal warden. A job very well done there, so I thought that was something very interesting. It is something nice for our residents to have if you do lose your dog; obviously a very traumatic situation. It's a good thing to have that there, another great service that we offer. With that, any questions? If not, I will close both committees.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mr. Schonhut, any questions for Mr. Schonhut under Building and Utilities or Communications and Technology?

(None)

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Daymut:** We have no ordinances or resolutions on this evening's agenda. Our next meeting will be next Monday, January 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in our council chambers. Any questions for myself this evening?

(None)

**FINANCE – Mr. Dooner:** Thank you Mr. Daymut, we have Ordinance No. 2015-019. This is our monthly ordinance making appropriations for our annual expenses and other expenditures for the City of Strongsville. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt. That's all we have Mr. Daymut.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mr. Dooner, any questions for Mr. Dooner this evening?

(None)

**PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Maloney:**

Mr. Daymut – In Mr. Maloney's absence I will give the report for Planning, Zoning and Engineering. We have on our agenda Ordinance No. 2014-229 which we just had a public hearing on that. This is a rezoning for the schools on Westwood Drive. It did receive a favorable recommendation. Resolution No. 2015-007, which is a companion to Ordinance No. 2014-229, is to place the rezoning from R1-75 to Public Facility on the May 5, 2015 ballot. That also received a favorable recommendation. Ordinance No. 2015-008 is adopting our 2015 Comprehensive Plan. It is recommended to be referred to the Planning Commission and be placed on first reading. Also, Ordinance No. 2015-009 which is a dedication for Fieldstone Preserve will be placed on first reading. Finally, Ordinance No. 2015- 010, this is a subdivision plat for Michael Hursky on Boston Road. It received a favorable recommendation. Any questions for myself under Planning, Zoning and Engineering?

(None)

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. DeMio:** Thank you Mr. Daymut, before I go over the agenda for Public Safety I do want to have a nice little shout out for Chief Dease. He is one of the guys that when I first started the justice system- he was one of the outstanding chiefs in our Greater Cleveland community, right here in Brook Park. He moved to our community with his wife right around the corner as he stated earlier. I want to tell you that many of us look up to you. You always had one of the finest police departments in the county. I want to say that publicly because I don't think people understand all the changes and all the good you have done. I want to say that publicly.

Mr. Dease – Thank you

Mr. DeMio – You are very welcome, and I mean that sincerely. I'm sure for those-I know Mr. Carbone's family goes way back in the police department, I know he knows your history as well. Bless you, you look healthy and look great and keep it that way. Still golfing right? See, God Bless. Now on to the not so fun things; we have Ordinance No. 2015-011, 012, and 013. These are all equipment that is necessary for the fire department. Without going into long detail, there is one for \$39,000.00...a little over \$39,000.00 and that is a compression system. We have another item for a little under \$265,000.00, a medium-duty freightliner. We also have a duty pumper for a little under \$444,000.00. These are all budgetary items. As the Mayor said so eloquently in the back caucus, we are blessed to have a good financial staff, a Council that understands what his financial group and the packaging he does for this city and the long term vision of what goes on in this city.

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):**

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. DeMio (cont'd):** I'm not taking anything away from the other cities because they have different challenges and different issues, but when you have one of the highest, if not the highest bond rating in the State of Ohio, for how long Mayor?

Mayor Perciak – Since 2010

Mr. DeMio – 2010, that is certainly unheard of and I commend you Mayor. These are large ticket items that we are able to purchase, and we couldn't do that without the vision. I also compliment Council being here several years of course. Mike and I joke about it a little bit, but we have seen the hills and valleys of what is important to fight about and what is important to understand. Those are two separate issues. Thank you Mayor, this allows our community to remain safe. We have a great leader. Our chief is leaving us soon; one more council meeting of Mr. DeMio harassing him. I will get you in two weeks, I promise you that. Mayor please let me have some fun with him in a couple of weeks.

Mayor Perciak – Absolutely

Mr. DeMio – If there are any other questions, I know Mike talked about a few items, Mike do you want to share anything about the minutes to the public?

