## CITY OF OAKWOOD STATE OF OHIO APRIL 2, 2018

The Council of the city of Oakwood, State of Ohio, met in a work session and executive session at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room of the city of Oakwood, 30 Park Avenue, Oakwood, Ohio, 45419. Council then met in a regular session at 7:30 p.m., in the council chambers of the city of Oakwood.

The Mayor, Mr. William Duncan, presided, and the Clerk of Council, Ms. Lori Stacel, recorded. Mayor Duncan opened the meeting by asking all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN	PRESENT
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON	PRESENT
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS	PRESENT
MRS. ANNE S. HILTON	PRESENT
MR. CHRISTOPHER B. EPLEY	PRESENT

Officers of the city present were the following:

Mr. Norbert S. Klopsch, City Manager
Mr. Robert F. Jacques, City Attorney
Mrs. Cindy Stafford, Finance Director
Mrs. Jennifer Wilder, Personnel and Properties Director
Mr. Tom Long, Public Works Inspector/Foreman
Mr. Ethan Kroger, Code Enforcement Officer
Ms. Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council

The following visitors registered:

Stefanie Campbell, 271 Schenck Avenue, Oakwood, OH 45409 Healy Jackson, 118 Lonsdale Avenue, Oakwood, OH 45419 Debbie Morgan, 965 E. Schantz Avenue, Oakwood, OH 45419 Brian Barr, *Oakwood Register* 

Mrs. Hilton advised Council she had read the meeting minutes of the March 12, 2018 regular session, work session and executive session. Mrs. Hilton reported she found the minutes correct and complete. Therefore, it was moved by Mrs. Hilton and seconded by Mr. Stephens that the minutes of the sessions of Council aforementioned be approved as written and the reading thereof at this session be dispensed with. Upon a viva voce vote on the question of the motion, same passed unanimously and it was so ordered.

<u>STATUS REPORTS</u> – Mayor Duncan provided an update on the Shafor Park Tennis Court Improvements in response to the visitor comments made at the March 12 council meeting. He asked that the "Shafor Park Tennis Court Reconstruction" document be attached to the minutes and then he read a portion of the document into the record.

Mayor Duncan also responded to a few of the project concerns that were raised at the March 12, 2018 meeting, and noted that the "Shafor Park Tennis Court Reconstruction" document that will be attached to the minutes responds to each concern raised at the meeting.

Mayor Duncan shared that the tennis courts are regulation size, other than the baseline, or the back of the court, which will be 3 feet shorter on each side. He explained that if the courts were any longer at the ends, the Collingwood roadway would need to be modified to make room, which would eliminate the diagonal parking. Also, it would increase the cost of the project by about \$100,000.

Mayor Duncan then read a letter from the Oakwood Schools into the record:

"Oakwood Schools are pleased to support the renovation of the City of Oakwood Tennis Courts located near the Oakwood Community Center that will be the home to Oakwood boys and girls tennis. We appreciate being involved in the process, with suggestions from our tennis coaches being incorporated in the final design. Our coaches and the OHSAA, which regulates high school sports in Ohio, have reviewed the design and find no safety or size issues with the courts.

This cooperation and partnership between the District and the City fulfills a need for the Oakwood Schools and will, in the long run, save the schools money. Oakwood Schools has an outstanding working relationship with the City of Oakwood when providing

venues to help fulfill the curricular, recreational and athletic needs of our students. We look forward to continuing this partnership in the future."

Mayor Duncan shared that the project bid opening was today and it appears as though the low bidder is the same company that built Lane Stadium and the parking lot at Lane Stadium. The bid came in right at what had been budgeted for this project.

#### VISITORS

Healy Jackson, 118 Lonsdale Avenue, shared that as a member of the Oakwood Planning Commission she felt the need to attend the March 12 council meeting after seeing the ad in the Oakwood Register regarding the Shafor Park Tennis Courts. Many of the citizens' arguments were compelling, especially those stating that Oakwood is a walking community. In an effort to understand why city staff proposed the parking lot, she reached out to Oakwood residents who were not tuned in to the controversy. She sensed that some people embraced the idea of being a neighborhood of walkers, and yet when those same people have to get their kids somewhere quickly, they are thankful those parking spots are there. She found that people who disagreed with the parking lot were adamant in their position. She personally prefers recreational space over a parking lot, but she also understands that this is just her values and her opinion, and she is not sure it is right for our community. She shared that she believes that Oakwood City Council will vote with the best interest of the community in mind. She added that she has a high regard for Oakwood City Council's work and time that they dedicate to making decisions. She concluded by stating that she supports whatever decision City Council makes.

Debbie Morgan, 965 E. Schantz Avenue, said that she fails to ever hear from anyone who wants the extra parking spaces. She said that there has to be a balance between making it look pleasant with landscaping and making a nice hiding place for illicit activities to take place. She shared that she feels that decisions were made without residents' input and the residents were just appeased by letting them speak at the council meetings.

Mayor Duncan responded that City Council takes every citizen comment to heart. City Council feels that the OCC needs additional parking. He added that there are other parking lots located in Oakwood, and there has not been illicit activity in these areas. He added that he does not agree with Mrs. Morgan's assumption, but if illicit activity were to take place, the Oakwood Public Safety Department would be involved to address any issues, and City Council would get involved as well. There are also security cameras at the OCC that could be re-directed if needed.

## **LEGISLATION**

## AN ORDINANCE

BY MR. STEPHENS NO 4856

DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, BY LIGHTING THE SAME WITH ELECTRICITY.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Mr. Stephens explained that this is an annual ordinance that is the second step of the 2019 street lighting program. It is the ordinance that authorizes the City to proceed with the project. It was introduced with a first reading at the March 12 Council meeting.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Stephens and seconded by Mrs. Hilton that the ordinance be passed.

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

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN	YEA
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON	YEA
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS	YEA
MRS. ANNE HILTON	YEA
MR. CHRISTOPHER EPLEY	YEA

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said ordinance was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

## AN ORDINANCE

BY MR. STEPHENS NO 4858
AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, BY LIGHTING THE SAME WITH ELECTRICITY.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Mr. Stephens explained that this is the third and final step of the 2019 street lighting program. It allows for the costs of street lighting to be certified to the Montgomery County Auditor for assessment

This was a first reading of the ordinance, so Mr. Stephens made no motion.

#### AN ORDINANCE

BY MR. STEPHENS NO 4855

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

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Mr. Stephens explained that this is an annual ordinance that is the second step of the 2018 Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Project. It was introduced with a first reading at the March 12 Council meeting. This year's program will cover all city streets within the area generally bounded by Far Hills Avenue to the west; the Oakwood-Kettering boundary line to the east; East Drive to the south; and Aberdeen Avenue to the north.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Stephens and seconded by Mr. Epley that the ordinance be passed.

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

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN	YEA
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON	YEA
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS	
MRS. ANNE HILTON	
MR. CHRISTOPHER EPLEY	

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said ordinance was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

## AN ORDINANCE

BY MR. STEPHENS NO 4857
TO LEVY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR RECONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Mr. Stephens explained that this ordinance is the final piece of last year's Sidewalk, Curb and Apron Project, and assesses the sidewalk costs that have not already been paid directly by affected property owners. There is approximately \$6,900 in assessments. It was introduced with a first reading at the March 12 Council meeting.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Stephens and seconded by Mrs. Hilton that the ordinance be passed.

