

**Minutes of the Planning Commission
Sheffield Lake, Ohio
January 17, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission was held Wednesday, January 17, 2018. Chairman Jancura called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Jancura, Wtulich, Pugh, Wells, Wright, Erdei

Attending: Mayor Bring, Councilperson Gee, Law Director Graves

MINUTES:

November 15, 2017 minutes – *Motion by Wright/Second by Wells to accept the minutes as presented. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE: Representative Erdei advised we got the grant for the addition at the Community Center. We have the restrooms that are going to go in at the Boat Launch. At the old Bowling Alley, we have some people in talks with the Mayor and Superintendent Hastings along with the Law Director interested in making it into a Rec Center. Chairman Jancura stated that could be cool as it is a big building. We also have a gentleman who has been talking with the Mayor for a long time who finally showed up at our Buildings & Lands meeting and he would like to put in Storage Condo's behind the Shopping Center. He is the same gentleman that built the condo's over on Pleasantview. His name is Josh Siebenhar and I have a copy if you would like to look through the plan but they are still in negotiations. There is a lot of work involved in that to just be ready to do anything. Chairman Jancura asked are they looking to take that forest part out? Representative Erdei answered yes, right behind the Speedway and so much towards the Bowling Alley. Also, you did know about the City of Sheffield Lake sanitary sewer rate review and capital gain planning. I mentioned to you guys what is going on with that. Mayor Bring added we also have route 301 that we are going to completely tear-out and redo that. Then we are also going to do our pump stations, we have three of those and that is about a million dollars too. That is in accordance to some of the flooding that we have had and some other things, but they are about 25 years old and very outdated. So, we will be upgrading those. Chairman Jancura asked where are those pump stations? Mayor Bring answered one down by Devonshire, one at Jordan's Dip and the last at Shell Cove Park; those little buildings that are there. Member Wells asked what did you say about 301? Mayor Bring answered the old Abbe Road; route 301 there, that is going to be repaved. Chairman Jancura clarified for us to the city limits? Mayor Bring answered

also a short portion of Sheffield Village's is included in that. So, that is going to get all redone and then that gentleman from NCIC is going to build a new building. That whole corridor there is going to look completely different.

REPORT FROM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBER: Member Wright advised nothing to report tonight.

PRESENTATIONS: **None.**

OLD BUSINESS:

City zoning study – Representative Erdei advised our subdivision, we are still discussing that.

Master Plan – Chairman Jancura advised as I remember the last thing that we did was we were going to be working on putting together a survey. I looked at some of the different surveys and I can see where we can supplement and change out of the things that we had in ours. Member Wells advised well, based upon David Graves response regarding working together, Cathy and I; two people worked on it and shared our ideas that we were thinking about and then Cathy graciously put it together so that it looks like a survey. If you would like we can pass that out and see whether any of the things work which were distributed. She advised we did not involve anyone else in the emails. Member Pugh stated Karen and I looked at the other surveys as well and we had some questions to begin with that you will see come up, especially when it comes to zoning. That is why we started with what is the *status of the zoning plan* because that plays in quite succinctly into a couple of questions that were on the old survey and then the purpose of the Master Plan and really that comes under future use and development. The purpose of the Master Plan and I am assuming that is to direct our decisions made by Council in the future. Chairman Jancura asked I am wondering if I am missing a page or something because at the end of page 1 it says quality of life.

Member Pugh stated when you, turn to page 2, *these are your quality of life questions*. Here is what we did with those. Chairman Jancura stated, okay, because they start at 6 and I was wondering if there was a 1 through 5. Member Wells stated the 1 through 4 are the demographics which were always the demographics. Then the next section starts with the next number and that is true throughout the entire survey. If it is confusing, maybe we don't want to do it that way, but that is the way it was done in the old survey. So, what we did under quality of life was we took the Waterville survey and we used the same like scale that they had used; the strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree and no opinion. We reworded all of the statements in that section to be positive statements like they were in the Waterville survey. So, it says housing is affordable, taxes are reasonable, police services are satisfactory, etc. So, it is *a different way of asking the same questions for the same information but you get a better spread*. Member Pugh advised you don't want to start your survey off with a negative, because then people get negative as they go through the survey. So, we tried to put everything in a positive state and you can disagree with it, but at least, they have you thinking in a

positive light about the city because you have to be very careful in a survey if you word it wrong. Chairman Jancura stated I understand. After everyone has a look, we will go through it line by line. I think there could be a little bit of additions here and there, but I really like how you started it, giving the 5 different categories that is like when you take a survey nowadays online and that is what you get; the 5 categories which will give you a wider view, if you are going to put together on some sort of graph or whatever then you will have more data points off of that more than anything else.