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mr. DeMio, yes evidently there's something I caught a portion of on the news today about our Diversion Program and it possibly being moved downtown. I'm not sure exactly what the ramifications are. This is something new to us. There is definitely some discrepancy; they're saying between the suburbs and the City of Cleveland. Now, it is my understanding that the juvenile court system down there- Joe you might be more familiar with it then I am, will be hearing all the cases. I'm not sure exactly how that is going to affect our community. I think as this progresses through the system we'll have more information on that. It is kind of disturbing because we have a successful program here in the City of Strongsville. It has really benefited our youth that have had some problems.

Mr. DeMio – Let me add on to that Mike if you are done.

Mr. Daymut – Yes

Mr. DeMio – When we first started you and me, it was based through the YMCA and they would come in here and take children that needed a little more direction. Those that were more serious went downtown. If you go to East 93<sup>rd</sup> and...Jimmy, what is it 93<sup>rd</sup> and...?

Mr. Carbone – Quincy Avenue

Mr. DeMio – Quincy, it is Quincy Godfather. That is a very difficult location to get to. There's not proper parking in my opinion. For even traffic offenses, some of them go down there. Really, all of the traffic offenses go down, so it is really difficult for a child from Strongsville or Solon or Westlake, the outer reach suburbs, to maneuver into that. We've avoided that for years; and in my opinion since we know our community and know our neighborhoods and understand the ins and outs of what's important, and taking into account what the victim wants and needs, it's dealt in a more Strongsville fashion if you will. I can tell you that there is an entire floor in the Justice Center, Juvenile Division that is vacant. You can figure out what they may or may not do with that floor. Hopefully, they are going to let this Mayor and his Chief continue to do all the right things for our community, but we will see. Mr. Law Director, did I say anything out of order?

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):**

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. DeMio (cont'd):**

Mr. Kolick – Not yet

(Laughter)

Mr. Daymut – We'll end there on a high note.

Mr. DeMio – So be it, but watch, Mr. Daymut is very right. Watch this play out, and I mean that.

Mr. Daymut – Is there anything other questions for Public Safety this evening?

(None)

**PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Carbone:** Thank you Mr. Daymut, there's nothing in my committee this evening. I did want to share with you for 2014 some of our recycling that took place in the city with River Valley, and I have to commend the City of Strongsville, the residents, I mean really what they have contributed is unbelievable. We were over a million pounds of recycled paper and cardboard. We had it equated to 556 tons of paper. The way our contract is we pay per ton what we put in a landfill. By the residents making the commitment on their own to put their cardboard paper and magazines in their car and bringing it to these sites has significantly saved the city some money. Any money is important when we are looking at streets and doing more for our residents. I still want to encourage, we still want to increase every year, and we want to encourage residents and residents that maybe don't understand we have these services, 24/7, 365 days a year, please utilize them. It's real important, I'm talking about the financial end, but obviously it is also a great thing for our environment. These sites are at the recreation center and all four of our fire stations now have River Valley. We have Surrarrer Park, Nicholas Park, and our service department. We all have...it's convenient for everybody; it's in every ward of our city. Please, when you're looking at, especially nowadays with buying a lot online and the cardboard, please really consider taking it to one of these sites and not placing it in the garbage, thank you.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mr. Carbone, are there any questions for Mr. Carbone this evening?

(None)

**RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Mr. Southworth:**

Mr. Daymut – In Mr. Southworth's absence there are no ordinances or resolutions on this evening's agenda. As the Mayor discussed during our caucus meeting we had an open house on January 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Although I was not able to attend, I did talk to several people who were there. It was an outstanding event and well attended. Everything was showcased at that particular event. I understand the food was really good. It is really good to hear.

Mayor Perciak – We always want to thank Missy and the kitchen staff for that. They really extend themselves. We are grateful with her leadership there and with the urging of Bryan Bogle that just grows and if you really want to just come there in the morning and work out and stop by and grab breakfast at our grab and go over there, you'll find out the value you really get there for breakfast. If you want to come during your lunch hour, we also have that opportunity. There you don't even have to stay, you just walk up to the counter, they have it ready for you, they'll put it in a bag and out you go. They really do a great job there.

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):**

**RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Mr. Southworth (cont'd):**

Mr. Daymut – And providing also, just the services that are offered at that particular facility is mind-boggling; so many things are offered to our residents who are members of the recreation center. I'm sure that we will benefit from some more membership as we move along. Do we have an idea of how many people showed up? I know that it was very crowded.