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

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN	YEA
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON	YEA
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS	
MRS. ANNE HILTON	
MR CHRISTOPHER EPLEY	

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said ordinance was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

AN ORDINANCE
BY VICE MAYOR BYINGTON NO 4859
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2019 TAX BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 2019.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Vice Mayor Byington explained that in order to comply with Section 6.01 of the City Charter, this is the annual housekeeping ordinance to estimate the City's revenues and expenses for calendar year 2019.

This was a first reading of the ordinance, so Vice Mayor Byington made no motion.

AN ORDINANCE
BY VICE MAYOR BYINGTON NO 4860
AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR SMALL CELL WIRELESS FACILITIES AND WIRELESS SUPPORT STRUCTURES.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Vice Mayor Byington explained that this is an ordinance to adopt regulations for small cell wireless facilities.

Oakwood has an existing ordinance, Section 405 of the Zoning Code, that regulates wireless communication facilities throughout the City. However, cellular technology has evolved in the years since Section 405 was adopted. Now, in addition to traditional cell towers that can reach 150' or higher, wireless companies have begun installing smaller "small cell" facilities that can be mounted on smaller poles, such as a common 40' utility-type pole.

The City had hoped to regulate these "small cell" facilities through Section 405, but the Ohio General Assembly has other ideas. Last year, they adopted S.B. 331, which effectively eliminated any local control over "small cell" facilities. S.B. 331 was subsequently found to be unconstitutional and is still mired in litigation, so the General Assembly turned to a new approach known as H.B. 478. H.B. 478 still eliminates certain aspects of local control, which we do not agree with, but it does allow local governments to have some degree of control over the design and placement of "small cell" facilities.

H.B. 478 passed the Ohio House on February 14, 2018. It is anticipated that it will pass the Senate and be presented to Governor Kasich for signature in the coming weeks, with an effective date sometime this summer. To that end, Law Director Rob Jacques and Code Enforcement Officer Ethan Kroger have collaborated with over 20 local communities – including the 8 MVCC member communities and 12 to 15 other local communities – to draft design and procedural guidelines for these "small cell" facilities. These guidelines are intended to maximize local control within the parameters of H.B. 478 while ensuring that procedures are uniform throughout the Greater Dayton area.

This ordinance will create a new Chapter 955 in our Streets and Public Services Code.

This was a first reading of the ordinance, so Vice Mayor Byington made no motion.

<u>Public Works Update</u>: Mr. Klopsch shared that over the past few months members of the Oakwood Public Safety Department have been recognized for promotions and outstanding service. The Public Safety Department could be publicly recognized every month for the excellent service they provide. Similar to the Public Safety Department, the Public Works Department has top notch employees. Mr. Klopsch shared that he is going to speak about the five Public Works Foremen that provide excellent direction and oversight to the Public Works employees, and ensure that they have the resources needed to deliver services throughout the community.

Kenneth Perkins is the Refuse Foreman and he oversees the entire refuse operation. He maintains a good working relationship with all employees and is very responsive to any and all of the concerns or issues that are raised. The dumpster program is heavily used throughout Oakwood. For approximately \$100, citizens can request a dumpster from the Public Works Center. The dumpster is dropped off to the resident where they can load it up for a few days, and then they can call once it is ready to be picked up. The Public Works yard is open from 8 a.m. until 12 noon on the first Saturday of each month for Oakwood citizens to drop off refuse items. This service is increasingly used by Oakwood citizens and is very much appreciated. Residents can recycle cardboard, yard debris and co-mingled recyclables at a 24/7 drop-off location in the Creager Field (Dog Park) parking lot. The City receives money for the clean cardboard that is recycled. It is cheaper to dispose of co-mingled recyclables than it is to have these materials thrown in with the regular trash. The weekly refuse pick-up is year-round regardless of weather conditions. Mr. Klopsch encouraged citizens to recycle as much as possible. The 2018 Mulch Program is underway and orders are currently being accepted. Mulch delivery is available on five consecutive Saturdays from April 14 to May 12. Delivery times are between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Prices for delivery are \$90 for 3 cubic yards and \$130 for 6 cubic yards. Mr. Perkins also oversees the maintenance shop, including two mechanics. He makes sure the employees have the tools and resources they need and provides oversight in decision making on equipment repairs. He works well with the other foremen to make the best possible decisions for the City.

Gary Dursch is the City's Water Superintendent. He is licensed by the State of Ohio to operate the public water system. He oversees the operation of the City's eight production wells. The City produces 100% of the water distributed around Oakwood. The water is sent through three different treatment plants for minor treatment and delivered to all residential and business properties in Oakwood. Gary oversees the water system on a daily basis and is effectively on call 24/7, except during periods of time when he is on vacation.

Tom Long is a Foreman and Engineering Technician. Tom oversees the larger construction projects, including repaving work. Deep Hollow Road, Wiltshire Boulevard, Hadley Avenue, Hadley Road, and Acorn Drive from Patterson Road down to Dellwood Avenue will be repaved this summer. Mr. Long is personally responsible for making sure the contractor notifies property owners as necessary, follows safety precautions, and most importantly, produces a good final product that serves the City well. Traffic Signal Conflict Monitoring testing will soon take place throughout the City. Every signalized intersection has a controller that operates the signal. There is a device, called a conflict monitor, in each traffic signal control cabinet that overrides the traffic light when there is a malfunction where opposing signals would be green. The conflict monitor overrides the signal controller and forces the light operation to a flashing red and yellow mode. The Vectren project will be starting soon. There will be an Open House on Tuesday, April 10 from 4:30 - 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The meeting is organized and run by Vectren, but Tom will also attend. Vectren invited all of the residents that are in the project area, which is the southeast quadrant of Oakwood from Monteray Avenue to Triangle Avenue, and a section along East Drive. Tom works with Horticulturist Brian Caldwell to oversee tree trimming throughout the City. Brian does the assessment of the trees and then Tom ensures the trimming operation is done safely and properly. Tom will also oversee the Shafor Park Tennis Court Project. After the pre-construction meeting in a few weeks, Tom will be the eyes and ears of the City to make sure things are built as planned.

David Shuey is the Roadway Foreman. Year-round, he takes care of potholes, pavement cracks, storm water inlets, manhole adjustments, and basically everything from curb to curb throughout the City. We have a lot of pavement for a small city. A significant storm sewer repair will take place on Oakwood Avenue, just south of Park Avenue, over the next week or two. Dave will be responsible for resident notification and ensuring the work is done properly. Dave is also responsible for the operations and maintenance of the Public Works Facility.

Foreman Chris Harold is in charge of the water and sanitary distribution systems. Chris assists residents with water or sewer issues related to the service lines, or when water needs to be shut-off at the street. There are challenging events, especially during the winter months or late at night, such as water main breaks, and Chris is responsible for all of these activities. The City will start the annual fire hydrant flushing throughout the City next Monday and it will continue over

the next four weeks. The flushing is done to not only clear out the water lines, but also to test the hydrants to make sure they are working properly. Chris is also responsible for operations and maintenance issues that come up at the City/Public Safety Building.

As previously mentioned, Water Superintendent Gary Dursch is on call 24/7. The other four foremen are on a seven day standby rotation. One of the four foremen is on call every day of the year.