Member Pugh stated we didn't like the *word neutral*. You know, if you put no opinion, people will say, well, I want to *have an opinion, then* they will at least start to think about yes or no. But, *like you I like the 5 categories scale*. Chairman Jancura stated when you say taxes are reasonable, is that income or is that property, I wonder if we should split that into 2 different things. Now, granted you are not going to have renters that have anything on property tax.

Member Wells stated there is a question about taxes on here somewhere but no – *it is in the demographics, do you rent or own*. You have that question in there and then we talked about should we consider compiling the responses of the entire survey by do you rent or own. You have that question in there and then we talked about should we consider compiling the responses of the entire survey by rent/own because you are going to get different answers depending on which responder in which situation. Chairman Jancura concurred you are absolutely going to get something different, especially when it applies to anything like property taxes or making people spend their money as renters don't necessarily want to be subject to that. So, they are going to kind of vote that down. Somehow, we are going to want to take that into consideration. Whether, renters – we take their input on certain questions and maybe disregard for other ones or maybe not. It is a good distinction to have in there and I think compiling it in a couple of different ways might help. Member Pugh stated as you go through you will see that, like we kept in the question, do you want a rec center, but you will now see that we added are you willing to up your property tax, would you be willing to do an income tax? You know, I think it is real easy to say yes, I want a rec center, but then ask them how they want to pay for it and I think they might change the answer to the previous question. So, I think you will have some questions like that. But those will make for good discussion tonight. You may feel that we are off base and certainly we didn't capture everything. Member Wtulich stated I actually have a comment on that point, I was wondering if we should include some kind of wording to kind of state that in here. Chairman Jancura stated were you thinking that, would you willing to pay more taxes to have a rec center?

Member Wtulich continued no, when you have conversations with residents about like *new park equipment going in or whatever and then you have someone say oh well, it's nice that they did this but what about the roads, sewage or things like that*. Member Pugh stated you do have a question to rate that though, rate in order of importance. Member Wells stated also, rank in order of importance for a lot of these questions instead of just choosing one or the other. Chairman Jancura stated you have done a great job,

don't worry about defending it. Member Wtulich stated I would just like for the person filling out the survey realizing that it is not an either/or. Like we are choosing parks over streets and I don't know how it could be worded or if I am over-thinking it altogether. I like that you included a map about wards because I am not sure that everybody realizes what ward they live in. Chairman Jancura stated I have a hard time remembering what ward I live in and I have been here 15 years. Member Pugh stated I also put that in there because people will ask if you want more business, what ward do you want it in. I would like to know the ward they live in and the ward they want it in. There is an interesting dynamic, sure I want more business, but not in my ward. Mayor Bring advised that is called nimby's, not in my back yard. Chairman Jancura stated, we will start at the top and work our way down, what is the purpose of this survey. What are you looking to answer with that question? Member Wright asked right, these questions up top, are they intended to be on the survey? Chairman Jancura answered no, they won't be on the survey. These are ones that we are to consider. Member Wells advised last month and actually for the last 2 months the *real focus of getting the survey done and updating the Master Plan has been on grants* and Mr. Hastings need to have those things done in order to continue to get grants. That is a very important reason to do this and we don't want to lose sight of that, but on the other hand is that really the purpose of the Master Plan, isn't it really supposed to guide the future. Chairman Jancura stated yes, but sometimes the guide is to follow the money. Member Wells continued right, but I don't think we want to lose sight of the fact that we need to do that in order to get the grant and the funding to help us with it, but we can't lose sight of the fact that we are really creating a vision for the future. Member Wright stated I think the intent of the survey is to collect data from the residents for two very important reasons, number one when Mr. Hastings writes grants, we can prove community involvement and input and that we are in a sense, following according to community wishes, but also when we construct this plan, we would go back to the results of this survey and use what was represented back to us from the community in the way that we write up this plan. Chairman Jancura stated also part of it is if we believe our survey has got a decent representative from the public, it says okay we might float a tax levy for this or increase taxes for that if they are willing for this and such like that. There are multiple things that the Master Plan and the survey can serve for. I don't think that our Master Plan, you know you talk about using it for grants and writing it for the pure vision of the city. I don't think there is going to be that much in between the two and honestly at the end of the day when we are in the middle of it, we will kind of figure it out at that time because we will know when that issue comes up. You know, like okay we want to go this way and build skyscrapers, no – that is not going to work because we are not going to get funding for that. You know what I mean? That is a wild example, but you know what I am saying. Does that make sense? Member Wells answered yes. Mayor Bring explained the Master Plan is actually a tool for Mr. Hastings to use for application to get grants. It is not what we should plan around it, but it is just like Mrs. Wtulich said when you start talking about the City of Sheffield