Mr. Bogre – We had over three hundred people show up that day. Like the Mayor said, the number of new faces that we got in, that was the important part to it, to get new people in there. Thankfully the members that we have there are coming back, but we want to bring new people in. That was the purpose of it.

Mr. Daymut – Congratulations on a great event.

Mayor Perciak – When he says three hundred that's three hundred adults who also brought their families with them, so that was even better.

Mr. Bogre – And to mention the temperature that day was only zero degrees.

Mr. Daymut – I know it was, it was a difficult day but it was well attended, congratulations again. Are there any questions for myself under Recreation and Community Services?

(None)

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. Daymut:** We have no ordinances or resolutions on this evening's agenda. Any questions for myself under Committee of the Whole?

Mr. DeMio – Very quick Mike, I just want to again hand over the new information that Ms. Justice has given me to turn over to The Metroparks with the cover letter. I would encourage all of Council just to take a peek at it, but I will ask the Clerk to...

Mr. Daymut – We will include that as part of the minutes.

Mr. DeMio – Please, there are some very interesting photos there. It seems to be getting a little more interesting with the Go Ape Company and The Metroparks.

***\*Handout was distributed to the Mayor and Council. A copy is attached to the back of these minutes.\****

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Joe, any other questions under Committee of the Whole?

(None)



**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR, DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENTS  
AND OTHER OFFICERS:**

**Mayor Perciak:** Thank you Mr. President, good evening everyone. Just a quick update, I will be delivering our State of the City address on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at the Ehrnfelt Recreation Center beginning at 11:30 a.m. Anybody wishing to attend can either contact the Chamber of Commerce or there will be seats available somewhere in the room if you just want to come for the address. At that time, we are going to have a very concise breakdown as to where we were in the year 2014 with our expenses, where we were with our revenues, and there's going to be a chart there; and I've been working on this with our Finance Director and our Economic Development Director. The chart is pretty much going to tell us as to how much more dependent our city, our general fund has become; and how much more we have to lean on the city income tax. It will also show as to how much less money we are receiving from local government funds, which means the State. How much less dollars we are receiving on our interest because we have to hold any of our investments in Aaa rated paper and right now the interest rate on that is in the basis points. What used to be at two percent of our general fund, of our total general fund in interest income today is .02-two basis points. It's a point where for any cash that we have our ability to invest in, and we are very limited by the Ohio Revised Code as to what we can invest our money in. We are also at that time going to talk about where we are going to go in the year 2015. We're also going to talk about the time and effort the City Council has put in and my administration, not only in assembling the budget for 2015-ratifying the budget, and the dollars that are going to be available for expenditures in 2015. We are going to spend a little bit of time on that. We're going to also take some time and talk about our safety forces, our police department and our fire department. We are specifically going to zero in on all the services that our police officers render to the city and our fire-paramedics and our firemen. You're going to say, "Why are we doing this?" Because there are so many communities today that are questioning their safety in their community, their questioning the police officers, their questioning their firefighters. What we want to drive home to everybody in this community as to everyone's safety in their own community, in their own homes, in their schools, in their churches and in their businesses. With the help of the police chief and the fire chief we're going to put together a program where we are going to show you the edge that the City of Strongsville has, not only because of the equipment we have, but because of the education, the training, and the leadership that we have in those departments. I look forward to having this discussion with everybody that day. Unlike other communities, I also accept questions out of the audience. We'll be prepared for that. We're going to talk about a lot of things that are going to be going on here in the City of Strongsville and that will happen on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Anybody who wants to know anything about what is happening, how the Council is spending our money, what the Administration is doing with the money that the Council has allocated to us, we'll be happy to answer their questions. That ends my report Mr. President.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mayor, are there any questions for Mayor Perciak this evening?

(None)

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dubovec:** Thank you Mr. President, funds are available for all ordinances and resolutions on this evening's agenda requiring certification of funding. That ends my report, thank you.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mr. Dubovec, any questions for Mr. Dubovec this evening?

(None)

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR, DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENTS  
AND OTHER OFFICERS (cont'd):**

**LAW DEPARTMENT – Mr. Kolick:** Thank you Mr. President, I can report that all ordinances and resolutions are in proper legal form this evening. I'm also happy to report that our regular Law Director Mr. Kraus has returned to work and should be here for your next council meeting.

