

Westfield Township Board of Trustees
Public Hearing
April 20, 2026

Meeting location: 6699 Buffham Rd, Seville OH 44273

James Likley called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Roll Call: Joseph Doty, James Likley

Others in attendance: Julie Carr, Carol Rumburg, Jack Franz

Comments from the floor- none

ZI Carr shared that the Zoning Commission had been working on these suggestions for the past three years. They have held multiple meetings with invites to the public to discuss thoughts, suggestions and gather feedback. Three new areas are suggested in the zoning regulations: Time frames for lot splits, fencing zoning applications, storage container applications. All other areas suggest changes to current zoning.

Doty asked about the way meetings are currently advertised and where these suggested changes are being presented. Carr explained that they are advertised in the paper, on the website and on the sign out front. Before HB 315 it was required to place in Legal Notices for public hearings. This has been replaced with the requirement that public hearings must be advertised on the township website. Carr explained she will still send a sunshine notice to the paper, advertise on the website and on the sign out front of the township hall.

The trustees reviewed all the suggested changes.

Likley shared that the definition of fences should be changed removing the last sentence. Rumburg and Franz agreed. From Definitions: 27. "Fence". An accessory structure constructed of wood, iron, steel, vinyl, or other material (not including shrubbery or other natural growth) erected in a manner and positioned to enclose or partially enclose a lot or part of a lot. ~~Structures which have an ornamental purpose, and which do not serve the purpose of enclosing a lot or part thereof and which are not erected on lot lines or in close proximity to lot lines shall not be included in the definition of "fence".~~

Rumburg shared that the zoning review met the requirements of the Comprehensive plan to review West Greenwich Rd local commercial zoning.

Likley closed board discussion.

Likley made a motion to approve the zoning changes as submitted with the addition of the fence definition amendment as described above. Doty seconded the motion. Roll Call- Doty- aye, Likley- aye. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn time 6:23 pm. Likley made motion to adjourn. Doty seconded. Roll Call- Doty- aye, Likley- aye. Motion passed.

Meeting minutes prepared by Julie Carr.

Signed by

James Likley

Kent Patterson

Joseph Doty

Date Approved: 5/4/2026