Lake one of the first topics that comes up is roads, the roads are deplorable. Well, we are systematically going about fixing all of the roads and that is what the process is. Even though, you do that every year and Bill will tell you it is one of the number one topics that come up is the roads. When they are talking about trying to enhance the city, they want a water park, they want the rec center and everything else. It is just like you also said how are you going to fund all that. Well, we are in the process of both, but you look at what is reasonable. I think that is the big question in our city is what is reasonable for us to be able to afford and that is how we have to get to some of these. We fix between 11 and 14 roads every year and even though when we get done with that, the next year the first thing that comes up is can you fix my road. So, that is probably going to be the number one topic other than everything else but systematically we will repair all of them eventually, but it is just going to take time. It is going to take some time but we changed that process five years ago. So, forever they were neglected so that is the first thing that everybody drives on and then they go home and that is the first thing that comes to their mind. We just have to think about what is reasonable and my thought and other than the community, in my past 20 years, but if you would have given me this survey before I was a Councilman, my thoughts would have been completely different. Now, my thoughts are on infrastructure and water, sewer, things like that. Where I never would have thought about that as a resident. I was always thinking of how we could make the community much nicer, but my thought process now is we have to fix all these things before we can do anything else. Chairman Jancura stated you have to have a sound foundation before you do anything else. Mayor Bring stated exactly and there is exactly my point. Chairman Jancura stated I agree with that, Avon Lake wouldn't be Avon Lake if all of their roads sucked because people wouldn't put up with that. Well, I guess that answers the question, the Master Plan while it is going to be the vision of the city and everything, it is also going to be kind of tempered by what we can get grants for and what we can get money for and what we can get the city to support in general. Mayor Bring advised we borrowed money a number of years ago for stormwater utility which was quite a bit, in 2020 that will be paid off. So, once that is paid off, then we will borrow a couple million dollars again and use the stormwater utility to pay that off. But the 2 million dollars will be put into infrastructure again. That is the kind of process that we have to keep doing, a number of bonds that we have taken out for certain projects and stuff. But, in the next year or so they are going to be paid off too. As we go along we have been very frugal on how we handle things, but things are starting to get better gradually. So, that allows us to do some of these things that these people come up with. So, that is why it is important to have this survey done to get their ideas. There is always a wish list, but you don't know how far you can go. Chairman Jancura stated I will say that I have lived on Sunset Avenue long enough to see it resurfaced twice and this last time they did it, they did a faster and better job than they did the first time. I don't know if it is better equipment or just more attention to detail, but the last time it seemed a little bit haphazard like it was rushed. This last time they finished areas very well and stuff

like that. Kudos to the crews. Chairman Jancura stated, we have the answers to the things up top. You know, as far as number one under demographics, 1 to 5 and 6 to 10, I don't see any reason to change that. I think that whether you rent or own, I think that is a very good one, but the only other thing I can think is renting to own, but I think that would be such a small category for people responding that it is not worth it. Member Wright stated I am totally in favor of the idea of compiling them separately, this renters versus owners. Chairman Jancura stated I would be surprised if we compiled them separately and the answers were identical. When you are an owner, you have different priorities, then when you are a renter, it is just how it works.