Mr. Daymut – And Mr. Kraus has been putting in time in the office. I've had several meeting with him already.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Mr. Daymut – We've reached that portion of our agenda for audience participation. Anyone wishing to address Council please step to the podium and state your name and address for the record. Your comments will be limited to five minutes. We have a sign-in sheet and no one has signed up, but if anyone would like to address Council...

Mr. Dooner – This might take a while.

Bill Vassil, 18271 Fox Hollow Drive, Strongsville, OH 44136 – Looking at our plaque up there, it says, it doesn't say it but "Crossroads of the Nation". I think we better look at Route 42 (Pearl Rd.) and I think we better start looking at Route 82 (Royalton Road) because we are starting to have some problems. You go by Goldies, by Crossroads, this is what you got in the street right now. I don't know if there is a water leak under there or it is just buckling. Route 82 has got holes in the concrete. We have people coming into this town looking at houses.

Mayor Perciak – At the end of the day, this time of year we always have these issues and especially...

Mr. Vassil – You've never had them at Goldies.

Mayor Perciak – But we've had them over there last year especially.

Mr. Vassil – Yes, but that was on the other side of the street.

Mayor Perciak – With this weather, with this freeze and this cold that's what is there. We are going ahead on Route 82 and using as much as we can right now. As soon as the weather breaks and we can work with the concrete, the concrete crews will be out there and they will be filled.

Mr. Vassil – I understand that, I just wanted to make you aware...

Mayor Perciak – We are aware.

Mr. Vassil – I'm not the only one who has come up with this. I've driven two different cars on it and it's like this. Believe me, it is not good.

Mayor Perciak – Nothing is going to happen until the spring.

Mr. Vassil – I understand that.

Mayor Perciak – So avoid those areas.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Mr. Vassil – I understand that, but there's no way to avoid that in this town anymore, you know that. Every street is full period, and it's not Giant Eagle.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Bill. Is there anyone else in the audience that would like to address Council this evening? Please step to the podium and state your name and address for the record.

(No Comments)

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

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**Motion to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2014-229 ADOPTED.**

**Resolution No. 2015-007** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2014-229 TO THE ELECTORS, ESTABLISHING AN ELECTION DATE THEREFOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2015-007 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2015-008** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2015 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE FOR THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE.

***Placed on first reading, referred to Planning Commission and back to the committee.***

**Ordinance No. 2015-009** by Mr. Maloney. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN FIELDSTONE PRESERVE SUBDIVISION PHASE 2 FOR DEDICATION TO PUBLIC USE; ACCEPTING CERTAIN PUBLIC UTILITIES CONSTRUCTED THEREIN AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ACTS REQUIRED IN FURTHERANCE THEREOF, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

***Placed on first reading and referred back to the committee.***

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):**

**Ordinance No. 2015-010** by Mr. Maloney. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING FOR RECORDING PURPOSES THE SUBDIVISION PLAT OF MICHAEL HURSKY FOR PERMANENT PARCEL NOS. 394-32-015 AND 394-32-016 LOCATED ON BOSTON ROAD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2015-010 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2015-011** by Mr. DeMio. AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING PARTICIPATION IN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) LUCAS CHEST COMPRESSION SYSTEMS AND APPURTENANCES FOR USE BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2015-011 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2015-012** by Mr. DeMio. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A STATE OF OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) NEW 2015 BRAUN TYPE I MEDIUM DUTY FREIGHTLINER M2 SUPER CHIEF AMBULANCE UNIT WITH RELATED VEHICLE MODIFICATIONS AND APPURTENANCES, FOR USE BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2015-012 ADOPTED.**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):**

**Ordinance No. 2015-013** by Mr. DeMio. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A STATE OF OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) NEW 2015 SUTPHEN EXTREME DUTY PUMPER WITH RELATED VEHICLE MODIFICATIONS AND APPURTENANCES, FOR USE BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2015-013 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2015-014** by Mr. Schonhut. AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN UNITED STATES GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF CELLULAR COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2015-014 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2015-015** by Mr. Schonhut. AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN UNITED STATES GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF SERVICES AND SUPPORT FOR VIDEO PROCESSING AND SURVEILLANCE, FORENSIC AND FRAUD PREVENTION, DATA NETWORK ENGINEERING, AND COMPUTER HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE FOR USE BY VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2015-015 ADOPTED.**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):**

