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### RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS:

Council called to order by Mayor Amy Joseph on Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at 7:30 pm at the Rockford Village Hall.

Invocation was given by Gene Steiner

Pledge of Allegiance

Those present: Gehle, Steiner, Hodge, Pontsler, Searight, Heitkamp.

Also attending: Jeff Long, Amy Kronenberger of the Daily Standard, Jim Crocker, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thompson, Chief May

Motion Steiner. Second Gehle to accept Agenda as orders of the day. Pontsler called for the question. Steiner = y, Gehle, Pontsler, Hodge, Searight, Heitkamp = y. Passed 6 yes.

Motion: Searight. Second Heitkamp to accept the minutes from the August 7, 2012 council meeting as presented. Hodge called for the question. Searight = y, Heitkamp = y, Hodge = y, Gehle = y, Steiner = y, Pontsler = y. Passed 6 yes.

**Visitors to Address Council:**

Jim Cocker addressed council regarding a lot wattage radio station for the Village. At some point the FCC will be allowing smaller areas to obtain a license for a 100 watt radio station. Jim would fill out the required paperwork and be in contact with the FCC. The Village would need to supply some space and some electricity. Jim would take care of the equipment and be the General Manager of the station. The station would broadcast public service announcements, music, and possibly have several call in type shows. There are several others like this in the area such as Russells Point. Radius would be 6 to 7 miles. Several questions were brought up about who would be responsible and liability issues. The proposal will be discussed by the Service Committee and they will contact Jim with an answer.

Thank you Jim for the information.

### **Mayor's Report and Correspondence:**

#### **Village Administrator's Report – Jeff Long**

Pre-construction meeting to take place on Thursday regarding the paving of the streets. We are getting the streets prepped and ready. Should begin early September. We will take the grindings if possible for use in other areas.

Waterplant aerator blower motor was replaced.

Gene – Post light on East and Second – been 2 weeks and still not working. There is a hole near the area where the water leaks took place a couple of weeks ago that is still not filled in.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Finance Committee – Steve Gehle**

Motion Steiner to pay the bills in the amount of \$13,816.68. Of that \$6,720.00 is the Fire equipment grant monies. Second Hodge. Pontsler called for the question. Steiner = y, Hodge = y, Pontsler = y, Gehle = y, Searight = y, Heitkamp = y. Passed 6 yes.

#### **Service Committee: Gary Hodge**

The Service committee met before council to discuss the ongoing trash problems. We will be taking a more direct approach. There will be a better logging system so that council can stay informed regarding each property. Committee asked Jeff to report to the police problem areas that are seen while working in the village. The goal is to be as clean as possible without infringing on people's rights.

#### **Safety Committee: Ron Searight**

Nothing at this time.

#### **Economic Development Committee: Eugene Steiner**

An Open House was held at the New Horizons Daycare Center on August 16th. It was well attended. If anyone wants information they are to contact Amanda Smith the Director of the daycare at 419-363-3064. There will be 5 employees to begin on September 4th when the daycare opens.

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negatively charges oxygen molecules and injects them into the water at a very high rate, explained Mike Mangham of Eco USA, the importer of the Japanese-made unit.

"It disintegrates any organic pollutants — anything with carbon in it — by pulling the carbon out," Mangham said Tuesday at the Celina water intake pipe where the unit was being set up. "Once the carbon is removed the algae cannot photosynthesize, and it starves to death."

The unit also aerates and adds oxygen to the water, causing beneficial bacteria in the sediment to grow and eat organic materials such as algae, pesticide and fertilizer, Mangham said.

Milt Miller, LRC manager, said no local money will be spent on the test.

"As vendors have approached us our standard pitch has been to do a pilot study on our lake. They need to bring their technology here and they need to pay for third-party validation; it's been at that point recent companies have shied away," Miller said. "This company has great confidence in their product and they said 'no problem.'"

Miller said an official with the distributor, Minnesota-based Premier Materials, contacted him four weeks ago about testing the machine.

MAD Scientists Associates, Westerville, will evaluate the

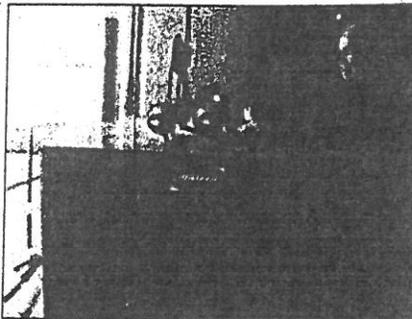
results and produce a report, said Mark Dilley, the company's owner.

Mangham said the units have been used in Japan to destroy toxic blue-green algae and to clean up oil in a bay at Orange Beach in Alabama, following the 2010 BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

Each unit treats a half-mile radius, he said, adding that he recommended spacing them a mile apart around the lake's shoreline. The ionizers cost \$299,000 each and have a 10-year life, he said.