Councilperson Gee stated what I was wondering is in Sheffield Lake there is a *large amount of homes that are owned, but more than one part of the family lives in them.* An Aunt, her nieces or nephews and their spouse live with her. Parents who have their grown up adult children and their children living with them. So, in turn, if they are all taking the survey, maybe we should consider putting a spot on the survey that brings that to light. We have a lot of homes that have more than one generation of family living in them. Member Wright asked isn't this survey, one survey per household? Councilperson Gee advised you never did agree on that yet. Member Wells answered it was the last time, it is just one survey. Chairman Jancura stated that was our anticipation. Now, whether we want to change that or not, but when you allow more than one there is a chance for the numbers to get skewed. Does that make any sense? Councilperson Gee answered, oh yes. The wife fills out both or the husband fills out both. Member Pugh advised with Mr. Wright, he has a good question here, lots of good questions. She continued the age of the respondent, I thought that was an interesting one. You know, we have the one on the number of people in the household according to age group. But would you like to know the age of the person filling it out the survey and I mean I don't know whether I care that they are male or female but I think that is a good question. Chairman Jancura advised I don't know that my wife would answer honestly though. Member Pugh stated well, we are going to put ranges, we wouldn't put tell us your age or we make sure that it is filled out by an adult in the household, but do something that if somebody doesn't give it to their teenager and say hey, fill this out and put it in the mail. Mayor Bring stated you could always put student down if you wanted to but then you got the millennials, the baby-boomers – us and everything else. But I mean you could word it that way versus like an age group if you wanted to. You know, some kind of an idea. Member Wright stated I just thought the age thing would narrow down demographics more in order to allow us to identify trends per demographic or age group. Mayor Bring concurred we have a totally different way of thinking versus the younger group. Member Pugh asked I am wondering if within that demographic you would want the age of the person then you could go and start with 21 or at least start with 18 and 18 to whatever and you would at least know if they were in their 20's, 30's or 40's. Mayor Bring advised that is a good idea. Member Pugh stated I don't know how to word that questions, but maybe something we could talk about and where do you want it. Do you

want it at the beginning, as number 1 or number 2, I probably would put it as 1 but would consider putting it as... Member Wells advised a new 2. Member Pugh concurred a new 2. Chairman Jancura advised or just wait until they sign it at the bottom. Member Pugh advised well, you wouldn't want them to sign it. You could at the end say the person completing this survey. Mayor Bring suggested you could probably take number 5 and add it to that. Member Wright asked do we want to add the age question to the survey? Member Pugh answered, I think it is a good question. Chairman Jancura concurred it is a good point because we don't want the teenager filling it out. While we can't stop that, we can encourage to be filled out by the primary owner or renter, adult only or something like that. Member Wright stated again, you can't stop that, I mean all this is done in good faith anyhow. Member Pugh stated, but age would tell you something, it might be something that would come up as a variable. So, I think if you at least did age groups by 10 years somebody might not be as offended. Chairman Jancura advised it couldn't hurt. Member Pugh asked do you want it number 2 or do you want it number 6. Member Wright stated I think it should certainly be lumped in with the other demographic questions but in what order? Member Pugh answered, I think it should be after the number of years you have lived here because if you are 18 and you have lived here 1 to 5 years, I am going to look at your responses probably a little differently and your rent. You can keep the same age groups if you want or you could ask them to circle the age group. I would put it as a separate question. Representative Erdei advised my opinion is I would put that number 1. No beating around the bush, you open it up and look at it and know right off the bat. Chairman Jancura stated do you just want to leave it blank like a new number 1 that says age of person completing this survey. If it is anonymous, what do they care. My wife might just be honest with that. Mayor Bring joked of course, she could be 19. Member Wells advised you really aren't asking for their name so it might be very honest. So, we will just renumber everything as we go through, that will be number 1; age of respondent completing survey and then number 2; how long have you been a resident and number 3; do you own or rent, number 4; where do you work and that would give you some background of aunts and uncles living with or you know, grandparents living with younger people. You will get a feel for that by the number in the households. Chairman Jancura asked with the where do you work, Sheffield Lake or Lorain County so that is a double check? Mayor Bring answered you want to know if they live in this city, that is their point. Chairman Jancura concurred, but they also have Lorain County so you will get a double check there. I just wondered if you want to say another Lorain County city. Member Wright stated just reword it, outside of Sheffield Lake but in Lorain County. Chairman Jancura stated you could, it is a lawyer thing, I look at things in hypocritical.

Chairman Jancura continued number of people, according to *age group living* within the home. I like how that works. Representative Erdei advised that right there will tell you how many people are living in the household.

Chairman Jancura advised then the *wards* question, is there, that is where we will have a real simple map that shows the wards.

