

WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

All Boards Work Session

February 15th, 2023

Trustee Horner opened the in-person and zoom Board of Trustees (BOT) portion of the meeting on February 15th, 2023, at 6:35 pm. Roll call: Patterson- here, Horner-here, Schmidt-here. Meeting commenced.

Trustee Patterson opened the in-person and zoom Westfield Fire and Rescue District (WFRD) portion of the meeting on February 15th, 2023, at 6:35 pm. Roll call: Patterson-here, Horner-here, Schmidt-here. Meeting commenced.

Chairman Franz opened the in-person and zoom Zoning Commission (ZC) portion of the meeting on February 15th, 2023, at 6:35 pm. Roll call: Franz-here, Rumburg-here, Thur-here, Petranek-here, Grimm-here (via Zoom only), Lassond-absent. Meeting commenced.

Chairman McGlashan opened the in-person and zoom Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) portion of the meeting on February 15th, 2023, at 6:35pm. Roll call: McGlashan-here, Heimberger-here, Thur-here, Perkowski-here, Kurtz-here. Meeting commenced.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all.

Guests- Patty Zupanic (Zoom), Dan Argabright (Zoom), Asst. Fire Chief Jeff Hall, Fire Chief Cavanaugh, Kevin Rych (Zoom), ZI Carr

Comments from the floor

- N/A

*Trustee Patterson noted that no questions/comments will be received from the floor regarding the fire levy.

Board Updates

BOT- Trustee Horner noted they are working on the permanent budgets and appropriations for the Township. ZI Carr spoke about the new warehouse on Lake Rd. Carr stated that many new signs are going in at the TA. Starbucks is going to be remodeling and making a bigger footprint in the TA. ZI Carr would like the ZC to look at our zoning language for solar farms in the Township.

WFRD- Trustee Patterson noted they are forming a working group for the levy. The levy will be on the ballot in May 2023. Chief Cavanaugh discussed the need for the levy. Purchasing new equipment is forefront for WFRD. Schmidt noted that the last levy was passed almost thirteen (13) years ago. That was a 2.5 mill levy, however, it is only collecting 2.0 mills (due to many new build homes). The BOT noted that most townships in Medina County have levies around 6-8 mills. The BOT stated that new equipment will need purchased and we need more money to purchase that. A new tanker is approximately \$600,000. Discussion ensued about how to get the correct information out to the public voters for the levy.

ZC- Work continues on the re-formatting of the zoning regulations manual. The ZC is hopeful to have the zoning book digitalized in order to make changes to the language with little difficulty. ZI Carr discussed the process to make red-line changes to the zoning regulations manual.

Chief Cavanaugh discussed wedding barn venues also classified as Agritourism. Chief mentioned that the fire code must be upheld with these venues because fire code trumps all other building codes. Venues that are charging money to use will be held to the fire code standards. Emergency egress, emergency exit signs and sprinkler systems were discussed, and the risks associated with not having these added safety features.

Trustee Schmidt discussed the need to update our Policy Development Plan (aka Development Policy Plan/Comprehensive Plan) which is the ten (10) year vision or plan for our community. The ZC takes the lead on this project. The BOT will hire a consultant to assist with the plan. This process takes a year to complete. We need community involvement to assist with the plan for the community. A survey is mailed out to all Township residents to provide input for the community development policy plan.

Trustee Patterson motions to adjourn the WFRD meeting at 8:13 pm; seconded by Schmidt. Roll call: Patterson-aye, Horner-aye, Schmidt-aye. Meeting adjourned.

Heimberger motioned to adjourn the BZA meeting at 8:13 pm; seconded by Perkowski. Roll call: McGlashan-aye, Heimberger-aye, Kurtz-aye, Thur-aye, Perkowski-aye. Meeting adjourned.

Franz motioned to adjourn the ZC meeting at 8:14pm; seconded by Thur. Roll call: Franz-aye, Rumburg-aye, Petranek-aye, Thur-aye. Meeting adjourned.

Trustee Horner motioned to adjourn the BOT meeting at 8:14pm; seconded by Patterson. Roll call: Patterson-aye, Horner-aye, Schmidt-aye. Meeting adjourned.

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Respectfully submitted by:

Amy M. Banfield

Board of Trustees

Date approved: _____

Trustee Craig Horner, Chair

Trustee Michael Schmidt, Vice-Chair



Trustee Kent Patterson, Board Member

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WFRD

Date Approved: 3/16/23


Trustee Kent Patterson, Chair


Trustee Michael Schmidt, Vice-Chair


Trustee Craig Horner, Board Member