The heart and soul of Public Works, the person who answers the phone and provides assistance when residents call, is Missi Seifert. Missi worked for Oakwood as the receptionist at the city building several years ago, then transferred to the city of Kettering and fortunately came back to Oakwood a year ago when there was an opening at Public Works. She is always very helpful and wonderful to work with.

The public meeting concluded at 8:17 p.m.

ATTEST:

#### SHAFOR PARK TENNIS COURT RECONSTRUCTION

### <u>Project Description and Purpose</u>

The City will completely rebuild the Shafor Park Tennis Facility in 2018. The existing six court facility is over 60 years old, is in very poor condition, and has exceeded its useful life. The new facility will include five tennis courts and an adjacent 25-space parking lot as depicted on the attached rendering. The parking lot supplements existing on-street parking in the area and will serve the Oakwood Community Center (OCC), Gardner Pool, Shafor Park, and the five tennis courts. The plan will include extensive landscaping around the courts and parking lot. This project is being completed in cooperation with the Oakwood City Schools. As with the current courts, the new facility will be open to the public and will also be the home of the Oakwood High School Tennis teams.

#### **Project Planning**

- Community discussion about the need to completely rebuild the tennis facility began in 2009 and 2010 when the City developed the Athletics & Recreation Master Plan.
- Preliminary planning for the facility began in 2016 when the 35 member Budget Review Committee (BRC) was introduced to the project at their May 17, 2016 meeting.
- The BRC was shown the first iteration of a design concept at their September 13, 2016
  meeting. That first concept included building four tennis courts and a 39-space parking
  lot. The concept was also shared with the Oakwood Schools.
- The BRC was briefed again on the project at their September 12, 2017 meeting and was shown both four court and five court options, including parking lots. The concepts were also shared with the Oakwood Schools.
- The project was again mentioned to the BRC at their October 17, 2017 meeting where the five court and 25 parking space plan was shown. The Oakwood Schools were informed that the City was pursuing this five court and 25 parking space plan. The Oakwood Schools preferred the five court plan over the earlier four court plan.

#### Justification for a Parking Lot

There is currently no parking lot serving the Oakwood Community Center, Gardner Pool, Shafor Park, or the tennis court facility. The only available parking is on-street along the residential roadways. This includes 20 diagonal spaces on the south side of Collingwood Avenue, adjacent to the tennis courts, and any other on-street parking areas in front of residential properties in the neighborhoods. Construction of the proposed parking lot will provide 25 parking spaces to serve the Oakwood Community Center, Gardner Pool, Shafor Park, and the tennis facility. Coupled with 15 diagonal spaces that will remain on Collingwood, there will be a net increase of 20 parking spaces to serve the four public facilities. It is expected that this addition of 20 parking spaces will reduce the frequency and congestion of public parking in front of residential properties in the adjoining neighborhoods. Attached is a list of the programs and activities that took place at the Oakwood Community Center in 2017... showing about 125,000 visits. Gardner Pool had about 19,500 visits in 2017.

#### **Neighborhood Meetings**

The City conducted two neighborhood meetings to present information about the project and to discuss the tennis facility and parking lot design.

- The first meeting was held on August 30, 2017. The attached invitation with a four court and 39 parking space rendering was mailed to 78 residential properties around the facility, all property owners in the area generally bounded by E. Schantz Avenue, E. Thruston Boulevard, Shafor Boulevard and Patterson Road. Approximately 30 citizens attended. Eight of the 78 households (11 people) invited were represented at the meeting. The remaining attendees were citizens living outside of the immediate project area.
- The second meeting was held on December 13, 2017. The attached invitation with a
  five court and 25 parking space rendering was mailed to the same 78 properties around
  the facility. Ten citizens attended. Three of the 78 households (four people) invited
  were represented at the meeting. The remaining six attendees were citizens living
  outside of the immediate project areas.

#### **Public Notification**

In addition to the two neighborhood meetings, plans for the project were shared with the general public through the February/March 2018 *Oakwood Scene* newsletter that was delivered to all Oakwood residential and business properties at the beginning of February 2018 (copy attached). Plans were also shared with the general public through a front page article in the February 14, 2018 *Oakwood Register* newspaper (copy attached).

#### <u>Citizen Issues and Concerns</u>

Below is a compilation of the project concerns (shown in **bold**) raised at the March 12, 2018 City Council meeting, along with a response (shown in *italics*) for each. A total of 12 citizens spoke.

- We do not feel that residents are being listened to. City Council and staff have a long history of meeting with and listening to residents' opinions and points of view. In many cases, residents have opposing views on matters. At the end of the day, it is the responsibility of City Council to make decisions that they believe are in the best interests of Oakwood. Council is elected to the public office for this purpose.
- Why weren't our suggestions heard? The original plan was for four courts and a larger parking lot including 39 spaces. After hearing comments at the August 30 neighborhood meeting, the plan was revised to five tennis courts and the smaller 25 space parking lot.
- We do not need a parking lot. We are a walking community. Given the number of Oakwood citizens that use the OCC, Gardner Pool, Shafor Park, and the tennis court facility, and the fact that many residents live between ½ mile and a full mile from these four public facilities, a modest parking lot is justified. It will also serve visitors attending tennis matches and swim meets, reducing the frequency of public parking in front of residential properties in the adjoining neighborhoods.

- The proposed parking lot is not pedestrian-friendly and is being placed in a path where children walk to school. Oakwood has safe and well-maintained sidewalks throughout the City, including along E. Schantz Avenue and Collingwood Avenue. When a vehicle enters or exits the parking lot, the driver is required to yield to pedestrians on the sidewalk. This condition exists in all around Oakwood, including at every residential, commercial, and institutional driveway or parking lot where there is a sidewalk.
- Kids walk through the existing tennis facility to get to the Oakwood Community Center (OCC), which is great. The new facility is designed for tennis play, and not for pedestrian traffic. New sidewalks are included outside the tennis facility for safe travel to and from the OCC.
- The existing facility has a water fountain which is awesome and is not seen at any other public tennis facilities. The new facility will also have a water fountain.
- This parking lot will most certainly lead to large lights being installed in the future. There are no plans to place additional lighting in this residential area.
- Having the Oakwood High School tennis teams use the facility in the spring and fall makes Shafor Park safer. The Oakwood High School teams will use the new facility in the spring and fall each year going forward. The facility will officially be the home of Oakwood High School tennis. Enclosed is drawing that shows the sign that will be erected at the corner of E. Schantz Avenue and Collingwood Avenue.
- The existing facility has a bleacher in the middle of the courts and that makes it special. The new facility will have bleachers on the east and west ends which will be accessible to spectators and players.
- Our neighborhood park was designed for "our" neighborhood. Not sure exactly what this means. All Oakwood parks and public facilities are designed for everyone's use.
- Tennis balls hit over the fence will bounce in the parking lot and be a danger. Balls hit over the existing tennis facility fence can and do occasionally land on Collingwood, on E. Schantz, and in Gardner Pool.
- When you put in a parking lot, you are "sending a message to the whole county to come on in". Not sure exactly what this means.
- Bleachers on the ends require that you walk behind people playing tennis. The new facility will have access gates on the east and west sides so spectators can access the bleachers without interrupting players.

