

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

**Wednesday November 17, 2021**

Westland Area Library

Chairman: Scott Taylor; Vice Chairman: Bill Steimer; Treasurer: Dave Van Order; Recording Officer: Tena Thompson

**Minutes**

7:04 pm -Call to Order

**Roll Call**

Nancy Day-Achauer-*	Marian Hymer-EX	Jeff Tanner-*	*-Present
Lori Balough*	Mike McKay-*	Scott Taylor-*	
Cathy Cowan Becker-*		Tena Thompson-*	
Janet Cahill-*			
Ashley Hoye-EX	Bill Steimer-*	Dave Van Order-*	EX-excused

Chair Taylor asked for a motion to approve the October 2021 minutes with corrections. Mike McKay motioned to approve the amended minutes and Janet Cahill seconded. All approved and the October 2021 minutes were approved with corrections.

**Guest**

Pol Panos introduced himself. He is the new representative for the SWPL and will begin his term in January 2022.

**Committee Reports**

**Zoning –**

Committee chair Mike McKay reported that the applicant of 5719 W. Broad St. (application Z21-088) asked that their zoning request be tabled for the Commission's vote at the Nov. 2021 meeting. The applicant and the Zoning Committee met prior to the Commission meeting and had many questions and specifications the applicant could not answer. More information to come.

**Community Relations –**

No official report

**Education –**

Committee chair Lori Balough reported that Senate Bill 1 was signed, which adds financial literacy to students' education in Ohio. Also, there is a huge demand for substitute teachers in SWCS. She encouraged anyone who was applicable to apply.

**Planning & Development –**

Committee chair Bill Steimer gave an update about the Norton Rd. Dollar General being built at a fast pace. Also, there has been some development at the Hall and Norton site.

**Public Health & Safety –**

Committee chair Nancy Day-Achauer reported produce distributions will now be drive thru inside the Inah Ave. fire station which will help protect people from the winter elements. Also, she reported that the Columbus and Franklin Co. Addiction Plan is reporting a continued increase in drug overdoses, including among recreational users. These overdoses are increasing as fentanyl is added to non-opiate drugs,

unbeknownst to the buyer. They are encouraging recreational users to use fentanyl test strips prior to using and for friends and family members of drug users to have a Narcan kit nearby in case of need.

### **Recreation & Parks –**

Committee chair Janet Cahill gave a recap of the Nov. 3, 2021, Parks and Recreational meeting. The CRP Capital and Strategic Planning Team, consisting of Morgen Wade, Brad Westfield and Craig Murphy, was present and gave a brief overview of what recreation and parks are available in the area. They provided information about the current plans as well as explained the process of obtaining a recreation center in the city.

Brad Westfield showed the current Greenway Trail projects and the Alkire Park conceptual plan. These plans include trail connectors and bike repair stations that the committee emphasized are things that Westland residents are not asking for. Morgan Wade reviewed the 4 community parks: Galloway Ridge, Green Countrie, Freedom, and Westwind Farms Park. The Planning team told the committee that they need a list of work needed at the parks before Jan. 1, 2022, in order for the items to be included in their 2022 budget. Also, the Planning Team needs a list of facilities, amenities and programs that are not offered by Prairie Township facilities to show the unanswered need in the community. The Committee agreed to both and will finalize a list at the December committee meeting.

Information is being gathered about the costs of the three sites that were submitted as possible locations for a rec center. Factors that are being considered are demographics, land costs, building costs and accessibility for the most residents. The Planning Team plans on attending the Feb. 2, 2022, Rec and Park committee meeting to provide updates as well as discuss all options.

### **Old Business**

Commission member Cathy Cowan- Becker and Janet Cahill discussed the Urban Forestry Advisory Plan and the meeting they attended. The group is currently making plans on how to make their goals achievable. More information to come.

Commission member Cathy Cowan- Becker discussed the LinkUs project and whether there is a need to make the project go farther on West Broad Street and potential options for advocacy. More information to come.

Commissioner Cahill announced she testified on behalf of the WAC at the 2022 Capital Budget Hearing and at the CRDC Map Hearing held by City Council. She suggested a monthly project planning calendar be prepared to identify ongoing deadlines and commission projects. Such a calendar would prevent last-minute or day before requests to testify on matters which deserve more preparation.

### **New Business**

Commission chair Taylor asked for nominations to elect committee chairs for the 2022-2024. Mike McKay was nominated for Zoning chair by Jeff Tanner and seconded by Janet Cahill with all voting to approve. Ashley Hoyer was nominated for Community Relations chair by Jeff Tanner and seconded by Mike McKay with all voting to approve. Lori Balough was nominated Education chair by Nancy Day-Achauer and seconded by Jeff Tanner with all voting to approve. Jeff Tanner was nominated for Planning and Development chair by Janet Cahill and seconded by Nancy Day- Achauer with all voting to approve. Nancy Day- Achauer was nominated for Public Health and Safety chair by Cathy Cowan- Becker and seconded by Bill Steimer with all voting to approve. Janet Cahill was nominated for Recreation and Parks chair by Nancy Day- Achauer and seconded by Cathy Cowan- Becker with all voting to approve.

Commission chair Taylor made a motion to not hold a December meeting unless a pressing matter needed to be heard. Nancy Day- Achauer seconded the motion and all approved. If a meeting is needed, Chair Taylor will notify by email.

Chair Taylor announced that he approved the demolition request at 1770 Georgesville RD (an AEP owned property). AEP requested the demolition which does not affect current zonings but does require WAC approval to occur.

### **Adjourn**

There being no more business before the Westland Area Commission, Chairman Taylor asked for a motion to adjourn the November 2021 meeting. Jeff Tanner moved to adjourn and Nancy Day-Achauer seconded the motion with all members voting in favor. Meeting ended at 7:57pm. The next meeting of the Westland Area

Commission will be held January 19, 2022 in the meeting room at the Auto Boutique, 1800 Georgesville Square Dr, Columbus, OH 43228