

**WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
PUBLIC HEARING
October 1, 2007
6:30 PM**

Chairman, Jeff Plumer called the WESTFIELD TERRACE public hearing to order at 6:30 PM

Trustees present: Jeffrey Plumer, Carolyn Sims, Timothy Kratzer
Fiscal Officer, Martha Evans was present as recording secretary.
Other attendees: sign in sheet attached to minutes in clerk's office.

The purpose of this public hearing is as follows as read by Jeff Plumer:
"You were ordered by the Board of Trustees of Westfield Township to remove vegetation, garbage, refuse, and other debris upon your property located at EASTLAKE AND LAKE ROADS in Westfield Township. You have failed to timely remove the offending items as ordered. It is therefore ordered by this Board that a hearing will be conducted on the matter at 6699 Buffham Road on the 1st day of October, 2007 at 6:30 PM at which time and place you and other interested persons are required to show cause why the township should not proceed to enter upon your property to remove the offending items and to clean up the premises and enter the expense of same upon the tax duplicate as a lien upon your property to be collected as other taxes."

Jeff recognized, Norman Robert Bennett. The oath was given to Mr. Bennett. Mr. Bennett explained that he is a partner of Westfield Terrace and he just received notification of this hearing Friday, Sept. 28, 2007. Apparently the township has been sending the notifications to Mr. Sommers and they were not shared with Mr. Bennett. Mr. Bennett explained that he and 3-5 workers from his company have been on the site removing equipment, junk and refuse. Mr. Bennett stated he has mowed the area for 2 days. Mr. Bennett stated they would have the last piece of equipment and debris removed from the property by noon tomorrow (Oct. 2nd, 2007).

Mr. Bennett shared the following information: Mr. Richard Sommers bought Mr. Charles Marshall's share of Westfield Terrace. The agent of record will be changed to **Mr. Scott Bennett at 2795 Barber Road, Norton, Ohio 44203**

Mr. Bennett argued that he should not be required to mow all 95 acres, the land in back and the rail bed is not developed. Mr. Bennett feels this should not be a big issue, just because complaints from the general public. Mr. Bennett asked if 100 feet back would be agreeable? Jeff stated he should at least mow by Eastlake Road and Lake Road. Jeff stated, "We as a board and the zoning inspector should give Mr. Bennett some direction as to what should be mowed".

Gary Harris stated: Mow both mounds to tracks and part of center, 100 feet back on each side of road.

Carolyn asked if Mr. Bennett intended on mowing the retention pond? Mr. Bennett's response, "yes".

Mike Stallard was recognized and given the oath. Mike stated that there were 7 out of 35 noxious weeds in Ohio on the Westfield Terrace property and they spread. The property was formerly tilled farmland not idle.

The board's direction: Mow a minimum of 2 times a year – before July 4th and again in September; mow the mounds; mow 100 feet back from streets and 100 feet from boundary lines. A map will be defined. Gary will meet with Mr. Bennett Wed., Oct. 3rd, 2007 at 5:00 PM to define areas on a map to be mowed.

Jeff made a motion that the board of trustees reaches an agreement with Mr. Bennett representing Westfield Terrace (aka Westfield Lakes) to mow at least June and September of each year and to deliver a defined map signed by all parties, seconded by Tim.

Roll call vote: Jeff, aye; Carolyn, aye; Tim, aye.

Carolyn made a motion to adjourn this public hearing, seconded by Tim.

Roll call vote: Jeff, aye; Carolyn, aye; Tim, aye.

APPROVED November 5, 2007