

WESTLAND AREA COMMISSION
P.O. Box 293 – Galloway, OH 43119

Wednesday September 20 2023

Auto Boutique
1800 Georgesville Square Dr.

Chairman: Scott Taylor; Vice Chairman: Jeff Tanner; Treasurer: Dave Van Order; Recording Officer: Janet Cahill

AGENDA

7:00 Call to Order

Roll Call

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| | David Henderson -* | Jeff Tanner -* |
| Janet Cahill -* | Ashley Hoye Sr, -* | Scott Taylor -* |
| Jaclyn Carr -* | Karen Lewis -* | Dave Van Order-* |
| Jon Dailey -* | Mike McKay -* | |
| Matthew DeCastro -* | Pol Panos -* | * -Present |

Chair Taylor asked for a motion to approve the July 2023 minutes. Jon Dailey moved to approve the July 2023 minutes as written and David Henderson seconded. All approved.

Committee Reports

Zoning – Committee Chair Mike McKay announced there were two matters to be heard. The first application is Z21-051, with the property address of 5757 West Broad St. to change from Rural to CPD. Currently the site is the location of Starbright Trailer Sales and the proposed site is a Sheetz gas and convenience location. During the Zoning committee meeting, numerous concerns were addressed and solutions were presented at the Commission meeting. The Zoning committee approved the rezoning 3 to 1 in favor. Jeff Tanner made a motion to approve the rezoning of the site that would allow a Sheetz location to be built. Ashley Hoye seconded the motion and the motion was passed with a 11 to 1 in favor.

The second application is CV23-087, with the property address of 100 Galloway Road. National Church Residences appeared before the Commission to request a council variance to allow the parcel to be considered for multi family development. This request does not change the zoning. This would allow National Church Residences to apply for government funding. A zoning application will follow. When presented to the Zoning Committee, the vote was 2 to 3 against the proposal. Jeff Tanner made a motion to approve the special request and Ashley Hoye seconded the motion. The motion passed with 7 to 5 in favor.

Community Relations – Committee Co-Chair Karen Lewis gave an update on her meeting with the Cherry Blossom community. They will be having an event soon and WAC will have an information table. Also, she announced that CPD Officer Bruce will be at the Nov. Community Relations meeting to discuss safety in the community. She will be continuing to reach out to apartment communities in the area to establish a connection with them.

Education – Committee Chair Matt DeCastro reported that the school year started back off positive, however there still remains to be shortages of bus drivers causing students to be late to school and home in the evening. The Transportation dept. is continuing to hire for full time and substitute bus drivers. He reported that the Westland AFJROTC presented the colors at the Sept. 11th school board meeting. He emphasized the positive influence the program has on students and community.

Planning & Development – No official report.

Public Health & Safety - Jaclyn Carr showed interest in leading this committee. She did report that flu and Covid shots and boosters are available and encouraged. She reported that Covid cases are increasing as well.

Recreation & Parks – Committee Chair Janet Cahill reported the committee meeting on 8/2/23 featured information about the Darby Accord Plan map and strategy presented by John Tetzlof. Co-chair Jon Dailey reported the YMCA plans to fill in the pool at Cherry Creek and continue the Head Start Program in the buildings. The YMCA plans no further facilities in the Westland Area. The committee meeting 9/6/23 featured CRPD staff. They reported the construction contract for the Alkire Road Park should be awarded this year and construction should start in 2024. They reported the Green Countrie Park basketball court has been replaced and new signs have been installed at Green Countrie Park and Galloway Ridge Park. Replacement benches are on order for both of those parks. The next meeting on 10/4/23 will feature MetroParks Executive Director, Tim Maloney who will discuss potential Metro Parks in the Columbus Westland Area.

Old Business

Chair Taylor announced that WAC members voted via e-mail 10-0 on the LinkUs Letter of Support to be sent. Chair Taylor announced the approval of the demolition request of the old abandoned car wash off Holt Road. The demolition will begin shortly.

New Business

Chair Taylor reminded members that the commission would need to finalize dates and locations for 2024 in the next few months.

DoN Olabisi Eddy reminded members of upcoming city training opportunities. Also, she announced the 614 Beautiful Grants are open and encouraged people to apply for the funding to complete their project. Next, she discussed the process for reimbursements and how funding would work for commissions going forward. She emphasized that the process will be a lot of trial and error and an ongoing work in process.

Averi Townsend presented an update on the Urban Forestry Plan. She announced that there are 5,000 gun locks still available for gun owners and anyone interested in one could contact her.

Adjourn

There being no more business before the Westland Area Commission, Chairman Taylor asked for a motion to adjourn the September 2023 meeting. Janet Cahill moved to adjourn and Dave Van Order seconded the motion with all members voting in favor. Meeting ended at 8:47pm. **The next meeting of the Westland Area Commission will be held October 18, 2023 at Auto Boutique at 7pm.**

Scott Taylor 10/18/23

Scott Taylor Chair
Submitted by: Dawn Curtis