**Ordinance No. 2015-016** by Mr. Schonhut. AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF COMPUTER, PRINTER, SCANNER, NETWORKING HARDWARE, SOFTWARE AND SUPPLIES, IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY'S TECHNOLOGY NEEDS, BY THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY THROUGH CDW GOVERNMENT, LLC; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2015-016 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2015-017** by Mr. Schonhut. AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO STATE OF OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS AND OTHER SERVICES FOR THE GENERAL RADIO NEEDS OF THE CITY, INCLUDING THE CONSOLIDATED DISPATCH CENTER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2015-017 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2015-018** by Mr. Schonhut. AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE MAINTENANCE, AND SYSTEM UPGRADE SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY'S DATA SYSTEMS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2015-018 ADOPTED.**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):**

**Ordinance No. 2015-019** by Mayor Perciak. AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO, FOR THE YEAR 2015 AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2014-244.

Motion by Mr. Dooner to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Dooner, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2015-019 ADOPTED.**

**COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:**

(None)

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

Mr. Daymut – Is there any other miscellaneous business this evening?

Mayor Perciak – Yes Mr. President, just one item. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Father Bob Kraig, the Pastor of St. John Neumann. Probably a lot of you don't know, but Father Bob celebrated twenty-five years of service to the Strongsville community last Friday. If you see him, thank him; that is a long time for any clergyman to commit to one community. He has served very, very well here in our community, helping build the St. John community. If you see him, thank him for his years of service, twenty-five years of an assignment in one place is a long time. This has become his home and he is a part of our community, so wish him well and congratulate him. Above all, encourage him to continue his ministry here, thank you.

Mr. Daymut – Thank you Mayor, is there any other miscellaneous business?

(No Comments)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Daymut adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Signature on File  
Aimee Pientka, CMC  
Clerk of Council

February 2, 2015  
Date of Approval

Janice Justice  
12395 The Bluffs  
Strongsville, OH 44136

January 2, 2015

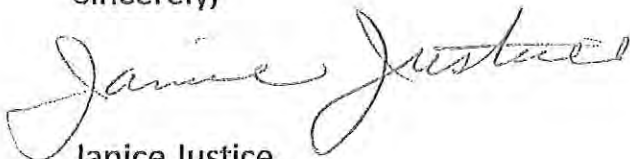
Dear Joe,

I thought you might like an update on the damage being done to the environment at the Chalet here in Strongsville. I spoke at the Metroparks Board meeting on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> and also provided the board with photos of the damage the private company, Go Ape, has done. Copies of these photos are included with this letter. The fact that the Metroparks plans to study the environmental damage AFTER the construction is very disturbing. In my opinion, this study should have been done BEFORE the construction.

I have also enclosed a copy of the follow up letter which I sent to the board. If and when they reply I will forward their response to you.

I appreciate your interest in this project and I am concerned that the damage being done in the park will damage the property bordering the park, including my backyard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janice Justice".

Janice Justice  
239.247-2089  
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Janice Justice  
12395 The Bluffs  
Strongsville, OH 44136

December 27, 2014

Dear Mr. Rinker,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to the Metroparks Board about my concerns related to the Go Ape adventure course under construction near the Chalet.

Thanks also for looking at the photos that I provided to you. I am glad that Terry Robison intends to study the damaging effects of this project.

Unfortunately, his study will be too late. Go Ape has spread deep layers of woodchips across the forest floor, in some places deep enough for vehicles to be driven. This deep layer of woodchips will drastically change the forest ecosystem. New tree saplings cannot take root through the woodchips. Much like spreading mulch in a flowerbed, no new vegetation will be able to grow. The existing trees have been mangled to make way for the 40 to 45 platforms Go Ape installed. The platforms are nailed and bolted into the existing trees. The existing trees and ecosystem will be destroyed as a result of this construction. It is unfortunate that Mr. Robison is unwilling to acknowledge the Go Ape Company's harm.

My house is located on the hillside behind the adventure course. I fear that Go Ape's degradation of the ecosystem could destabilize the hill. Because of Go Ape's construction, my home and my neighbors' homes could be destroyed.

