

WESTLAND AREA COMMISSION

P.O. Box 293 – Galloway, OH 43119

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Auto Boutique
1800 Georgesville Square Drive

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

Minutes

7:01pm Call to Order

Roll Call

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

Chair Taylor asked for a motion to approve the amended April 2023 minutes. Dave Van Order moved to approve the amended minutes and Jeff Tanner seconded. All approved.

Recognition of Guests

Franklin Co. Clerk of Courts Maryellen O'Shaughnessy introduced herself and explained her role as the Clerk of Courts. She emphasized different aspects of her role from titling automobiles to the management of court documents. She explained the importance of titling in Franklin Co. Also, she reminded that her office is a "one stop shop" to be able to obtain a passport as well.

Committee Reports

Zoning– Committee chair Mike McKay announced application Z23-024, property address of 4300 Alkire Road would be heard. The application contains a rezoning application and a variance application. The developer is Metro Development. The property is in South-Western City Schools. The proposed development is similar to properties that WAC passed within the last few months. When presented to the Zoning Committee, there were two votes taken, and both passed 4-1. Scott Taylor made the motion to approve the zoning variance and Janet Cahill seconded the motion. The motion passed. Scott Taylor made the motion to approve the council variance and Janet Cahill seconded the motion. The motion passed. Chair McKay announced that there could be a rezoning for the current Starbright Trailer property in upcoming months.

Community Relations – No official report.

Education – Community Chair Matt DeCastro reminded members that the last day of school is June 1. Staff, parents and students are participating and attending the usual end of year celebrations. The first day of the 2023-24 school year is Aug. 21.

Planning & Development – No official report.

Public Health & Safety– No official report.

Recreation & Parks – Committee co-chair Janet Cahill shared the updates on the plans of the Westland Rise Up event on July 13th. The event will be held rain or shine on the grass area behind Columbia Height UMC. WAC members will set up the WAC table and tent at 2pm. The event opens to the public from 4:30 to 7:30p. Over 50 City Departments, service organizations and nonprofits are scheduled to participate. WAC members will “man” the table and hand out WAC brochures, pens and water bottles. Westland Recreation Center petitions will be available to sign at the table during the event. WAC will begin to publicize the event on the WAC Facebook page, website and other Westland social media platforms such as Nextdoor. The committee is continuing to try and find a representative from each neighborhood in the area. The next meeting of the WAC Recreation and Parks Committee will be Wednesday, June 7th at 6:30pm in the Auto Boutique Meeting Room.

Old Business

Election- Karen Lewis was approved as the election chair for the upcoming WAC election. Petitions are available and due June 21.

New Business-

Commission members discussed the current plans for the Westland Area. Several remarked about the limits to the area due to little to none vacant land, increasing traffic areas and lack of public services available to residents. The need for maps and information about what is available is still needed.

Announcements

DoN Liaison, Olibese Eddy reminded members that the City wide area commission elections digital marketing and printed marketing will be available soon. Also, National Nights out is fastly approaching and neighborhoods are encouraged to participate.

Adjourn

There being no more business before the Westland Area Commission, Chairman Taylor asked for a motion to adjourn the May meeting. Jeff Tanner moved to adjourn and David Henderson seconded the motion with all members voting in favor. Meeting ended at 8:38pm. **The next meeting of the Westland Area Commission will be held June 21, 2023 at the Auto Boutique meeting room at 7pm.**

Scott Taylor *Scott Taylor*

Chair

6/21/23

Date