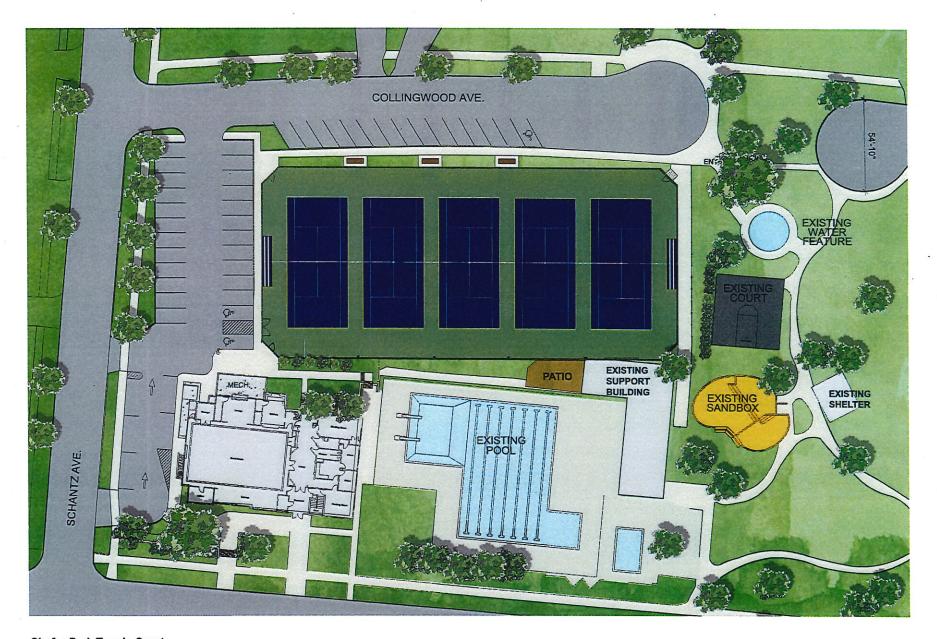
- The new parking lot will create a "massive traffic jam". Do not understand the basis for making this assertion.
- The current hitting wall is located away from the tennis courts so it does not interfere with people playing tennis. It is also made of concrete block and also works for lacrosse play. The new facility has a hitting wall installed on the perimeter fence and it is located on the south side of the eastern-most tennis court. When the wall is being used for tennis practice, that eastern-most court will not be available for play. The new hitting wall is intended for tennis only. The facility is not designed for lacrosse play.
- **Traffic accidents have quadrupled.** The number of traffic accidents in Oakwood does not vary much from year to year. Below is a 5-year history:

2013: 137 2014: 184 2015: 190 2016: 174 2017: 182

- The design makes the courts less user-friendly. Do not understand the basis for making this assertion.
- What are the plans and rules when a little kid is hitting on the wall and someone drives over and says, "hey I want this court... get off the wall"? OCC staff and the Oakwood Safety Department would respond appropriately as they do today in the event of bullying or any other inappropriate behavior at this or any other City facility.
- I know that you are going to remove snow from the new parking lot before you plow my street. The level of service provided by the Oakwood Public Works Department will not be diminished because of the new parking lot.
- Will there be a tax levy to pay for the project? No, the City has money in the Special Projects Fund to pay for the project. The money is included in the 2018 budget.
- The proposed parking lot is a breeding ground for behavior that we don't need. Do not understand the basis for making this assertion. This has not been the City's experience with our other public parking lots.
- By removing a tennis court, some precious greenspace will be lost. The existing six tennis courts are asphalt, as are the proposed five courts and the proposed parking lot. The new facility design, including the 25-space parking lot, results in only a small increase in hard surface area. The new parking lot is close in size to the one tennis court being removed.

- The existing parking area along Collingwood is never full. Why build a parking lot? The Collingwood parking area is almost always full for the three months when Gardner Pool is open, and is used extensively during the other nine months of the year. Many users of Shafor Park and the OCC currently park in front of residential properties. Having a 25-space parking lot will decrease this infringement into Oakwood neighborhoods.
- The courts need to be upgraded, but at a smaller cost. Most of the cost of the project is associated with constructing the tennis courts. If the proposed parking lot is eliminated and a sixth court is constructed, the total project cost will be very similar.
- There will be strange cars in the parking lot after everyone leaves. It will be a hot spot for "undesirables". The lot will be signed to prohibit overnight parking. The Oakwood Public Safety Department will monitor the lot on a regular basis. If warranted, videos cameras can easily be installed with video footage sent directly to Safety Dispatch.
- We don't build parking lots in Oakwood. Even in our business district we aren't tearing stuff down to build parking lots. In 2010, the City demolished a 4-unit apartment building and constructed a 35-space parking lot on Orchard Drive. It has been home to the Oakwood Farmers Market since the market began in 2013.
- The parking lot will kill property values in the neighborhood, slashing the ability of property owners to sell their homes. What if values drop by 40%? Do not understand the basis for making this extreme assertion, particularly when the project will result in the construction of a beautiful new tennis facility, with all new landscaping.
- Let's build a humongous parking lot so everyone can storm our parks. Do not understand the basis for making this statement. Does this suggest that a 25-space parking lot will draw the masses, as if the parking lot becomes a destination?
- The project will kill Shafor Park... drawing kids not even from here. Do not understand what this means. Oakwood public parks are open to the public.
- Concern about 2-way traffic in parking lot. The parking lot will be 1-way, with an entrance from E. Schantz Avenue and an exit onto Collingwood Avenue. This provides for safe and efficient vehicle flow through the lot.
- What is the purpose of the parking lot? The parking lot will serve the Oakwood Community Center, Gardner Pool, Shafor Park, and the tennis court facility.
- Why not put a splash pad there instead of a parking lot? The City already has a large splash pad at Orchardly Park, and a water feature at Shafor Park.

- The court dimensions do not meet standards. Regulation dimensions are 21 feet for the backline and 12 feet for the sideline. Four of the existing courts have 21 foot backlines and two have 15 foot backlines. Other than the 44 feet between the second and third courts, the sidelines on the six existing courts vary from 5 feet to 9 feet. The existing courts are offset, with an irregular alignment in relationship to each other. The proposed new courts have 18 feet backlines and nine feet sidelines, and they are in alignment with each other. The Oakwood City Schools have confirmed that the school tennis coaches and Ohio High School Athletic Association "have reviewed the design and find no safety or size issues with the courts (letter attached).
- You can't build a four court tennis facility. It won't work for the school teams. The Schools had stated that they could make four courts work, but that five is better. The original proposal had four courts. The final plan has five courts. School officials are pleased with the final design. The Oakwood Schools will pay 25% of the project cost.
- **The project should give 100% priority to tennis.** City leaders must consider the needs of the entire community, and not just citizens that are only interested in tennis.
- Is it a requirement that tennis facilities have parking lots? No, but in this case, the lot also serves the Oakwood Community Center, Gardner Pool, and Shafor Park.
- What is the arrangement for the City and School use of UD's Old River tennis courts? The current lease with UD expires on May 1, 2018.