Chairman Jancura continued *housing affordable*, now should we say rental housing or owning. Member Pugh stated well, you are going to know if they are renting, is their rent affordable or if they own the house is affordable and it is based on the rent or own. Member Wells stated that is why you have to compile the results.

Chairman Jancura stated *taxes are reasonable*, that is where I think splitting income and taxes out separately would help us drill down because they would say the income is okay but the property is too much because they don't like to pay. Member Wells stated well, I think the only taxes I think about in taking this survey are my property taxes. Chairman Jancura concurred I would think of all taxes but am I off on that. I mean if everyone is no, no I think it is fine. I mean what does everybody think? Councilperson Gee advised renters, property tax wouldn't even cross their mind. Chairman Jancura advised no, they don't care. But I am wondering if we want to know, if they have a different opinion as far as income taxes as opposed to property taxes. Now would be the time to check it. Mayor Bring added that is probably the number 2 thing that everybody complains about, how much the taxes are in Sheffield Lake. Member Pugh asked so, do you want city taxes and property taxes? Mayor Bring advised the roads are number 1 and then how much they pay for property taxes are too high. That is the first and then second thing that comes out of their mouths, sometimes it is flip. Councilperson Gee concurred yes. Mayor Bring added I think that most people think it is property taxes because that is what they complain about. Member Wells stated the Waterville survey does use taxes are reasonable. Now, they have other things in here that are not in ours, but that is the way they put it if you care. Chairman Jancura stated well, that is the way they did it and apparently, I am in the only one that makes a difference.

Chairman Jancura continued with *police sources* are satisfactory, the only thing that I see is you don't talk about *EMS or Fire*. This is another one where you think that everyone is going to think people think about them altogether. Member Wright stated, maybe just change police to emergency service. Chairman Jancura stated maybe just call it all "emergency services as satisfactory". Councilperson Gee advised a lot of residents thanks and says the Fire Department does a great job and the police don't or they think the police do a great job and the fire does not. Mayor Bring concurred that is true. Councilperson Gee advised so lumping them together, somebody is not going to get a fair answer because they dislike one department and not the other. Member Pugh stated so, we can just add the 2 questions. Chairman Jancura answered correct, you have police and then you have Fire/EMS. Member Pugh recognized so number 10 because police services are number 9. Member Wells stated the Fire / EMS Department is satisfactory. Chairman Jancura advised welcome is Law Director Graves to the meeting.

Chairman Jancura advised next – the *cost of living* in Sheffield Lake is reasonable. What are we trying to get to on that, what does that question mean? You know, a cost living is a national thing and you can outside of Sheffield Lake. Member Pugh stated it is

cheaper for me to live in Sheffield Lake than it is for me to live in Bay Village. Chairman Jancura asked why is that? Member Wells answered because of property and income tax. This might be a good point that you brought up earlier, maybe number 8 should say property taxes are reasonable and number 11 should be instead of the cost of living and then city taxes. I don't know what other, I don't know the other verbiage to use? Member Wright stated I like the question simply because we are seeking an opinion and input from the community. So, if we do this and we tally the data and 70% of the people think that it is unreasonable, then we have a general sense of the general opinion in this town. Of course, if it is flip flop and 70% think that it is reasonable then we know they are perfectly comfortable with what the cost of living is. Member Wells explained well when you live in a community... if I lived in Bay Village where maybe the services and everything you are getting in Bay Village, like picking the leaves and then whatever I might think is worth it. So, I think when you think about the cost of living you think all of your services that are provided in your city. Also, the cost of your home, you know if I go buy a home in Bay Village on the lake I am going to pay a lot more. Chairman Jancura asked is that what the average Sheffield Lake resident going to take from that question? Member Wells stated that is a good question and I am just saying what I would take from it. My cost of living when I was living in Medina was cheaper than my living in, once again Bay Village. Mayor Bring advised my mother and father in law lived in Westlake and their amenities are tremendous, but I don't know if the thought process here is still the same. We do do leaf pickup by the way but people do say well, I do get leaf pickup but I don't get that but it is a little bit different thought process over here than one would say Bay Village or Westlake because I think in most communities expect that is part of what they are paying for. Over here, I don't know if they expect it or they kind of wish it. So, it is a little bit different. Anyway, they wish they had everything and it is not possible. So, over there I think they just expect it because they know that moving into that type of community that they are going to get those kind of amenities. So, if somebody doesn't come along and pick up the leaves and you know if your curb is too high then they fix it. If somebody needs a ride to Rite-Aid or whatever, they anticipate that the city is going to take care of all that stuff. Overall, I think we have a tendency to wish for all that, but again we go back to that word reasonable. I don't know if I just confused everybody. Chairman Jancura advised no you didn't confuse it, I just don't know. Member Wells stated it is in so many of the surveys, I think there is some rational to it. Chairman Jancura answered and there is but what is that rational, what is it telling us. I was also very good at statistics and I am looking at that question and saying alright, what does that question really mean. What does the average person in Sheffield Lake look at that and what are they going to think? Maybe it just stays the way it is. I guess I really wanted to know because it is very subjective on what one person is going to believe as to what the cost of living is. Member Wtulich stated for me cost of living is like a culmination of housing, taxes, everything I am paying to live on, like my water bill is a culmination. Also, to go back to that question about taxes, the more I think about

