

# WESTLAND AREA COMMISSION

P.O. Box 293 – Galloway, OH 43119

**Wednesday July 20, 2022**

Auto Boutique Meeting Room 1800 Georgesville Square Drive

Chairman: Scott Taylor; Vice Chairman: Bill Steimer; Treasurer: Dave Van Order; Recording Officer: Janet Cahill

## Minutes

7:01pm **Call to Order**

### **Roll Call**

Heather Abdalla - *	Kim Hehman - *	Jeff Tanner - *
Nancy Day-Achauer - *	Ashley Hoye Sr - *	Scott Taylor - *
Lori Balough - EX	Mike McKay - *	Dave Van Order - *
	Pol Panos - *	
Janet Cahill - *	Bill Steimer -AB	

\*- Present                      AB- Absent                      EX- Excused

Since there was no quorum present at the June meeting, Chair Taylor asked for a motion to approve the May 2022 minutes as amended. Nancy Day-Achauer motioned to approve the minutes as amended and Janet Cahill seconded. All approved. Chair Taylor asked for a motion to approve the amended June 2022. Nancy Day- Achauer motioned to approve the minutes as amended and Heather Abdalla seconded. All approved.

### **Guest**

CFO, Patrick McLean from ADAMH was present to discuss the mental health crisis center that is being built to serve Franklin Co. The center is being built on Harmon Ave. It will be open 24/7 and expected to serve 28,000 to 34,000 adults per year initially. No adult will be turned away at this location. The groundbreaking is expected to take place later this year and be completed in 2024. The center will be a first of its kind, and an example for others around the country. Funding was provided by local, city, state and federal sources.

### **Committee Reports**

**Zoning** – Committee chair Mike McKay reported that application Z22-016, property address of 400 Alton Darby Creek Road, was heard at the June 15th committee meeting. The applicant is Redwood Apartments. There were several members of the community as well as the Zoning committee that asked questions and concerns. Questions about the retention areas, traffic impacts, and impacts to the Big Darby were questioned and addressed by the applicant. When presented to the Zoning Committee, the rezoning application was approved 4-0. Also, the development was approved by the Big Darby Accord. Since the committee meeting, the applicant has altered the development plans to reflect the concerns of the community. There were two votes taken for the property on July 20th. The first was for the Council Variance, case number CV22-069, to permit 4-unit buildings to be developed under the AR-12 standards. That motion was moved by Ashley Hoye, and was seconded by Janet Cahill. The motion was approved by a vote of 10-0. The second vote was for a rezoning, case number Z22-016, to

rezone the property from R, Rural to L-AR-12 to allow for apartments. A motion was made to approve the request, but with the following two conditions: 1) That a minimum 48-inch vertical rail fence be installed along the East property line; and 2) That the developer maintain a minimum of 30-feet between the East property line and the top of the bank of the detention ponds. That motion was moved by Janet Cahill and was seconded by Dave Van Order. The motion was approved by a vote of 10-0. The next zoning meeting is scheduled for Tues, Aug 9th at Auto Boutique meeting room.

**Community Relations** – No official report

**Education** – No official report

**Planning & Development** –No official report

**Public Health & Safety** – No official report

**Recreation & Parks** – Committee chair Janet Cahill reported that committee member Margaret Cipriani sent a report of her historical sites and included the Postle Family Cemetery. Committee will ask the Historical society and CoC to include this information on their historic site lists. The committee is contacting the Darby Accord about possibly amending the open space restrictions they placed on the West Broad Parkland, to benefit Westland Area residents. The city received information about 433 Galloway Rd, a potential area for a Recreation Center. The committee reviewed Columbus Ordinance 3318.03, Parkland Dedication Fund. The committee asked the city for a report of funds that developers have paid to the Westland Park Fund. The next meeting is Wed, Aug 3 at 6pm, in the Auto Boutique meeting room.

### **Old Business**

WAC Elections are fastly approaching. Six petitions have been distributed, three of which have been returned at the time of the commission meeting. Petitions are due by July 31, 2022 to be considered as a candidate. The election will be held at the Westland Library on August 27, 2022. Nancy Day-Achauer will be in charge of the election.

Janet Cahill and Heather Abdalla attended the City Council West Capital Budget Hearing meeting on July 5th. Heather Abdalla spoke of the need for recreation facilities in Westland and the lack of after school programs and facilities. Janet Cahill spoke about the diverse population in Franklin Co. that sees none of the equity or inclusion of the Columbus experiences. She spoke of the tax responsibility of the Westland tax payer and how the area is not serviced despite the taxes. She did note that Westland was only mentioned twice in the capital budget department reports.

**New Business-** No new business presented.

### **Adjourn**

There being no more business before the Westland Area Commission, Chairman Taylor asked for a motion to adjourn the July 2022 meeting. Nancy Day- Achauer moved to adjourn and Mike McKay seconded the motion with all members voting in favor. Meeting ended at 8:27pm. **The next meeting of the Westland Area Commission will be held August 17, 2022 at Auto Boutique at 7pm.**