**Shafor Park Tennis Courts** 

# 2017 ACTIVITES AND PROGRAMS OAKWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

Activity	# Classes	# Part	#Visits
6th Grade Dance	1	128	128
Acting Class	20	54	415
ARC- Babysitting	2	31	62
Ballet	252	410	11800
Breakfast with Santa	1	64	64
Cake Decorating (Dad and Me)	1	6	6
Circuit	81	99	8019
Class Pass - 1 day	8	53	424
Class Pass - 3 day	21	15	315
Class Pass - 5 day	15	4	60
Cookie Dec	1	11	11
Dance - Jr. High	7	1083	7581
Dancercise	122	120	14640
Deep Water Workout	22	24	528
Easter Pictures	1	14	14
Easy exercise	88	85	7480
Father /Daughter Dance	1	175	175
Fencing	24	76	1824
Fusion Strength	79	56	4424
Gym - beg	10	15	150
Gym - int	10	13	130
Gym - pre	10	. 21	210
Indoor Soccer	1	25	25
Magic Workshop	1	. 9	9
Mother / Son Dance	1	140	140
One-on-one	2	6	12
Piano - I	10	15	150
Pillo Hockey	5	31	155
Preschool Basketball	4	32	128
Private Lessons	1	43	43
Safety Town	1	33	33
Science Saturday	3	29	87
Simple Movement	8	2	16
Spinning	70	82	5740
Swim Lesson Mini Session	5	39	195
Swim Lesson Session I	8	88	704
Swim Lesson Session III	8	66	528
Swim Lesson Session III	8	53	424
Swim Team	35	167	5845
Tai Chi	33	167	5511

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Valentine's Day Cookies	1	11	11
Water Aerobics	24	25	600
Yoga	45	75	3375
Youth art	18	44	792
Zentangle	1	5	5
Adult Basketball League	12	5	0
Adult Basketball Open Gym	12	99	0
Adult Tennis Lessons	8	14	112
Adult Tennis Lessons	8	3	24
Adult Volleyball League	11	7	0
Art Camp	5	- 9	. 45
Ballet Lunch Bunch	5	6	30
Beginning Riding	1	5	5
Boys Lacrosse Camp	5	13	65
Camp Hodgepodge- Bake Off	1	8	8
Camp Hodgepodge- Photography	1	11	11
Camp Hodgepodge- Robotics	1	8	8
Camp Hodgepodge- T-Shirt Design	1	3	3
Camp Shafor- Around the World in 5 Da	5	13	65
Camp Shafor- Art Rageous	5	13	65
Camp Shafor- Into the Jungle	5	12	60
Camp Shafor- Science of Magic	5	11	55
Canning 101	1	7	7
Classical Ballet Intensive	5	7	35
COED Soccer	14	20	0
COED Soccer	15	25	0
Dog Training	4	2	8
Dragons Karate	3	5	15
Dragons Karate	. 3	7	21
Dragons Karate	4	8	32
Dragons Karate	3	5	15
Dragons Karate	4	5	20
Enriching Kidz- Better Babysitters	2	6	12
Fairy Princess Tea Party	1	15	0
Girls Field Hockey	13	19	0
Girls Lacrosse Camp	5	9	0
Holiday Bake Off	1	3	3
Irish Dance Camp	5	10	50
Irish Dance Camp	5	6	30
Irish Dance Class	4	12	48
Irish Dance Class	4	8	32
Jedi Training	1	15	15
Junior Classical Ballet Camp	5	6	30
Kiddie Kamp- Camp Safari	4	9	36
Kiddie Kamp- Candy Land	4	8	32
Kiddie Kamp- Disney	4	5	20
Kiddie Kamp- Slimy Science	4	14	56

Kiddie Kamp- Under the Sea	T 4	6	24
Kidz Home Alone	2	16	32
Little Dragons Karate	3	7	21
Little Dragons Karate	3	9	27
Little Dragons Karate	4	10	40
Little Dragons Karate	3	8	24
Little Dragons Karate	4	9	36
Little Kickers Soccer	8	51	0
Little Kickers Soccer	8	45	0
Mini Dance Camp	5	10	50
Mini Dance Camp	5	7	35
Mini-Hawk Multi Sport	5	16	0
Private Tennis Lessons (1 Hr.)	1	3	. 3
Private Tennis Lessons (1 Hr.)	1	2	2
Private Tennis Lessons (1/2 Hr.)	2	1	2
Private Tennis Lessons (1/2 Hr.)	1	2	2
Private Tennis Lessons (1/2 Hr.)	2	2	4
Pumpkin Carving	1	22	22
Self-Defense	2	4	8
Skyhawks Multi Sport Camp	5	14	0
Sundae Bingo	1	19	19
Teddy Bear Picnic	1	5	0
Trivia Game Day	1	4	4
Trivia Game Day (Ages 6-8)	1	4	4
Trivia Game Day (Ages 9-12)	1	8	. 8
Winter Break Trivia Tournament	1	14	14
Young Dancers Camp	5	6	30
Youth Basketball League	8	179	0
Youth Tennis Lessons	8	42	336
Youth Tennis Lessons	8	36	288
Youth Tennis Lessons	8	39	312
Youth Tennis Lessons	8	28	224
Youth Volleyball Clinic	5	10	0
AARP Smart Driver	1	15	15
Adult Basketball Captains Meeting	1	5	5
Adult Volleyball Captains Meeting	1	6	6
Candy Cane Hunt	1	100	100
Coffee & Cookies	1	13	13
Coffee & Cookies	1	13	13
Coffee & Cookies	1	8	8
Coffee & Cookies	1	12	12
Coffee & Cookies- Essential Oils	1	14	14
Coffee & Cookies- Organized People	1	15	15
Fall Soccer Coaches Meeting	1	6	6
Family Movie Night	1	12	12
Fourth Avenue	1	175	0
Honey & Houston-SG Concert	1	50	50

Madcap Puppets- Concert	1	200	0
Orchardly Park Craft Day	. 1	100	100
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Pro-Am Art	2	32	64
Senior Holiday Luncheon	1	39	39
Senior Luncheon	1	43	43
Shafor Park Game Days	3	25	75
Spring Soccer Coaches Meeting	1	6	6
Youth Basketball Coaches Meeting	1	15	15
Youth Basketball Open Gym	13	200	0
Gingerbread Class	1	8	8
Mom's Play Group	52	25	1300
Health Center Visits			6513
Blood Drives	6	85	510
Perennial Sale	2	220	440
OCC Rentals	13		1087
Booster Rental			450
Composting Workshop			40
Children's Gardening Workshop	,		40
New Resident Breakfast			158
Employee Luncheon			100
Employee Picnic		\	100
Gardner Pool Visits		,	19586
St. Vincent Lunch Packing	12	8	. 96
Rotary Foundation Meetings	4	15	60
TDIM Meetings	4	12	48
Lighting Up Oakwood			125
Community Book Swap			300
Community Food Drive			60
Letters from Santa			45
Scarecrow Row			29
Johnny Appleseed Program			58
Shafor Park Shelter Rentals	60		2318
Gardner Pool Signup			375
Program/Activity Signup (Year Round)			4500
Eagle Scout Project Meetings	2	3	6
Interview Meetings	2	40	80
Salesmen	. 10	. 3	30
Other meetings	25	3	75
Smith Garden Blanket Concert (rain)	1	0	100
New & Prospective Residents			80

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## City of Oakwood

## Government Administration

## **Assistant City Manager**

August 10, 2017

Dear Oakwood Community Center Neighbor:

Recognizing that the Shafor Park tennis courts adjacent to the Oakwood Community Center (OCC) were in need of a complete rehab, there have been discussions amongst city leaders during the past 18 months about how to address parking needs in the immediate area. Besides the fact that the existing tennis courts are less than regulation size, the parking in the area, especially during the summer months when the pool is open, is problematic for both users of the recreation venues in and around the OCC as well as the adjoining neighborhood.