it because I am sure that if the city or Pat or the Mayor are looking at this and they are trying to identify how they could fund it, would an income tax increase versus property tax increase when looking at funding for that kind of angle. Chairman Jancura stated, we will circle around back to that, we will think about it for a minute.

Chairman Jancura continued *park & recreation services* are satisfactory. I think that is a pretty good question. Member Wright asked my only question is should those belong in the park & rec section or is there a reason to move those to that section? I understand that is the quality of life as well. Member Pugh advised I think it belongs here and there will be additional questions about parks because in that section we just put has to be updated. Sometimes you want more than one question, you know if they already strongly agree that the services are satisfactory, that might influence on other questions in that section.

Chairman Jancura continued *city owned lakefront property is utilized to afford everyone the use of Lake Erie*. Chairman Jancura stated I think that is an excellent question. Member Wright concurred I like it. Chairman Jancura explained, I think that is an excellent question, especially with everything that we have done with the Boat Launch and such like that, giving increased access. Member Wells stated and all of the work that was done in the parks was the grant money. Chairman Jancura concurred our parks are nice.

Chairman Jancura stated *recreation opportunities for children are satisfactory*. What are we trying to get to on that? You know, the parks & recreation services are satisfactory. Are we looking for a different question for that question or are we looking for like school activities like soccer? Member Wells stated you have city leagues and things like that. I would think that if I was a young person I would like that. Member Wtulich stated I guess I read them as separate. The first one being the facilities, are the facilities for parks & recreation satisfactory. Then for the second one, are the opportunities designed for the kids. Are we offering all the sports opportunities that we could be. Chairman Jancura asked do we want to expand that question or be a little bit more specific? Member Wells asked do you have your review guide that we got from Mr. Hastings. If you look at the survey, quality of life except for the Fire/EMS which is in there the was we want it. Somehow it didn't end up that way. But all the other ones, all we did was make it a positive statement. So, do you think that housing is affordable became housing is affordable and then the way of answering it with the categories which became different. But all of these are identical, so they were all used the last time in the way that they are found tonight. Chairman Jancura stated, okay, does that mean we shouldn't change them. Member Wells stated, but what we have been saying here is this doesn't make any sense, but it obviously made sense the last time around. Member Wright advised I also am in favor of a little more vague and ambiguity in the survey questions because when you get specific you create expectations. Whereas a survey like this is intended to gauge attitude and to gauge opinion on a larger scale. If you get too specific you begin to create expectations as if this is exactly what we are planning. You

kind of paint ourselves into a corner. Chairman Jancura advised okay, we will leave it as is.

Chairman Jancura continued *services for seniors are satisfactory*. No changes were heard.

