

**TOWNSHIP OF O'HARA**  
**COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**  
**MARCH 13, 2018**

I. OPENING PROCEDURES

- A. Call to Order by President Smith at 7:02 p.m.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance led by President Smith.
- C. Roll Call

Council Members Present: Robert John Smith, President of Council; Charles A. Vogel, Vice-President of Council; George H. Stewart, Second Ward; Scott Frankowski, Third Ward; Allison Garcia, Fourth Ward; Cassandra Eccles, Fifth Ward

Absent: John R. Denny, Jr., At-Large

Also Present: Ted Curran, Treasurer; Julie A. Jakubec, CPA, CGMA, Township Manager; Charles W. Steinert, Jr., P.E., Township Engineer; James R. Farringer, Superintendent of Police; Cathy Bubas, Manager's Secretary

Manager Jakubec informed Council that Mr. Denny, Jr. was unable to attend due to a business conflict.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS CONCERNING AN APPLICATION FOR CONDITIONAL USE APPROVAL FROM CATHOLIC CEMETERY ASSOCIATION FOR A PROPOSED PERMANENT MAUSOLEUM LOCATED AT ST. MARY'S CEMETERY ALONG KIRKWOOD DRIVE

President Smith stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public comments concerning a permanent mausoleum located along Kirkwood Drive, near the old St. Mary's ballfield. Mausoleums are a conditional use in the CD-1 zoning district. He invited anyone wishing to comment to come to the microphone, state their name and address.

Ms. Christine Sulkowski (Habay) of Seifried Lane, noted Jim Habay was her husband and she would love to get this all done so to put Jim at rest and all the other members of peoples' families. It's been too long in coming and she just wants it all done. President Smith verified that she was in favor of the mausoleum and asked if she had any problems with it. Ms. Sulkowski stated she has no problem with it and lives half a block away. Her backyard is a cemetery. People in the cemetery never bothered her or anybody; you don't have to be afraid of them. Ms. Sulkowski stated she would like to have it done and everybody else would like to have it done too.

Ms. Robin Kocent of Parkview Boulevard, stated in addition to her and her husband, her mom and dad also have spots in the mausoleum. They were one of the initial buyers back whenever they

were first selling the plot for the mausoleum. Since that time, which was probably a good eight years ago, her mom and dad have both passed on. Her dad was put into the temporary mausoleum which was over at St. Mary's, hoping that it would just be a temporary thing and he would be able to be put where he should permanently reside. In the meantime, two years later her mom passed away. When her mom passed away there was no more room in the temporary mausoleum; they were not building any more spaces. They told Ms. Kocent that her mother would have to go into a temporary holding facility at St. Stanislaus Cemetery, off of Soose Road in Shaler, while her dad was at the temporary holding facility at St. Mary's. That was just not acceptable. Her dad worked for the cemetery. When she was a little girl he worked digging graves at the cemetery. They had plots at the cemetery in the ground and sold them in order to be in the mausoleum in Parkview, where they lived. It broke Ms. Kocent's heart that they were going to be separated. She had her father taken out of the temporary mausoleum and put over with her mother at St. Stanislaus until they can be moved back, together. That was their one wish, to be together. Eight years have gone by and they've both passed on and now they're not where they're supposed to be. Ms. Kocent begged Council to just please let them build it and let them put everybody who is supposed to be there where they're supposed to be for the families, and for them because that's where they wanted to be.

Ms. Joanne Wehner of Joanne Street stated she recently purchased a spot there and would like to see it before she needs to use it. Her family is all buried at St. Mary's, but she is the only one that purchased a spot at the mausoleum.

Ms. Lisa Lang of Carriage Court stated she does not have anyone at this point that has passed, but she and her husband, her brother and sister-in-law all purchased, or made their final hotel reservations together with the mausoleum, and her fear watching the temporary go up was she always worried if something happened she really doesn't want to be in that temporary spot. She hopes that she lives long enough that it's built, and it seems it has taken forever and they actually started to question what's holding it up. Her heart is to the people who have people who have passed and they're not in their final resting place. That doesn't affect her personally, but for those of us, and she told her brother that she wanted to be able to haunt him the rest of his life and he's just one row above, or below her. She just thinks nowadays mausoleums are everywhere and it's just something that St. Mary's needs as well because it seems like more people are heading in that direction and St. Mary's doesn't have that much land left. Ms. Lang requested Council to please consider giving approval.

### III. ADJOURNMENT

It was noted that Council would be acting on the mausoleum during the following Regular Meeting.

With no other comments, Vice President Vogel motioned to adjourn the Public Hearing, which was seconded by Mr. Stewart and carried unanimously. The Public Hearing adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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Cathy Bubas, Manager's Secretary

Attachment(s): Sign-In Sheet(s)