I especially enjoyed the presentation of other "Outdoor Recreation" activities during the meeting. At no time during this presentation did I see anything like the Go Ape activity. The users of the other activities can enjoy the natural beauty of the Metroparks. Unlike the Go Ape project, none of these other activities destroyed a portion of the Metroparks.

Additionally, not many families of four can afford the \$188.00 admission fee. The vast majority of residents will be excluded from this activity because of the exorbitant cost for only two to three hours on the course.

Under R.C. 149.43 I am requesting a copy of the signed contract between the Metroparks and the Go Ape Company. I am especially interested in the how

environmental damage will be handled. Will Go Ape restore the forest or will the tax payers be saddled with the financial burden?

I would request a prompt response to this request. If you expect a significant delay in responding to or in fulfilling this request, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies. I can be reached by telephone, mail or email.

If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

Sincerely,



Janice Justice

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cc: Debra Berry

Dan Moore

Anthony J. Russo

Joe DeMio 

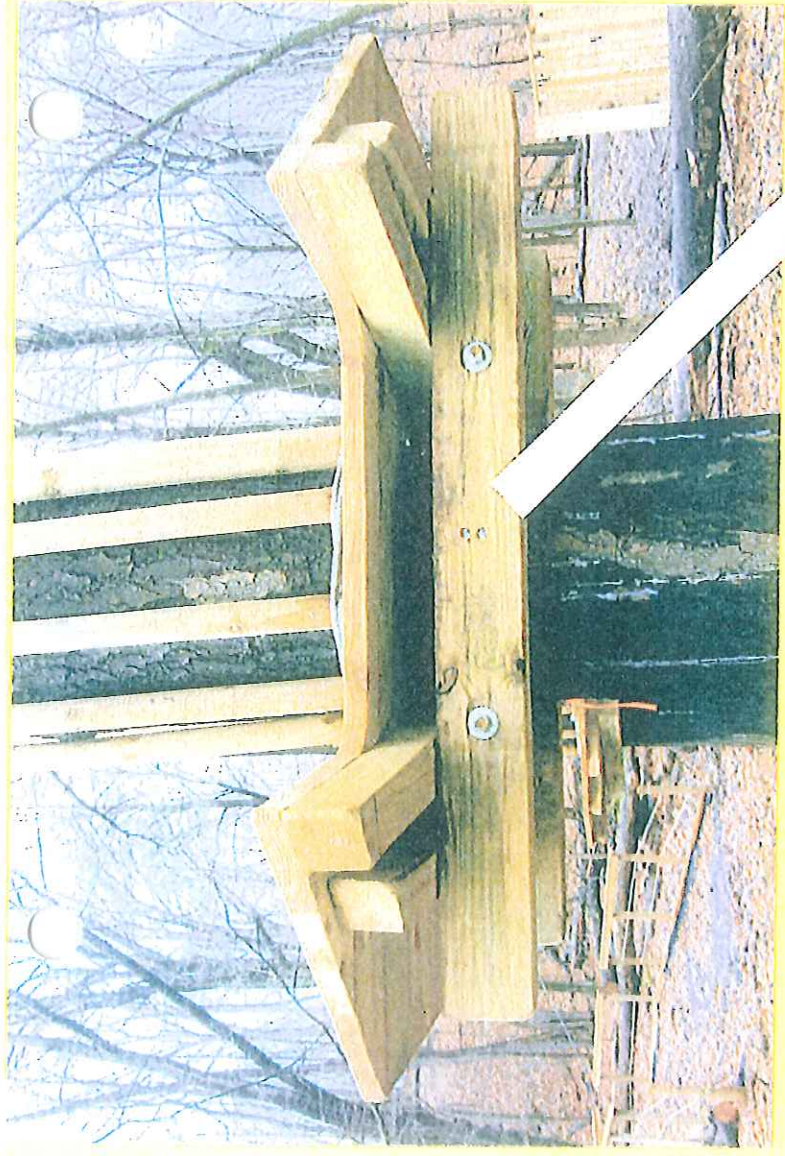


#1

Numerous trees  
removed and other  
trees stripped of  
many branches.