Acknowledging that a thorough analysis of potential options was needed, the city enlisted the services of MSA Architects to develop a comprehensive improvement proposal. MSA is the same firm that developed the city's Comprehensive Recreation Master Plan in 2010 and more recently, was the architect of record for the Lane Stadium project at Old River.

In August, 2016, MSA presented to Oakwood City Council a conceptual plan that included the following components and design features.

- There will be a reduction in the number of tennis courts from 6 to 4 but the courts will be expanded to regulation size.
- In order to create the additional space needed for regulation size courts, the angled parking along the Collingwood cul-de-sac will be eliminated, but Collingwood will remain a cul-de-sac and the existing drop-off and turn around at the east end will also remain.
- The 20 parking spaces lost on Collingwood will be made up and expanded into 39 public
  parking spaces along the E. Schantz frontage. The parking lot will primarily encompass
  the space currently occupied by the two tennis courts closest to E. Schantz Avenue. The
  added parking spaces should reduce the amount of on-street parking in the immediate
  neighborhood.
- The circular drive along E. Schantz, primarily used for deliveries and parking by the OCC staff, will be eliminated and become part of the new parking lot with 6 spaces designated for OCC staff.
- Plant material will be installed along E. Schantz to screen the new parking lot and all existing vegetation surrounding the tennis courts will be removed and replaced. A new landscape island, in approximately the location of the existing Collingwood parking spaces, will also be added.

- The existing perimeter fence around the tennis courts will be removed and replaced with new fencing.
- There will be spectator benches on the east and west sides of the tennis courts.

Included with this letter is a rendering of the proposed plan described above. City Council is planning to earmark funds in the 2018 budget for the proposed project but before plans are finalized we want to solicit neighborhood comments and feedback.

To that end we have scheduled a neighborhood meeting for Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the OCC. If you cannot attend the meeting but have comments or suggestions on the proposed plan, please feel free to contact our Leisure Services Director, Carol Collins, or me. Carol can be reached by phone at 298-0775 or by email at collins@oakwood.oh.us. My phone number is 298-0411, and my email address is weiskircher@oakwood.oh.us.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, August 30.

Sincerely,

Jay A. Weiskircher

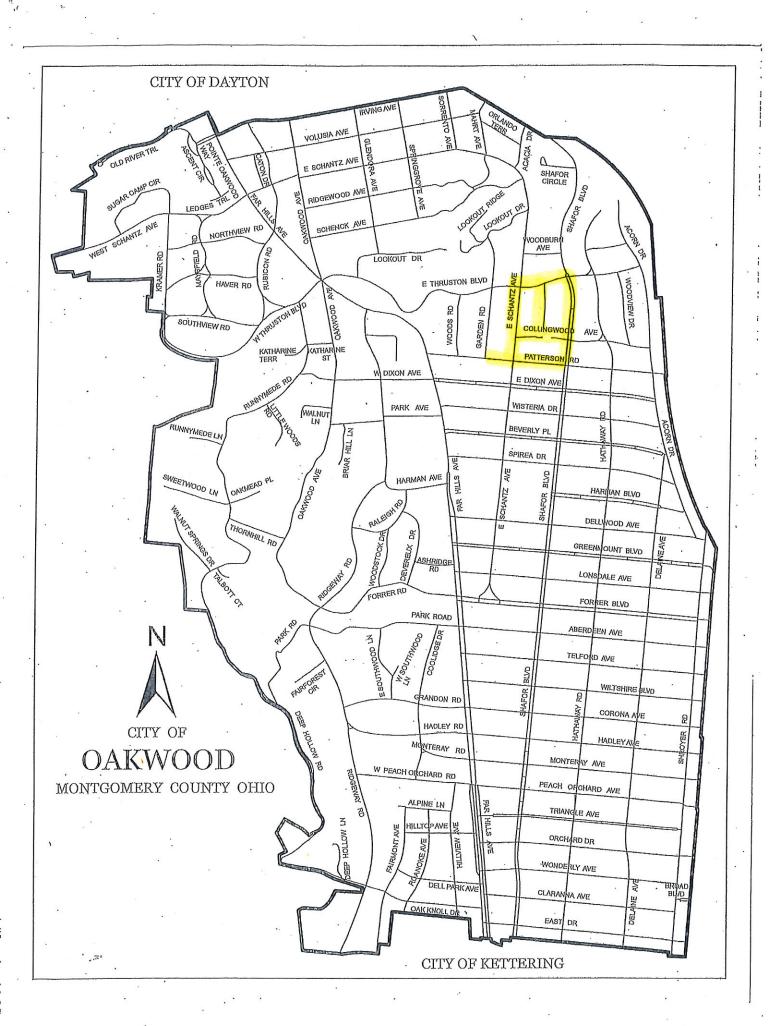
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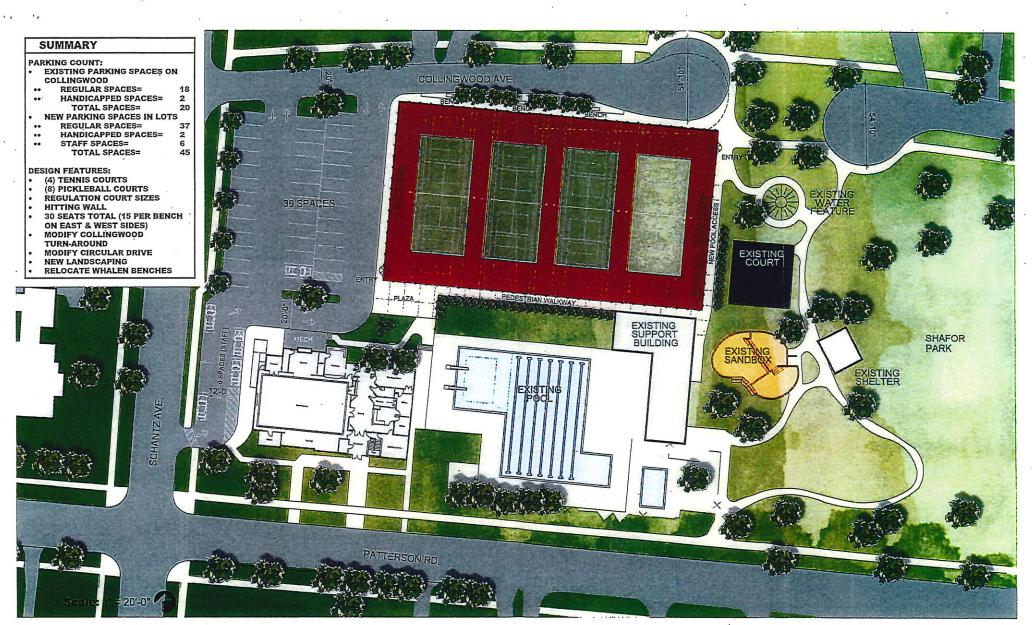
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Enclosure

cc: Norbert Klopsch, City Manager Members of Council Carol Collins, Leisure Services Director





Oakwood Community Center Tennis Court Improvement

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## City of Oakwood

## Government Administration

## **Assistant City Manager**

November 17, 2017

Dear Oakwood Community Center Neighbor:

Last August you received a letter about proposed improvements to the Shafor Park tennis courts adjacent to the Oakwood Community Center. The plans presented during the neighborhood meeting held on August 30 included a proposal to reduce the number of courts from 6 to 4 and to use the remaining space to add off-street parking spaces for users of the tennis courts, swimming pool and OCC. Besides the tennis court plans, there was also a discussion about the possibility of a long term lease with the University of Dayton (UD) for use of the Old River tennis courts. The purpose of this letter is to share with you the following updates and revised site plan.

