



# Lake County Land Reutilization Corp

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What: Painesville Township Neighborhood Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony  
Where: Intersection of Pontiac and Sycamore Roads in Painesville Township  
When: Saturday, October 17, 2015  
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The Lake County Land Reutilization Corporation (Land Bank), a not-for-profit corporation, is excited to announce the completion of its neighborhood park project, constructed on two parcels of land located at the intersection of Pontiac and Sycamore Roads in Painesville Township. The land was donated through the generosity of Robert and Margaret Esterle of Painesville Township in early 2014.

Travelling through the neighborhood and looking at the facilities available to families living in the area, the question of an appropriate use of the land turned to the possibility of building a neighborhood park. Mr. Rogers, Executive Director of Lake County's Land Bank, arranged a meeting with Rod Garrison, formerly a landscape architect with CT Consultants, who voluntarily prepared a conceptual rendering of ideas presented.

That rendering was then presented to and approved by the Land Bank's Executive Board. Executive Board members at the time consisted of Lake County's Treasurer John S. Crocker, Lake County Commissioners Daniel P. Troy and Robert E. Aufuldish, Mentor Assistant City Manager Anthony Zampedro, Fairport Harbor Mayor Timothy S. Manross, Malcolm A. Chafer, Painesville Township Trustee Gabe Cicconetti, Beth A. Knezevich and Blair Hamilton. (Today's Executive Board includes Lake County's Treasurer Lorraine Fende and Commissioner Judy Moran who have since replaced retiree's John Crocker and Bob Aufuldish.)

The idea of the park was then discussed with Painesville Township Trustee's Gabe Cicconetti, Josh Pennock and Chuck Hillier, who gave their wholehearted approval and encouraged the Land Bank to move forward. The actual design and oversight of the ensuing project was completed by Joyce Bond, a Landscape Architect with CT Consultants and her colleague, Justin Silvaroli, an Engineer.

A general contract was awarded in the spring of 2015 to the Marks Building Company. Other entities who participated in the construction were The US Communities Discount Program, David Williams and Associates, Inc., the GameTime Company, Wing Electric Inc., Glen Thomas Fencing and EC&M Electrical Contractors.

This neighborhood park is consistent with the mission of the Land Bank which is to help enhance the quality of life in Lake County by eliminating blighted properties, maintaining the integrity and value of neighborhoods and helping with economic development.

The project, valued at approximately \$175,000, is the result of a combination of funding sources and the donation of land made by the Esterles. A CDBG or Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$27,000 was awarded to help defray the costs of the playground equipment. Additional awards included \$3,000 from the Painesville Community Investment Corporation and two separate \$1,000 donations from the Allstate Community Grants Program. These latter gifts, which were in large measure due to Mr. Cicconetti's efforts, helped fund the purchase of the park's benches and the shelter's picnic tables. The balance was made possible by funds contributed by the Land Bank.

The Land Bank will be handing title of the park over to Painesville Township at Saturday's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Hot dogs, chips and beverages will be available for visitors at the ceremony on Saturday between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Also making an appearance will be the Lake County Sheriff's Office and the Painesville Township Fire Department, showcasing some of their equipment.

This Park is a contribution from the Lake County Land Reutilization Corporation to Painesville Township and its neighborhood, for the use and enjoyment by all of the families living in the area!

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