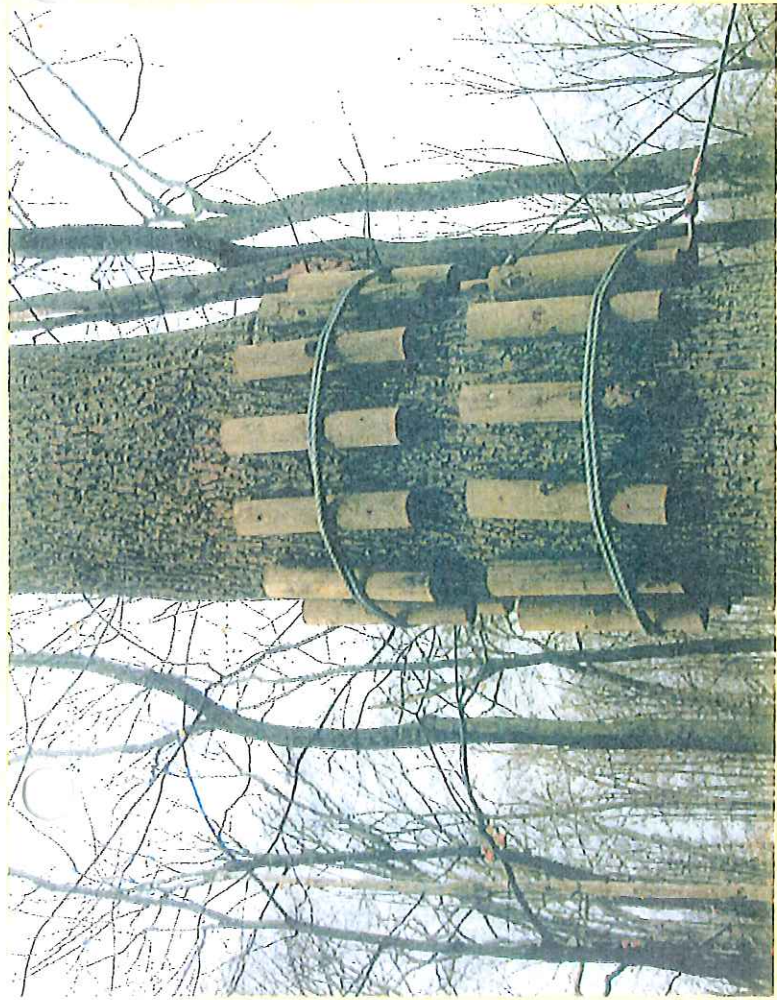


#2  
40-45 platforms  
in the trees  
supported by  
large spikes.



Enlargement of  
spikes.