Both individually and collectively, the Oakwood Schools and the city of Oakwood pursued entering into a long-term lease with UD for use of the tennis courts at Old River. As part of those discussions UD required the users be responsible for current and future maintenance expenses. It was estimated that an expenditure of at least \$200,000 was needed in order to bring the courts up to competitive standards. The significant cost of the court improvements necessitated a long-term lease agreement which the parties were unable to agree upon so, absent a viable alternative, the Shafor Park tennis courts will be the home of Oakwood High School tennis for the foreseeable future. As a shared facility, both the city and the school district will contribute to the replacement of the existing courts and future maintenance. The majority of funding for the pending reconstruction project will be provided by the city.

With the availability of the Old River tennis courts no longer an option, the site plan has been modified to include a fifth court. The feedback we received at the August 30 meeting downplayed the need for regulation-sized courts to host competitive matches so the courts have been adjusted to reduce the hitting area behind the back line. Not only does this change result in a uniform back line hitting area of 17.5 feet for improved spectator viewing, it also makes it possible to maintain 15 of the existing 20 parking spaces along Collingwood.

As described during the meeting on August 30, on-street parking, especially during the summer months when Gardner Pool is open, is an issue neighborhood residents have had to contend with for many years. With added space being available from the elimination of one tennis court, the site plan includes 25 public parking spaces along E. Schantz. The parking enhancement also includes re-working the parking area parallel to E. Schantz currently used by OCC employees and community center vendors. The area between the edge of the off-street parking and the street will be nicely landscaped with coniferous trees and shrubs for screening purposes.

The amended plan as described is attached along with the original site plan presented on August 30. As promised, we are scheduling another neighborhood meeting for Wednesday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m. at the Oakwood Community Center to discuss the revised plan. It should be noted that funding for this project has already been allocated in the 2018 city budget and we anticipate moving forward with the improvements this coming spring.

Sincerely,

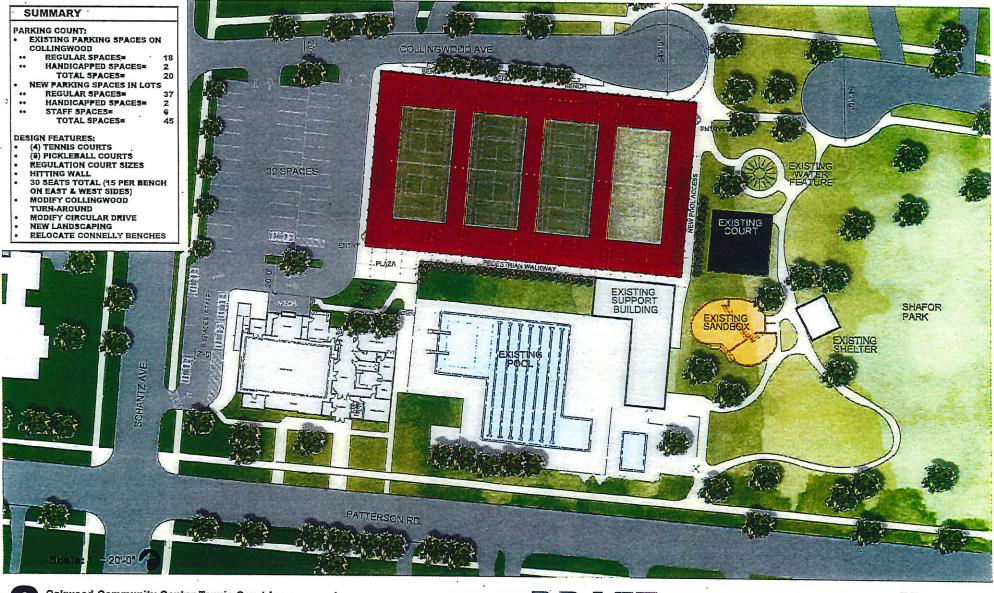
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Carol Collins, Leisure Services Director
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Kevin Philo, Oakwood City Schools
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Brandon Guyer, MSA Architects

## **August 2017 Original Site Plan**



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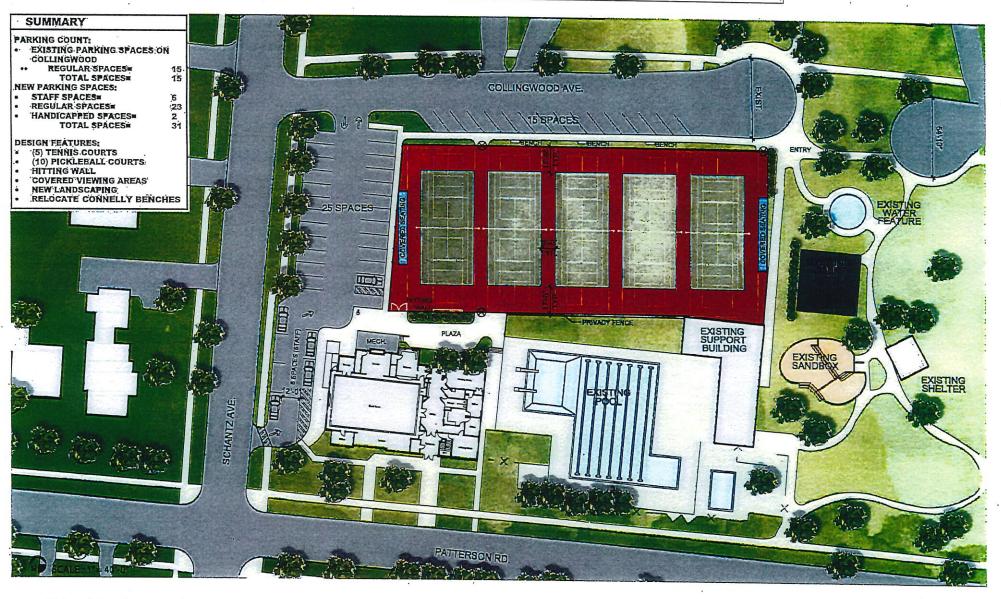
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## **Amended Site Plan**



Oakwood Community Center Tennis Court Improvement

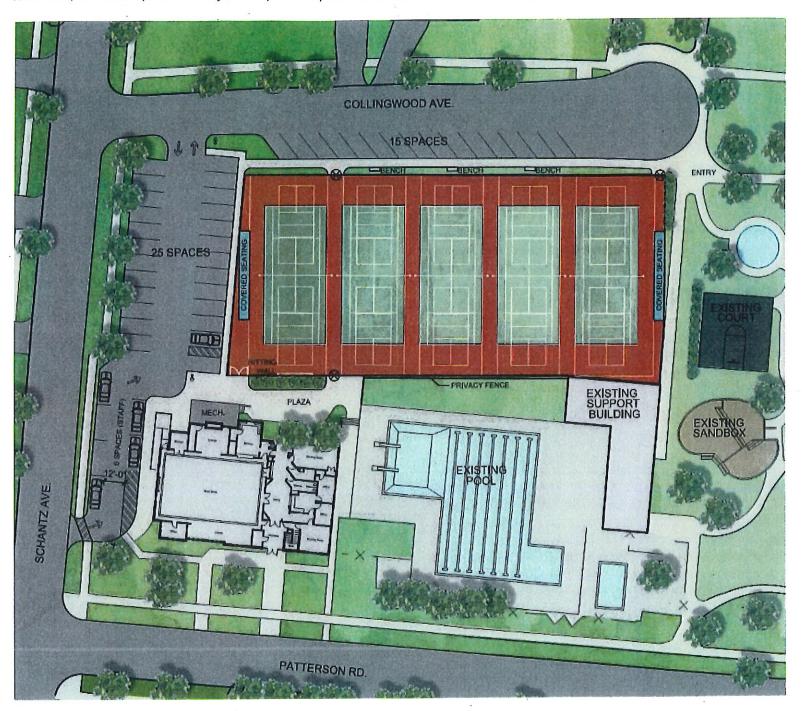
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## **Shafor Park Tennis Court Reconstruction**