Member Pugh stated the next one is new and that is the *school system attracts new residents to Sheffield Lake*. Councilperson Gee stated, we have a lot of residents that contact Council, the Mayor, our Law Director in reference to wanting us to do something about the school or something going on at the school. The school system is separate from the city, it is not our call on any of that. We have no say, just like the one where it says if you want new construction and it list school, that is not up to us. Member Pugh stated you don't have any say on the property taxes either, the Auditor of Lorain does. But I think that there should be a question about the school, but I know where you are coming from because you probably do get calls. Councilperson Gee answered we get quite a few. Member Wells explained we just felt there should be a question about the school system because that really influences real estate, the perception of the community. What are their feelings about the schools. I just think it is important to know, but the schools are a part of the community. Mayor Bring advised most of the young people that have families, that is one of the first things they ask is about the schools. It is around 70% of the kids that go to the schools is Sheffield Lake and like 27% is from the Village. Then you have the other 3% that come from other communities. When you have 70% of your kids going to the schools, it is a very important question I think. Since the new schools have been built, you are getting a far better response. When people come they say oh my goodness, is that the school system because even though it is not in this city they see that and they are just wow. It is kind of disconnected from us, but it is still a very important part of what our city is about. Chairman Jancura stated I would agree with that, so whether we reword the question in some way to try to solicit more information. So, asking about the school system I think is a good thing. I don't think it is overly burdensome or information that we couldn't use. I think just like the Mayor says the school system is an integral part of what the city is and shouldn't be ignored on a survey. Since the school is not going to do a survey on their own. Councilperson Gee advised I had spoken out of turn, I was referring to number 17 the construction of new schools. Mayor Bring offered another question would be do you think we should have more schools in our city because that also pertains to us getting more income tax. He explained the Village reaps the benefit of all the schools in their community. If you live in the city, 80% of your property tax goes back to the school. We have one elementary and then we split another one. So, our fair share is not coming back to us. So, that is a question I would want on there, but it is up to you guys. We lost Tennyson so that revenue went away and we would have lost the other one if it hadn't been for one of the Board Members. She was adamant about keeping that in here and she actually influenced them keeping it here - Forestlawn. They wanted to take them all away from us and I hate to use the word, but that is not fair for our community and the people that pay taxes.

Member Wells clarified so a new 17 then could be Sheffield Lake should have more schools in the city. Member Pugh stated you are saying rank in order of preference. Member Wells answered no, no, no, take schools out of rank in order. Member Pugh offered, but it is within the city which is his concern. This part says within the city, so you want schools within the city. Member Wright stated I think the schools question is separate because this is all housing. So, number 17 is just an additional question of *would you like to see more schools*. Chairman Jancura added because the schools will get lost in the process. There are a lot of things for them to put in order and yes, I think the schools should be a separate question. Member Pugh advised so when we get down to number 17 we put a separate question. Chairman Jancura advised yes, 17a or just a new number.

Chairman Jancura stated we had talked about Worksessions, do we want to have Worksessions where all 5 of us meet? Member Wright answered, I do. Member Pugh stated, we can have more than 1 meeting a month. Chairman Jancura asked are we thinking maybe 1 additional meeting per month, maybe starting February. Member Wright stated I am in favor of Worksessions, I mean, if we go at this pace we are not going to get this survey out until Fall without Worksessions. Member Wells stated, we did make a commitment to have it out in February. Mr. Hastings said that he would send it out in the water bills in February. Chairman Jancura asked do you want to have another one at the end of this month? Member Wright stated 2 weeks, so we would split the difference. Member Pugh stated that would take us to January 31st and I have no problem meeting, then, the last Wednesday of the month. She asked would you like me to go back and renumber these up to where we are? Would that help and I could easily bring it up on my computer or adding question 1 and renumber up to 18. Then we will begin with future land development. I could put in 19 and 20 if you could tell me what you would want from the schools. Otherwise, I will leave a space for 20 and just renumber the rest for now. Chairman Jancura stated, we will just leave it until we figure it out. Member Pugh advised I will just do the first part, renumbering and adding in your Fire/EMS. At least, you can have it in front of you, it doesn't mean it is the final document, it just means I will clean it up so when we start with future land use and development. Mayor Bring advised I have a request, how about medium text so I can read it. Law Director Graves stated you can meet elsewhere so long as you have notice to the public.

Chairman Jancura advised re-election for the Chair of Planning Commission. *Motion by Wells/Second by Pugh to nominate Mr. Scott Jancura for Chairman. Yeas All.

CITIZENS' COMMENTARY: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this committee, *Motion Wells/Second by Pugh to adjourn at 7:40 PM. Yeas All.

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Kay Fantauzzi

CHAIRPERSON

Scott Jancura

I, Kay Fantauzzi, duly appointed Clerk of Commission of Sheffield Lake DO HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and exact copy of the Minutes of Planning Commission of January 17, 2018.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Rick Rosso