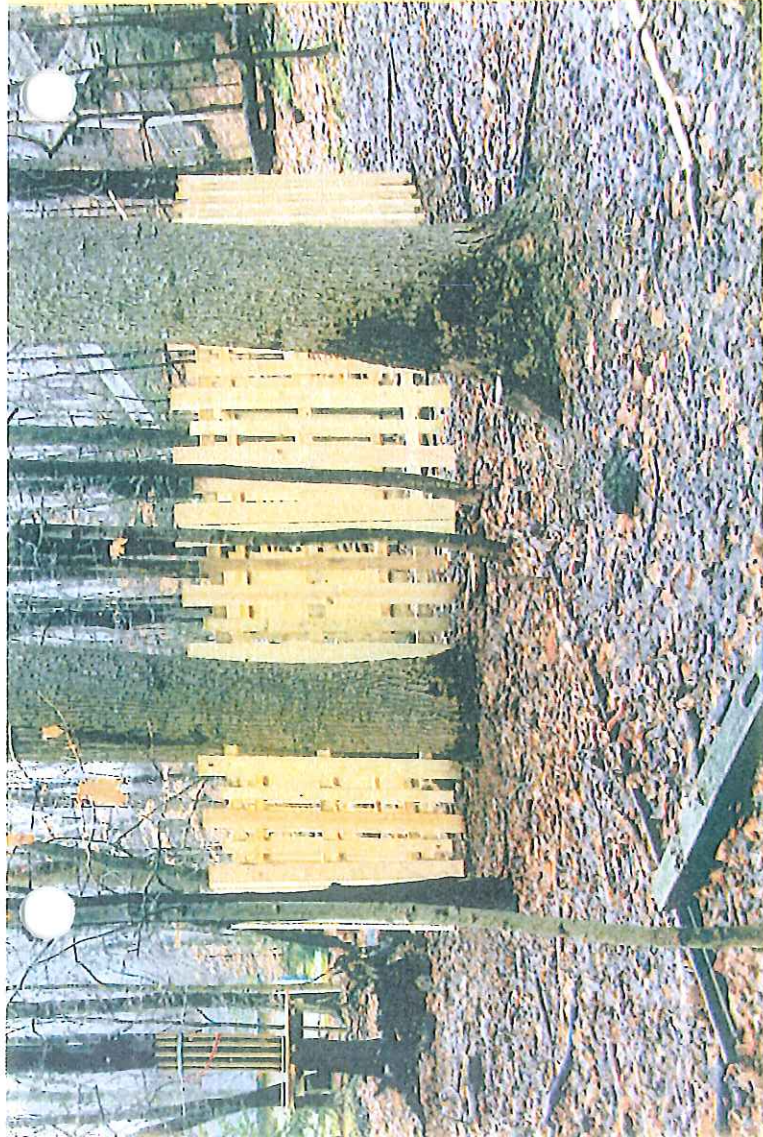




#3  
Rusty nails in  
trees.







Fences  
around  
trees.

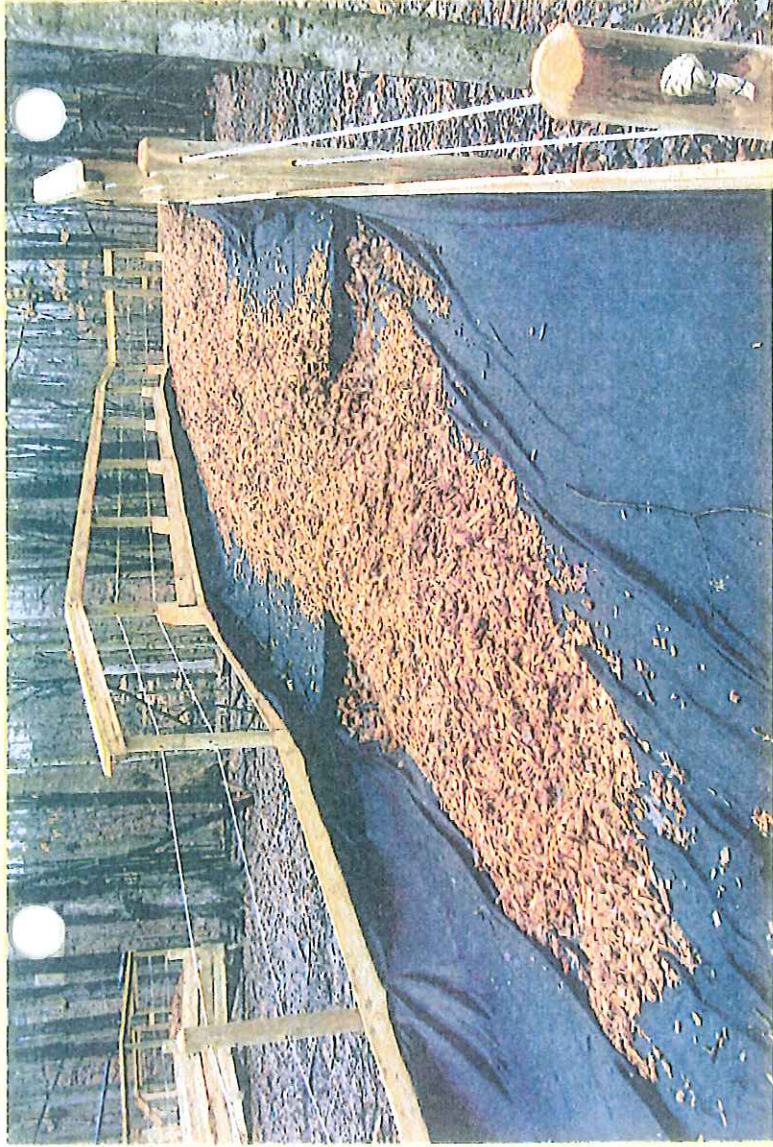


Platforms.



#5

Mounds of  
wood chips. There's  
even a road of  
thick wood chips





#6  
Large areas  
cleared + 3  
wooden stations  
built.