(Continued from front page)

The new facility will include five tennis courts and an adjacent 25-space parking lot as depicted below. The parking lot supplements existing on-street parking in the area and will serve the tennis courts, Gardner Swimming Pool, Shafor Park and the Oakwood Community Center. The plan will include extensive landscaping around the courts and parking lot. This project is being completed in cooperation and partnership with the Oakwood City Schools. As with the current courts, the new facility will be open to the public and will also be the home of the Oakwood Junior and Senior High School Tennis teams.



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## vood home inspections ay have to refund fees

said Jacques. "We just ision on Thursday or the city used outside the litigation, so we ting scheduled to disse. We're still digestole and there are still live in the case that olved by that decision. wait to see how those or look at appealing ling, those are all open this point."

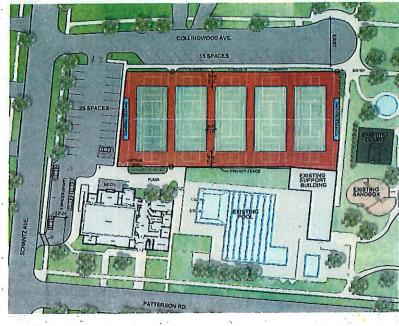
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In the lawsuit, Ritenour said, the plaintiffs sought a declaratory judgment that the ordinance was unconstitutional, an injunction against the city from enforcing the ordinance and restitution of the \$60 inspecsion to see what parts tion fee. Shortly after the suit was filed, Oakwood agreed to a preliminary injunction that suspended enforcement of certain provisions of the ordinance. Two months later, Oakwood passed an emergency order repealing the ordinance and replacing it with one that provides Oakwood ordinance, it for an administrative warrant pro-I for a property owner cedure. The plaintiffs in the lawsuit tle or ownership of a did not challenge the amended ordi-

A similar challenge is also pending in the federal court for the northern district of Ohio involving the point of sale inspection process in Bedford, a Cleveland suburb. That case has also been certified as a class action, Ritenour noted:

In reaching its decision that the Oakwood ordinance violated the Fourth Amendment, the court cited a 1967 U.S. Supreme Court case as well as a recent federal court case that struck down a Portsmouth,

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## City, Schools will split \$700,000 upgrade to Shafor Park courts

The city and Oakwood Schools will split the cost of an estimated \$700,000 needed to install five new tennis courts and additional parking at Shafor Park, according to an agreement approved by the Oakwood Board of Education on Monday.

The city will pay 75 percent, or \$525,000 of the estimated cost, while the school district will contribute an estimated \$175,000 towards removing six existing tennis courts at Shafor Park and installing five new tennis courts and a 25-space parking lot along Schantz Avenue.

According to the terms of the agreement the city will fully fund the project and the district will reimburse the city "upon substantial completion of the project."

The school district is sharing in the cost of the upgrade since the Shafor Park tennis court are used by school teams, with the new outdoor courts being designated a "joint use facility" open to both the public and district tennis teams.

City Manager Norb Klopsch said the project is set to bid in late March, with construction expected to begin in mid-April and continue through mid-July.

"Being over 60 years old, the existing tennis facility is in very bad condition," Klopsch said. "It is in the worst condition of any public facility in Oakwood. The existing courts have irregular side and back line distances. We will be improving this with the new design. The new design includes five courts, rather than six, to make room for the small parking lot."

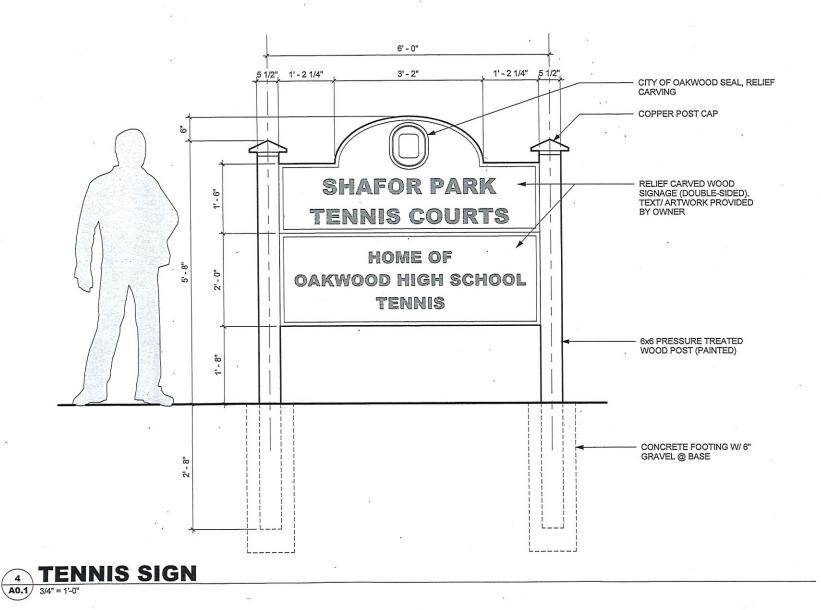
Last year the city assumed ownership of the clay courts at the nearby Hollinger Tennis Center, also on Shafor Boulevard, but that facility continues to operate as a private club with memberships sold through the city's Department of Leisure

Klopsch said the new facility will be open in time for the fall 2018 Oakwood High School tennis season.

## teachers, staff \$84,000 arly physical exams

d City Schools have icentivized" annual aving district teach-1 administrators \$400 nplete a once-a-year o the tune of \$84,400 authorized to teachby the school board nd February.

During the first two months of this year the Oakwood Board of Education approved \$400 incentive payments to a total of 211 certified and classified faculty, staff and administrators for completing an annual physical examination for the 2017-18 school year.



March 16, 2018

Oakwood Schools are pleased to support the renovation of the City of Oakwood Tennis Courts located near the Oakwood Community Center that will be the home to Oakwood boys and girls tennis. We appreciate being involved in the process, with suggestions from our tennis coaches being incorporated in the final design. Our coaches and the OHSAA, which regulates high school sports in Ohio, have reviewed the design and find no safety or size issues with the courts.

This cooperation and partnership between the District and the City fulfills a need for the Oakwood Schools and will, in the long run, save the schools money. Oakwood Schools has an outstanding working relationship with the City of Oakwood when providing venues to help fulfill the curricular, recreational and athletic needs of our students. We look forward to continuing this partnership in the future.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kyle Ramey

Superintendent Oakwood Schools

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