Keith Boulais of Premier Materials said the units are a better investment than alum. Alum deactivates phosphorous, the algae's

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Keith Boulais of Minnesota-based Premier Materials sets up a Kria ionizer Tuesday inside the Celina Water Treatment Plant intake building along U.S. 127. Designed to destroy algae, the unit will be tested in the lake for three weeks starting today.

## County reels in half a million for lake

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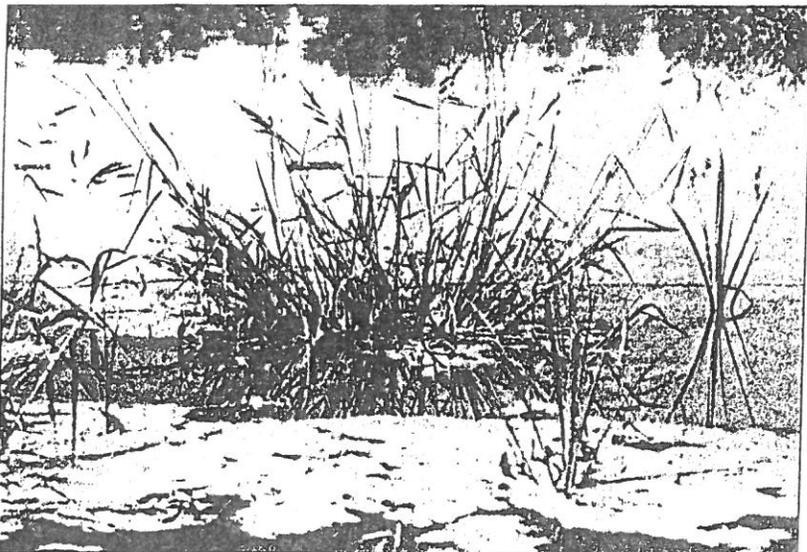
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A native wetlands plant — seeded earlier this year — thrives in one of the ponds in the Prairie Creek Treatment Train in Montezuma.

feet of the property.

The creation of littoral wetlands, which blanketed the lake's shoreline more than 40 years ago before disappearing, will serve as a natural filter for phosphorus and other pollutants, officials said.

A raw water line pump station and alum dosing system also will be added at the site to divert some of the water from the creek through the wetlands and earthen dams before entering the lake. The pumping system will add alum to the creek water before it flows into the wetlands. Alum bonds with phosphorus and makes it unavailable to algae.

Ebbing said the county is tak-



A deep-cell, manmade pond encourages natural habitat near the banks of Prairie Creek and Grand Lake. At left, one of several species of green foliage that were planted to filter phosphorus and attract wildlife

"We'll test the water before it goes into the lake and see

The area is accessible to the public and will eventually be

## Auglaize County

### Donation will give hikers, nature lovers new woodland

By AMY KRONENBERGER  
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ST. MARYS — Auglaize residents soon will have access to 15.84 acres of wooded land just north of St. Marys for hiking and other nature activities thanks to a donation from a local family.

Residents John and Alma Kuffner donated the land to Heritage Trails Park District in the memory of their mother, Dr. Elizabeth Yahl Kuffner. The area is adjacent to county Road 66A, just north of U.S. 33.

"We built our house 45 years ago on (state Route) 66 north of St. Marys," John Kuffner said. "During that time we always had an unobstructed view of that woods. We saw it in every season, and it's just beautiful."

Kuffner's mother also built her house there in the 1950s. The Kuffners wanted to retain that view for the future.

"In her off time, that's where

she (Elizabeth Kuffner) would go to commune with nature," he said. "She loved it there; I thought it would be a good memorial to her."

Park district director Allison Brady said during a monthly meeting on Tuesday that members are still working out details and legalities of the deal.

"It's being divided from a larger plot of land so we're going through surveying the area and planning what all the park could offer."

Brady said it would be the first public wooded area owned by the district. One of the Kuffners' stipulations for donation is cutting as few trees as possible. Some would need cut for hiking paths and safety.

Brady met with Ohio Department of Transportation officials to discuss a parking lot near the woods. They found they could build a six-space lot with room

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Crocker expects the window to open next year but it may be two or three years.

According to the FCC, a 100-watt station typically has a broadcast radius of about three to four miles.

The FCC will give a 30-day notice of when the window will open. The license must be held by a government agency or non-profit organization.

"I would file for the application on behalf of the village. I would buy all the equipment needed, and I would be general

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manager," he said. "All I ask is you supply the electric, which isn't much, ... and provide a small room to hold everything."

The station would be housed at village hall and Crocker would pay to build an 80- to 100-foot antenna at the location. Crocker said he has two volunteers to help run the station.

As part of the regulations, the FCC does not allow low-frequency stations to sell advertising. However, Crocker would be allowed to receive donations and sponsors.

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